



Basic Library Management Training

Nepal National Library has organized Basic Library Management training in Baitadi District. The objective of the training was to impart basic knowledge about systematic and scientific way of managing and setting up library and information center in the community and academic institutions of remote areas of Nepal. The training has helped to improve in managing library with the established international standard and also helped to maintain uniformity and consistency. NNL has been conducting such trainings outside the capital city to meet the objectives of national library of country as well as to promote lifelong learning and reading habits of the students as well as the general people through the basic library and information management skills.

The training was organized at Siddhanath Higher Secondary School, Silanga-4, Baitadi from January 1st to January 7th, 2012 in co-operation with Arjundev Memorial Trust. There were 18 participants representing different academic libraries and community libraries from Baitadi district. Mr. Yadabchandra Niraula, Chief Librarian, Ms. Bhagirathi Adhikari, Sr. Bookbinder and Ms. Anupama Upadhyaya,

accessioning, classification, cataloguing, circulation, reference services. It also covered the library rules and regulations, norms and values, application of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), library furniture etc.

The sessions were organized in such a way that the participants could grasp the duties to be performed inside a library. There were both theories and practical sessions so that the participants could have enough time and chances to understand the concept clearly.



Participants of training on practical work



Mr. Lalit Prasad Pant, Secretary of Silanga VDC was Chief Guest of opening ceremony; Mr. Ghanashyam Pant, Principal of Siddhanath Higher Secondary School, Mr. Gopalsingh Aire, President of Arjundev Memorial Trust, and Mr. Uddavraj Pant, President of Library. On the occasion of the opening ceremony, the Chief Guest requested all the participants to take maximum benefit from the opportunity. He informed that the VDC has been helping in the development of community activities, and also expressed his commitment to help the library development programme in future too. Mr. Pant requested District Development Committee (DDC) for the allocation of budget for the library development. Mr. Ghanashyam Pant also expressed his happiness and further said that such trainings could be helpful to the community to establish library and information center and to promote reading habit of students and teachers as well as the community people.

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Library Assistant were the resource persons from NNL.

The content of the training programme included introduction and history of library, book selection and acquisition,

Rupantaran Nepal and Different Campaigns

Dailekh is a backward district adjoined with Karnali region that ranks 63 numbers out of 75 districts in overall development indicator. The poverty deprivation index goes further down ranking 66 out of 75. Per-capita national budget allocation is lowest among the districts. Literacy is still very low in which the share of female literacy is only 32 percentages. Child illiteracy is still 23 percentages.

Keeping in mind the above mentioned fact, a group of youth has established 'Rupantaran Nepal (RN), in 2008. It is a social organization aiming to do some works in rural areas, voluntarily, to bring change in our society primarily in Dailekh district. It has started to work from the bottom, with the initiatives of local community and their active participation where they can own and drive the transformation process of the society. The concept is based on two principles 'From Community to Community' and 'Within the Community'. RN wants to mobilize one community for the help of other and the community itself to seek possibility of changes within. It aims to make aware the youth, women and marginalized and them help to bring into mainstream of development. This is also an idea to serve back to rural place, the deprived ones, where our little initiative can play a catalytic role in the inclusive development process.



Rupantar an Nepals Coording on Office in Kathmandu

To fulfill the above mentioned objectives RN has initiated programmes like **Donate one book campaign, Rural scholarship programme, Green club** etc. The aim of 'Donate One Book Campaign' is to collect more and more books to support rural communities and schools. It further aims to establish 'Model Rural Library' based on the principle 'From Community to Community' not only to support the course books but also more extra-curricular books to see the world beyond the textbooks. It helps to knock the door of future possibilities of

the rural students, teachers and community people so that they can grasp the opportunity to learn and build reading habits.

RN wants to include all the list of contributors in website so that they can see their contribution and all the details where their contribution is utilized to maintain transparency. It has already donated around 12 thousand books to four different rural Higher Secondary Schools of Dailekh. All the books were collected through 'Donate One Book Campaign' as well as from different publishing houses and institutions in Kathmandu. Apart from this, RN organizes support campaigns in villages, towns and schools. We expect to bring awareness among urban communities to inspire them that their little contribution can make a big difference to rural community.

Likewise 'Rural Scholarship Programme' aims to support talented students in rural public schools. The main objective of this programme is to arise the feeling of competition among the students to create an appropriate environment for studying and to make exam system disciplined & systematic. RN has announced the name of 30 scholarship donors to support rural public secondary schools studying from class eight to ten of Dailekh district. The amount will be NRs 3000 per year and has planned to increase the number of scholarship donors to 100 in educational year 2069.

The third activity of RN is to make 'Green Club' at different public schools of Dailekh district in order to make eco-friendly environment in school area as well as to convey the message about importance of the environment in the context of climate change.



Former Vice Chancellor of TU Prof. Kedar Bhakta Mathema addressing the seminar organized by RN in Kathmandu.

RN appeals all the stakeholders to contribute one book as well as offer scholarship programme. There is off limit if someone wants to donate more. RN requests to convey this message to other friends to help. As a part of fund collection RN is also accepting computers/laptops from organizations and persons to provide computer learning opportunities in rural schools.

News In brief

Staff Movement

Mrs. Lila Singh Khanal, Bibliographer (Gazetted III) has transformed from Nepal National Library to the Department of Irrigation on the post of Library Officer. Likewise Mr. Rajan Bhattarai has been appointed as Assistant Registrar as per the decision of the Ministry of Education.

Chinese Delegates Visit NNL

Deputy Director of Yunnan Institute for Traditional Sinology, Ms. Feng Xiuling with seven member's delegates has visited Nepal National Library on February 12, 2012 through the initiation of Nepal China Society. It was founded in July, 1954 affiliated to Yunnan Provincial Government. The main objective of the institute is to set up relationship with cultural and academic institutes in South Asia, Southeast Asia, Hongkong, Macao and Taiwan for communication and cooperation with other organization in and out of China. The group has presented laughing butterfly a symbol of Chinese culture.

Ms. Prem Kumari Pant, President of the Nepal China Society was also present on the occasion. Mrs. Pant also handed over three books written by herself namely *Buddism: the icon of cultural linkage with China and Bhrikuti's wedding and a half decade of peace process (2005-2010): Its Challenges and Prospects.*

Triphala National Library Activities

Triphala National Library, Mechinagar, Jhapa has celebrated Shreepanchami (Goddess of Knowledge/Education) organizing various programmes on its premises on 28th January 2012. On the occasion, two newly published essay books entitled 'Paricharcha' by Mr. Prem Prakash Phalahari and 'Nari' by Mr. Kumar Pokhrel were released.

Likewise, Mr. Rohinibilas Luintel, Mr. Rajendra Sangraula, Mr. Terakha, Mr. Tara vivid, Mr. Krishna Subedi Nirakar,



Mr. Bhakti Prasad Siwakoti and many other litterateurs were felicitated for their contribution for the promotion of Nepali Literature in Nepal as well as abroad. Poets including Mr. Rohini Prasad Ghimire, Ms. Nailakala Bhattarai, Mr. Laxmi Prasad Upreti and many others read out their creations on that occasion.

Library Management Training Concluded

A five day library training was organized by Tikapur Development Project and Asal Chhimeki Nepal on Tikapur Kailali. There were 20 participants including teachers and social workers. Mr. Sagar Raj Subedi and Vishnu Prasad Aryal had played the role of facilitators on the training.

Library Directive is Underconstruction

In the initiation of Ministry of Education, Library Coordination Section, a Library directive is being drafted. A seven member committee has been formed to draft the directive. The directive is going to be finalized soon.

KVPL News

Kathmandu Valley Public Library (KVPL) has organized Library and Information Management Training Level-3 from February 13 to March 20, 2012 on its premises Bhrikuti Mandap, Kathmandu. There were 18 participants from various institutions along with some freshers also. The training was coordinated by Mr. Rudra Prasad Dulal. The



training was inaugurated by Dr. Narayan Khadka, President of the KVPL Society. Vice Chancellor of Lumbini Bauddha University Dr. Triratna Manandhar, Joint Secretary of Ministry of Education Mr. Janardan Nepal and others spoke about the importance of the training.

Speaking on the closing and certificate distribution ceremony, Minister of Women Children and Social Welfare Mr. Dan Bahadur Chaudhary made his commitment to upgrade the library facilities.

Dr. Narayan khadka, Tri-Ratna Manandhur, Yankila Sherpa also expressed their views on the occasion.

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On the occasion of the closing ceremony, three school libraries were felicitated for their better performance. Mr. Ghanashyam Pant, Principal of the schools and Mr. Gopalsingh Aire expressed their happiness for choosing the remote school as the venue of the training and thanked the resource persons. They also urged all the participants to use the knowledge and skills learned during the training period.

Mr Krishna Dutta Pant thanked all the participants and highlighted the activities of the Arjun Dev Memorial Trust. Mr. Narendrasingh Kathayat and Mrs Ranjana Aire expressed their experiences and lessons learned from the training on behalf of participants. Mrs Anupama Upadhyaya also spoke on behalf of participants/resource person on the occasion. Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula hoped that the training would be helpful and urged to use the lessons learnt for the better service of the library.

Likewise Kaiser Library has organized the same type of training in cooperation with Bhimeshor Community Learning and Information Center Chisapani, Ramechhap.



Mr. Deepak Kafley, DEO, Ramchhap Speaking on the closing ceremony

Chief librarian Mrs. Janaki Karmacharya, Kaiser library, former presidents of Nepal Library Association, Mr. Bhola Kumar Shrestha and Mr. Murari Binod Pokhrel, Litterateur Amar Kumar Pradhan, Library officer Mr. Suresh Kumar Yadav and Library assistant Mr. Ganesh Baitha had played the role of resource persons. There were 22 participants from different schools and community libraries. Mr Deepak Kafley, District Education Officer of Ramechhap was the Chief Guest of the certificate distribution and the closing ceremony. Mrs. Karmacharya had distributed the letter of appreciation to the contributors.

Book Donation to Nepal National Library

The well known author Suba Sen has donated his books to NNL. The books will be distributed to various public libraries of Nepal by NNL.



Kaiser Library Receives Equipments

Ministry of Education, Deram Garden Development Committee has provided one Laptop Computer, one Desktop Computer and one Photocopy Machine to Kaiser Library. Mr. Kishor Thapa, Secretary, Ministry of Education has handed over the equipments to Mrs. Janaki Karcharmacharya, Chief Librarian, Kaiser Library on February 12, 2012.



Education Secretary handing over the equipments to the chief librarian.

Wedding Cash Goes to Library

A woman has opened a library with the money she received as gift during her marriage ceremony at Tauthali in Sindhupalchok.

"I constructed the library to send a message that women should be provided with education and not asked to pay dowry," said Parbati Shrestha. She built the library with the Rs. 70,000 she received in her inter-caste marriage with Anup Chandra Poudel.

The library named "Apargyan" has 2,500 books of different categories including general knowledge, religious books, newspapers and magazines. Hira Shrestha, Parbati's father, said they were collecting donations to build a good building for the library and for other physical infrastructures. Principal of Tripurasundari Secondary School, Mr. Bishnulal Shrestha said the library has been very useful, especially for children.



"It has brought about positive changes with regards to education among the local people and children," he said. The library charges Rs 50 as membership fee for students and Rs 100 for others. Ms. Sarati Shrestha, an employee of the library, said "Members can borrow books and read them at home for a week".

Establishment of Library by Saving Tiffin Money

A group of students of Victoria College, Business Management has initiated to set up a library in Bhagawati Secondary School, Hodwang, Sangha-6, Dang. The fund was generated by the students' pocket money given by their guardians to be spent on Tiffin. According to Netra Adhikari, the coordinator of the Business Management group, they have appealed to the parents, businessman, Non Government Organizations also to assist in this campaign.

Digital Library Management Training

Resource Centre for Primary Health Care (RECPHEC) organized four days digital library training entitled "Integrated library management system based on open source" using PMB and ResourceSpace (RS) to train the librarian for automating and digitizing the collection of the library using open source software. It was held on March 17, 18, 24, and 25, 2012, where eleven participants from different organizations have participated. Mr Shyam Giri, has given the training. It was coordinated by Ms. Chandra Kiran Shrestha, RECPHEC.



Participants of the Training

Armed Police is Constructing Library

Police not only look after the security issues but are also responsible for establishing social relationship to the community people. Armed Police Force of Chandika Gana, Kushma, Parbat has started to construct a community public library with its own budget. It might be the first public library operated by the Armed police in the country according to Raju Aryal, Chief of the Gana.

Cooperatives Library Established

On the occasion of International Cooperatives Day, District Cooperatives Organization Lalitpur has initiated a cooperatives library in Mahalaxmasthan, Lalitpur. The main objective of the library is to collect and organize all the books and reading materials related to cooperatives. President of the National Cooperatives Organization Mr. Kesab Badal has inaugurated the library.

Participation in Training

Mr. Arun Kumar Rai, Library Officer and Mr. Anil Karki have successfully completed training on Developing Teaching Learning Resources using Digital Media from 9th January to 30th March 2012 at the National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training and Research, Bhopal, India on TCS Colombo Plan. The training was focused on Photography and Web page designing including other Software application.

Committee Set up on the UNESCO Memory of the World Programme in Nepal

Nepal National Commission for UNESCO has constituted Nepal National Memory of the World Committee on 18th February, 2011. It comprises of eight members. The tenure of the members of the committee is four year. The committee has developed its working procedure for exploring Nepalese documentary heritages and to list them in National Memory Register. By the end of March 2012, the committee has selected 49 rare documents and listed them in the National Memory Register. It has also submitted two nominations of documentary heritages developed by National Archives and Kaiser Library to Memory of the World Committee, UNESCO Paris for listing them in International Memory of the World Register.



Table of Contents of Susruta Samhita

The first one is *Susruta Samhita* (Sohatotantra) having 141 folios has been preserved in Kaiser Library. It is around 1134 years old palm leaf manuscript, written in Kutila script also recognized as Gupta script. It is considered as the oldest document in the field of Ayurveda (traditional medicine system using herbs and plants) medicine found and preserved in Nepal. It is especially focused on Ayurveda surgery. It also discusses various kinds of diseases related to heart, skin, gynecology, ENT, etc. In addition, it also describes various methods and use of herbs in curing diseases.

The second nominated document is a palm-leaf manuscript called *Nivsattatvasahit*, preserved in the National Archives of Nepal. On the paleographical evidence the manuscript is from the 9th century and is the earliest surviving tantric manuscript, and it has had a great influence in shaping other tantric texts.

It has also played an especially important role in discovering and explaining the history of *aiva tantra*, the tantric texts of the people who worship Shiva as their main god. It consists of 114 folios written in Nepalese "Licchavi (Kutilla)" script with 6 (occasionally 5) lines to a side. The text of the "*Nivsattattvasahit*" consists of five books: *Niv samukha*, *Mlastra*, *Uttarastra*, *Nayastra* and *Guhyastra*.

The Memory of the World programme was initiated in 1992 by the then Director-General of UNESCO, Federico Mayor, with the objective of preserving and providing access to documentary heritage held in libraries, archives and museums as the embodiment of the 'memory' of humanity. There are now 245 inscriptions on the International Memory of the World Register.

NPC Library News

The National Planning Commission recently created a post for Librarian and recruited Section Officer Mr. Shreenarayan Jha for the post.

A Steering committee has also been formed for the improvement of Library Management.

The Library and Documentation Section of NPC is situated at the basement of NPC, Singh Durbar . It has a large collection of materials on economic development, planning and related fields and NPC publications. It has recently purchased DDC 23rd edition.



Reading facility, reference service, photo copy service and inter library loan service are provided to all staff of the Commission, students, researchers and general public during office hours.

Besides this, it has started distributing surplus copies of books and NPC publications to other libraries as requested.

Interested users can go through its website, for NPC recent publications.

Tamu Samaj is Going to Establish Library

On the occasion of Tamu Lochhar, mother group of Tamu samaj, Pokhara is going to establish an indigenous and ethnicity library.

Community Library Attracts Children

The children of Kuwakot of Syangja are no more interested in playing marbles and games at the streets after the village library started attracting them. The children these days run towards the library before and after school. In fact, their interest on the library has kept on increasing after the library at the community level was opened for them. The library has become a boon to the students because it has encouraged them to give up unnecessary activities such as playing at streets and fooling around with friends at neighbourhood. The active participation and their interest have sent an optimistic message to all, the villagers of Kuwakot said.

Samjhana Pangeni, a student from Jan Jyoti Primary School, said that she felt encouraged to study after the set up of library at her village. The library has also helped a lot for my study, she said.

At the library, the students can read books, newspapers, children's literature and other general knowledge related books. Ms. Narayani Pangeni, President of the library, said that due to financial drawbacks, the library was not being able to keep wide ranges of books. Pangeni said that they were being able to add some books with the help of various people and the VDC.

Himlal Shrestha, advisor of the library, said that the library has been playing a crucial role in addressing the issues of child right, creating awareness in the society and helping the villagers in their overall development.

Such libraries can widen the horizon of the students and can bring awareness in the society, Shrestha said.

Participation in Library Training

Four librarians, Mr. Jagdish Chandra Aryal, Ramesh Niraula, Lalit Bista, and Pratima Kafley, participated on library management training organized by Center for Science and Environment, New Delhi from March 20 to 24, 2012.

Hands on sessions were conducted on Information and Communication Technology and its role on collecting, processing, disseminating and preserving information. The Nepalese participants also visited Jawaharlal Nehru University Library, Marwadi Community Library and some other libraries.



Group photo of the participants

MOU to Establish School Libraries

A Memorandum of Understanding has been made among the District Development Committee (DDC) Parbat, District Education Office, Moti Pustakalaya (Library), Phalebash to establish school libraries on seven schools in Parbat district. The libraries will be set up on Salija Higher Secondary School

Salija, Nirmal Janasahayogi Higher Secondary School Tribeni, Bhawani Lower Secondary School, Bhangara Deurali, Kali Primary School, Urampokhara, Saraswati Primary School Thanamaula, Bhawani Primary school and Tribhuvan Lower Secondary School Thulipokhari.

The paper was signed by Mr. Narahari Baral, Local Development Officer, Mr. Ghanashyam Paudel, Mr. Bholanath Sharma, President of Moti Pustakalaya and the Principals of respective school. More than 158 school libraries has been already established by the initiation of Moti Pustakalaya. DDC will provide more than 640 Lakh Rupees. Books and other financial help will be collected through various organizations such as Room to Read.

Workshop Concluded

Tribhuvan University Central Library has organized three day INASP Workshop on **Working Together to Support Research: Optimizing the use of e-resources** in cooperation with International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP), Programme for the Enhancement of Research Information (PERI) from April 2-4, 2012 at Pokhara University. The main objective of the workshop was to enhance



the capacity of information seeking of the researchers as well as the librarians and to establish the relationship between the librarians and the researchers.

10 researchers and 11 library and information professionals participated on the workshop. Dr. Rosan Chitrakar facilitated the workshop and he was supported by the Chief Librarian Mr. Janardan Dhungana, Assistant Librarian Mr. Dilip Man Sthpit, TUCL and Mr. Hemanta Raj Kandel, Deputy Librarian of Pokhara University Central Library.

Shoe Polishing Money Goes to Libraries

Sixty students of Bridgewater International College, Singamangal, Kathmandu polished the peddlers' shoes on 23rd and 24th December, 2011. They collected NRs. 70,000 and donated to Jyotidaya Cooperative School to establish library. Though it is not enough to establish a new library but it will work as seed money. According to Pradeep Khatiwada "they will visit to more than 200 houses and request to donate books in the second phase". It is an example that the idea can be generated from anywhere.

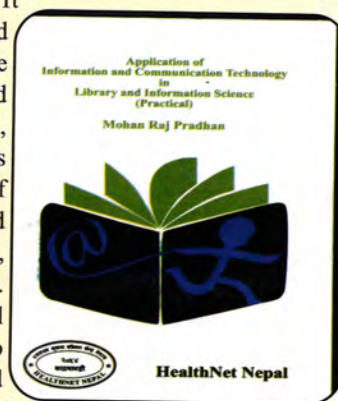
Organization of Drama for Establishing e-library

Gantabya theater, Damak Jhapa has organized a drama "Beranga ka Rangharu" on March 11-12, 2012 to establish e-library entitled "Reading home" said Binod Prahar.

Book Reviews

Application of Information and Communication Technology in Library and Information Science"

A book has been written by Dr. Mohan Raj Pradhan, Associate Professor, Central Department of Library and Information Science, Tribhuvan University entitled "Application of Information and Communication Technology in Library and Information Science." It contains theory and practical book under the same title. It is published by Health Net Nepal, Kathmandu. The book is based on the syllabus of Master of Library and Information Science, Tribhuvan University. However, it is also useful for them who are willing to learn the use and application of ICT in LIS field. The book covers theoretical as well as practical aspects of the topic.



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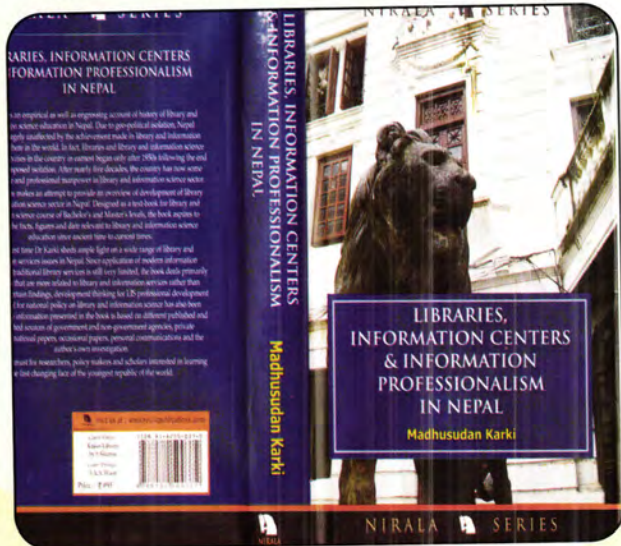
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Libraries, Information Centers & Information Professionalism in Nepal

Dr. Madhusudhan Karki, HoD of the Central Department of Library and Information Science has written a book based on his Ph. D. dissertation entitled *The study of emergence and development of Libraries, information centers and information professionalism in Nepal: An appraisal.*

Though, the book is primarily designed as a textbook for library



and information science course of Bachelors and Masters Level course, it is useful for all who want to know about the history of library and informatin sector since ancient time to 2000. This book refelets the history of library and information science sector in Nepal. Perhaps the author has left for other researchers to do another research on the topic after 2000.

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Library and Resource Center Management & Operation

Mr. I. P. Adhikari has revised his book "Library and resource center management & operation".

It has tried to fulfill the lack of Nepali language book on library and information science. It can help to gain basic knowledge and skills for those persons who love to read in Nepali. It may work as a manual for the persons who want to manage the library and information centers as well as who want to develop their career in LIS field.



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