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Basic Library Management Training

Nepal National Library organised week-long Basic Library Management Training at two different places in the country. The objectives of the training were to impart basic knowledge about systematic and scientific way of managing and running a library in the community and academic institutions in the remote areas of Nepal. This library has been running such trainings out of Kathmandu valley in order to meet the objective.

The first of such trainings was organised at Janakpur from March 16 to March 22, 2010 in cooperation with District Education Office, Dhanusa and Nepal *Charkha Pracharak Gandhi Smarak Mahaguthi* regional office.

The content of the training programme includes introduction and history of library, book selection and acquisition, accessioning, classification, cataloguing, circulation, reference service and other aspects like library rules and regulations, use of computer in library, library furniture etc.



Chief guest distributing certificates

The sessions were organised in such a way that the participants could grasp the concept of the steps of duties to be performed inside a library. There were both theoretical and practical sessions so that the participants could have enough time and chance to understand the concept clearly.

Mr. Jugeshwar Shah, Assistant Campus Chief of Ramswarup Ramsagar Multiple Campus and Chief Guest of the certificate distribution and closing programme handed over the certificates to the participants. Mr. Shah, speaking on the occasion, pointed out the importance of the training to help in running a library systematically in remote areas.

Mr. Sadananda Jha, District Education Officer and Chief guest of the programme, also spoke about the importance of the training.

Mr. Damodar Bhattarai, briefly informed about the objective of the training while Mr. Jagadish Purbey welcomed the guests in the programme. The programme was chaired by Mr. Dasharath Thapa, Chief Librarian of Nepal National Library.

Another training was organised at Butwal of Rupandehi district from May 20 to May 26, 2010 at Butwal in cooperation with Nepal Public Campus Association Lumbini Regional Committee and Lumbini Commerce Campus Butwal.

There were 18 participants representing their institutions from different districts of Lumbini zone. The participating participants were from Rupandehi, Kapilvastu, Palpa, Gulmi and Nawalparasi.

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There were 21 participants representing different academic and public libraries of Dhanusha district. Mr. Dasharath Thapa, Chief Librarian, Mr. Damodar Bhattarai, Bibliographer, and Mr. Jagadish Purbey, Library Assistant were the resource persons from Nepal National Library.

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Mahavir Library: an introduction

Introduction:

Mahavir library was established in the year 2004 with a view to impart knowledge and make the members of the society literate and also to preserve the cultural heritage of the region. The library was established from the amount of money collected as tax from the traders who pass through Butwal.

Two of the committee members were punished charging them that the library was used only as a discussion forum for political change during Rana period. It has historical importance because it has played an active role for democracy during the Rana period. The library has been providing library service since its establishment except during that time on which the library remained closed due to political reason. The library has been housed at its own building situated at Butwal.

Objectives:

Following are the objectives of the library:

- to provide library service to the general public, researchers, students, teachers etc. of the community;
- to promote and preserve language, literature, culture and art;
- to provide education to the local community; and
- to attract the children and adults in the library, by making special arrangements.

Present situation:

The library has been housed at its own building situated at Butwal Municipality. It has 12,000 volume of books on various subjects like Nepali literature, History, Religion, Political science etc. It has a very good collection of the books on Nepali literature and language. The books have been classified according to Dewey Decimal Classification system, however, catalogue has yet to be prepared. It has been providing library service from a single room with some reading table and book racks. There is a seventeen-member Executive Committee to run the library smoothly. It publishes its publication entitled "Junkiri".

Although the library has its own land and building, it has limited room and therefore it could not have provided the library service efficiently because of some difficulties. It has limited resources to cover the expenditure for the salary, book purchase, newspaper subscription and others. The library welcomes any kind of assistance from various individuals and institutions.

Services:

It has been providing reading service within the library premises to the students, teachers, children and general public. The library opens two hours a day from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and will be closed on public holidays. It also organises book exhibition on World Book day.

It also organises talk programmes on various subjects like literature, social aspects, culture and region on certain occasion. The library sometimes organises poetry recitation, quiz and essay competition.

A fund has been established under the name of Mahavir Sahityakar, the income of which shall be awarded to each male and female writer having poor economic condition to help their medical expenditures.

Future Programmes:

The library has following future plan:

- to establish a separate children section in order to attract young readers
- to add reference materials that will be useful for the students of High school and college
- to add more publications useful for researchers
- to organise the library in a better way with modern equipment
- to build a new library building
- to arrange for some sustainable sources of library income



Users reading inside the library

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News in Brief

ALADIN workshop

A national workshop on Adult Learning Documentation and Information Networking was organised on June 21, 2010 at Kathmandu by UNESCO Kathmandu, Nepal Reading Association and Nepal Library Foundation, Canada in order to promote self/adult learning and community libraries throughout the country.

The objectives of the workshop were:

- introduce the global ALADIN network
- review the successful ALADIN India and PALDIN initiatives and explore their relevance to the Nepalese context
- learn about experiences and good practices in establishing and supporting literate environment in Nepal and other South-East Asian countries
- facilitate networking, advocacy and/or partnership among stakeholders
- create an ALADIN Nepal committee to develop a country specific PALDIN course

There were altogether 50 participants representing 36 various organizations.

Dr. Dilli Raman Regmi Young Scholar Award

Dilliraman-Kalyani Regmi Memorial Library Development Board (Proposed Dr. Dilli Raman Regmi Foundation) honored Mr. Sanjay Kumar Suman of Centre for the Study of Nepal of Banaras Hindu University with the Award 'Dr. Dilli Raman Regmi Young Scholar's Award-2009' on January 30, 2010.

The Board has established Dr. Dilli Raman Regmi Young Scholar Award on the occasion of late Dr. Regmi's 95th birth anniversary. The award will be given every year to one student of Center for the Study of Nepal or Malaviya Center for Peace Research, Benaras, India.

Library in the national census

Nepal Library Association has filed an application to the Central Bureau of Statistics of Nepal urging to list library related record/statistics in its form of national census. The Bureau has replied positively in this matter. The Central Bureau is collecting data in every 10 years interval.

Kaiser Library activities

Kaiser Library is a public library which runs under the Ministry of Education. It provides library services to the general public and works for the betterment of libraries in Nepal.

The Library is digitising its manuscripts collection under the project Nepal German Manuscript Cataloguing Project (NGMCP). The library has a collection of 1300 manuscripts on different subjects like Sahottartantra- a 1000 years old manuscript on medical science.

A week long Basic Library Management training was organised by Kaiser Library in cooperation with Lali Gurans Higher Secondary School, Rajbiraj from April 22 to April 28, 2010 at Rajbiraj of Saptari district. There were 18 participants from various public libraries and Higher Secondary schools.

TULSSAA activities

General Assembly and New Executive

Tribhuvan University Library Science Student's Alumni Association (TULSSAA) observed its General Assembly on March 21, 2010. A new executive committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Tulasi Bhattarai was elected on the same day. The new executive committee will exist for the period of three years.

Training

Tribhuvan University Library Science Student's Alumni Association organised a 35 days Library and Information Science Level 3 training from May 01 to June 11, 2010. There were 26 participants from different community, academic libraries including some fresh candidates.

TOT training

Tribhuvan University Library Science Student's Alumni Association (TULSSAA) organised a Training of Trainers on February 5, 6 2010, in cooperation with ICA Nepal. The training was organised with a view to provide theoretical as well as practical idea to the resource persons about running classes in different training programmes especially in the training of library science. There were 28 librarians from various institutions participating on the training. This is the first TOT in Nepal organised for the librarian.

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On the opening ceremony, Chief Guest Prof. Ishwor Gautam, Chief of Lumbini Commerce Campus and Central Vice-President of Nepal Public Campus Association, expressed his hope that the training would be beneficial to the participants of the region. He further pointed out the importance and use of information technology in the libraries for better service. Prof. Gautam further stressed upon the use of online resources inside the library.



Practical session of the training at Butwal

Mr. Damodar Bhattarai, Coordinator of the training and Bibliographer of Nepal National Library shed light upon the need and importance of such training programmes in the society. He also requested to get maximum benefit from such opportunity. Mr. Khaga Raj Sharma, Central Member of Nepal Public Campus Association, Mr. Hem Bahadur Kanauje Magar, Acting Chief of Lumbini Multiple Campus, Mr. Shiva Shankar Devkota, Chief of Martyr Narayan Pokhrel Rampur Multiple Campus and other speakers expressed their best wishes for the success of the training programme. The programme was chaired by Mr. Dilli Raj Gyawali, President of Nepal Public Campus Association Lumbini Regional Committee.

On the last day of the training i.e. on May 26 Prof. Ishwor Gautam handed over the certificate to the participants. Speaking on the programme, Mr. Gautam congratulated the participants and also expressed his hope for the better use of the knowledge gained during the training.

Participation at Digital Library Training

Mr. Damodar Bhattarai, Bibliographer completed 45 days training on Digital Library Practices and Information Technology Application for Knowledge Management from November 20, 2009 to January 5, 2010 at Fluid Control Research Institute (FCRI), India.

The contents of the training were overall management of the library, theoretical and practical sessions of library automation programmes like WINISIS, GENISIS and digital library software like Greenstone Digital Library along with some visit to some important libraries.



Participants of the training

There were 10 participants from 3 different countries i.e. Bangladesh, Myanmar and Nepal. The programme was aimed at assisting library professional to develop automated library management system along with digital library management systems.

Return of JICA Volunteer

Ms. Motoko Yoshida, JICA Junior Volunteer completed her two years tenure at Nepal National Library on January 6, 2010. She had joined the library on January 2008. She was engaged in the promotion of children section of the library.

During her stay she helped in collection building, promotional activities like conducting science experiments, origami and also helped in organising a children workshop at the library. She demonstrated her programme in outer areas of Kathmandu valley i.e. in Sankhuwasabha, Bhojpur, Jhapa and Morang districts. We wish her a great success in her life.



**Do you have any news of community libraries or resource centres?
If so we would like to hear from you.
Send us by post, fax or e-mail.**

New JICA Senior Volunteer

Mr. Takao Murayama, JICA Senior Volunteer joined the library in June 2010. Mr. Murayama, a retired personnel of National Diet Library, Tokyo, Japan, has experience in preservation and conservation of library materials. During his stay in Nepal for about six months, he works for the library under the motto "Preservation is better than cure". Presently he has been engaged in curing soaked and insect affected books.



Mr. Murayama explaining about cleaning documents

Visit to Libraries of Eastern Region

In order to study the present situation and condition of public libraries in the country, Nepal National Library has started surveying public libraries. It has started surveying from Eastern Development Region. In this connection, this year three groups visited five different districts of this area as following:

Mr. Dasharath Thapa, Chief Librarian, visited different libraries of Jhapa and Ilam districts from June 7, 2010 to June 11, 2010. During the visit he discussed with some government officials and library authorities about the present situation and the services being provided by the libraries in the districts.

Mr. Pradeep Bhattarai, Library Officer and Mr. Shreenarayan Jha, Library Assistant visited libraries of Siraha and Saptari districts from June 17 to June 23, 2010. During their visit they held discussions with the officials of District Administration Office and Municipality.

Similarly, Ms. Bhagirathi Adhikari and Ms. Alka Khadka visited the libraries of Dhankuta and Tehrathum districts.

Collection Development

A total number of 880 volume of books on different subjects have been added to the collection from January 2010 to June 2010. The total number includes purchased as well as those received as gift.

Users

According to the gate register, a total number of 9,465 users visited the library and a total number of 3,658 online visitors visited the library's website and downloaded 12,292 pages during the period of six months.

ISSN Number

This library has been working as the ISSN national centre for Nepal. It has already provided the number to 55 titles of serial publications. Among them, 49 printed ones and 6 online publications. The full record of 22 publications have already been submitted to the ISSN international centre through online.

Staff movement

Mr. Pradeep Bhattarai, Library Officer, (Gazetted III), was transferred from Department of Mines and Geology and joined this library in March 2010.

Ms. Kamala Gyawali, Kharidar (Non-Gazetted II), joined the library in March 2010, as recommended by Public Service Commission.

The library will be benefitted from the two above mentioned staff during their tenure in this library.

Promotion to Library Officer

Ms. Kushma Gautam, Mr. Bishnu Kumar Shrestha and Ms. Kalpana Khatri have been promoted to the post of Library Officer. Presently they have been working at Nepal National Library, Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Secretariat and Department of Irrigation respectively. The library congratulates them and wishes them success in future life.

Visit to NNL

A group of delegates visiting from the National Library and Archives of Bhutan led by Mr. Gyonpo Tshering, Director of National Library and Archives of Bhutan visited NNL. Similarly Lisa Krolak from UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning, Germany and Prof. S. Y. Shah from, Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi visited the library.

News in Brief

NLA Executive Body

Nepal Library Association observed its General Meeting on March 14, 2010 amidst a function in Kathmandu. A twelve membered new executive body was elected on the same day.

The books which are very useful to acquire knowledge about Japan have been arranged in a separate rack inside the library. Nepalese users interested in Japan's history, Culture, Education etc. can benefit from the collection.

The body consists of:

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| Mr. Prakash Kumar Thapa | President |
| Mr. Suresh Kumar Yadav | Vice President |
| Mr. Bishwa Raj Gautam | General Secretary |
| Mr. Mahoj Kumar Shah | Joint Secretary |
| Ms. Sabitri Barala | Treasurer |
| Ms. Anita Bhandari | Member |
| Ms. Reju Pokhrel | " |
| Ms. Manju Shrestha | " |
| Ms. Nutan Dhungana | " |
| Mr. Lal Bahadur Chouhan | " |
| Mr. Ramesh Prajuli | " |
| Mr. Surendra Duwal | " |

Saraswati Award

Saraswati National and International Awards were distributed on the same programme. Saraswati National Award was awarded to Mr. Prem Prakash Falahari, one of the active persons fully devoted for the betterment of library field in Nepal. Mr. Falahari has established Triphala National Library in Jhapa district. The library has its own building built with the financial resource collected with the active initiation of Mr. Falahari. It has its many branches throughout the country. Mr. Falahari, popularly known as Falahari Baba, has a good relation with most of the libraries and library professionals of Nepal regarding the development of library.

Saraswati International Award was offered to Room to Read Nepal for its performance in the development of school library in Nepal. Room to Read, an INGO, has been assisting the libraries by providing reading materials, constructing library and school buildings and in the information technology also. Mr. Pushkar Shrestha accepted the award on behalf of Room to Read.

It is well to read everything of something and something of everything.

Henry P. Brougham

Meeting with PABSON and NPABSON

A meeting with the representatives of PABSON, NPABSON, Prithvi Narayan Campus, Pokhara and other institutions and librarians was jointly organised by Nepal Library Association (NLA), Pokhara Public Library (PPL) and Pokhara Library Association (PLA) on April 13, 2010 at Pokhara. The PABSON and NPABSON are the association of private schools.

The program was chaired by the president of Pokhara Library Association (PLA)– Mr. Khim B. Lamichhane and facilitated by Mr. Surya Chhetri – Librarian of Institute of Forestry at Pokhara. Mr. Bishwa Raj Gautam, Secretary General of Nepal Library Association represented the association and presented following issues / areas of interaction in the program: the challenges of operating a library and information resource center in the schools, colleges and the institutions, Availability of skilled human resources, The assistance that NLA, PLA, and PPL could provide, and the advantages to recruit the library skilled persons or to get LIS training. The participants gave their valuable ideas and expectations.

Art Exhibition to establish library

An art exhibition was carried out in Kathmandu by College of Fine Arts and Siddhartha Art Gallery to establish and maintain fine arts library. There were art works of various artists ranging from ancient to modern time. The price range of the art work was from NRs. 10,000 to 3,00,000.

Workshop on Digitisation

Tribhuvan University Central Library organised a Workshop on Digitisation on February 16 to 18, 2010. There were 20 participants representing various libraries, publication houses and some researchers. The workshop covered an overview of digitisation, its practical and technical aspects and other topics. The programme was supported by INASP, UK.

Retirement

Ms. Bina Vaidya, got retirement from Deputy Librarian of Tribhuvan University Central Library on January 24, 2010. She served the library profession under the university in different campuses for 37 years. We wish her a happy retired life.

Read in order to live.

Gustava Flaubert

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Nepal National Library Facing Building Problem

Nepal National Library which has been housed at one of the corners of the old building situated at Harihar Bhawan, has been facing problem like leakage of water from the ceiling, lack of space etc. It has been sharing some rooms of the building where National Human Rights Commission and the Department of Civil Service Personnel Records have been housed. The building is already more than 100 years old and according to the report of Department of Urban Development and Building Construction, most of the parts of the building have been marked as dangerous zone. The library has also been occupying some area which falls under such danger areas.

The problem reached its height when rain water leaked from the ceiling and a large number of the books got soaked in the rain water in the month of March and April. Some of the books can be used after drying them while some others could not be reused. The water leakage problem has been solved for this time after maintaining its roof. However, the problem may reoccur next year. Space problem and other such problems can be minimised with its own separate building suitable for library.

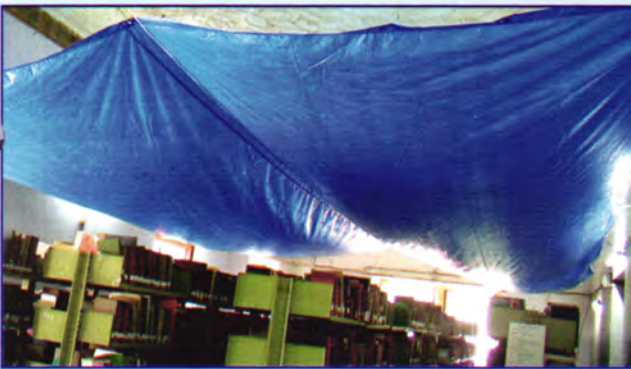
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Front view of the building



Roof under maintenance



Book racks under plastic cover



Drying soaked books



Drying soaked books



Wrapping up insect infected books

News in Brief

Dhawal Library on Internet

Dhawal Library, established in 2003 under this name but started in 1983 under the name Pustak Padhne Dalan, a place to read, and situated at Palpa district, has launched its own website under the url: www.dhawalpustakalaya.org. The library has a key role in imparting education and knowledge in the society and also in the political history of Nepal.

Audio Library in Pokhara

An audio library has been established under the title Rastriya Audio Pustakalaya (National Audio Library) within the premises of Prithvinarayan Campus, Pokhara. The library contains audio CD collection of different publications such as textbook of higher secondary school, Certificate level, Bachelor level and Master level especially on linguistic, sociology, rural development, population education and history.

The blind student of the campus are the regular visitors of the library where they can play the CD and listen to their desired book. The library contains 18 Digital Accessible Information System player and 3 cassette player. However, at present only 15 users can sit and listen to the audio at a time.

Prize to the best reader

The Readers' Club- a modern library with cafe, has announced a prize of NRs.3,00,000 to the best reader of the year. The students of grade 6-10 or young ones having age range between 17-29 or age having more than that can take part in the competition. The reading competition will be held in three stages. At the first stage, the competitor shall have to finish reading 20 books within four months period, at the second 30 and at the last he/she has to read 50 books. Selection shall be carried out on the basis of the brief written and oral answers provided by the competitor. Further information can be accessed through www.readersclub.org.np

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Pustakalaya Bulletin (Library Bulletin)

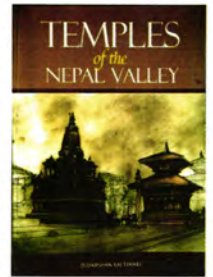


A publication on library and information science has been published under the title Pustakalaya Bulletin (Library Bulletin) by Bhaktapur Library Association. The publication is in the form of serial publication and the first issue was published in May 2010.

The bulletin contains 12 articles on librarianship.

Temples of the Nepal valley

A book entitled Temples of the Nepal valley has been published in the year 2009. The book has been authored by Sudarshan Raj Tiwari and published by Himal Books.



The book has been divided into 3 sections as The Background, The Site and The Temples. It provides architecture used in the temples built from Kirat period to the modern period of Nepal. It provides a clearer picture of Nepali design and construction of temples and also helps to the practitioners of conservation and restoration of temples.

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