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Pause & Ponder

“Without moral or intellectual independence, there is no anchor for national independence.”

–David Ben-Gurion



Happy Librarians Day

ADINET Librarian's Day 2025

Librarians' Day 2025

Commemorating the birth anniversary of
Dr. S. R. Ranganathan
Father of Library Science Movement in India

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One day national seminar on
**Sustainable Libraries for
Sustainable Rural Futures**
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Jointly organized by ADINET and IRMA

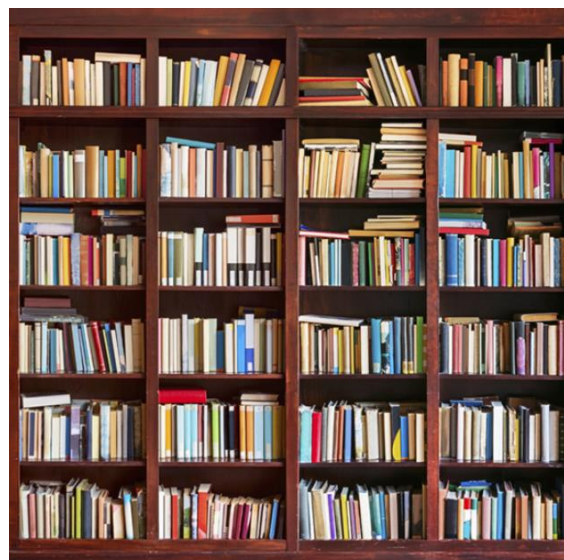
**Saturday, 23 August 2025
09.00 AM Onwards**

**Venue: IRMA Auditorium, Institute of Rural
Management Anand (IRMA), Anand**

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National Database of Public Libraries



The initiative of the Government, through the Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, to establish a national-level dynamic database of public libraries is both timely and transformative. In an age defined by information flow and digital access, a centralised library database will not merely be a catalogue-it will be the backbone of India's knowledge infrastructure. The need for such a system is pressing. Public libraries in India have historically played a crucial role in democratising knowledge, especially for rural and marginalised communities. Yet, despite Government investments through matching and non-matching schemes, the absence of a unified digital framework has meant duplication of resources, a lack of coordination, and limited visibility of available collections.

One of the most significant advantages of a national database is the optimisation of resources. Presently, many libraries across states end up purchasing the same sets of books, journals, or reference materials-often

without knowledge of their availability in neighbouring institutions. A centralised system will prevent this overlap, saving valuable public funds...

Source: [Daily Excelsior, 21 Aug 2025](#)

Reinventing Medical Libraries: Where innovation meets tradition

In today's fast-paced, tech-driven world of medical education, it is tempting to think that printed books and quiet study rooms are losing their relevance. Yet, for thousands of students and professionals, the comforting presence of physical books and well-designed reading spaces remains irreplaceable. A truly future-ready medical library must not choose between print and digital, between tradition and innovation, it must embrace both.

This is the vision we must adopt for our medical libraries: spaces that preserve the sanctity of silence, the richness of print, and the wisdom of the past, while integrating the tools and technologies of tomorrow.

From Bookshelves to Clinical Scenarios: A Dual Purpose

Let's imagine a library where the bound volumes of Robbins Pathology and Harrison's Medicine sit proudly on wooden shelves, just a few feet away from an AI-powered clinical simulation booth. This isn't science fiction; it's a practical and visionary model for transforming medical libraries into multi-functional learning environments...

Source: [Rising Kashmir, 21 Aug 2025](#)

70% of rural libraries to be closed in Kyrgyzstan

70% of rural libraries are subject to closure in Kyrgyzstan, Minister of

Culture, Information and Youth Policy of the country Mirbek Mambetaliev told today at a meeting of the commission on de-bureaucratization, Kabar reports.



According to him, studies have shown that in 82% of rural libraries the book stock is outdated and has become unusable. This is approximately 1 million 200 thousand books. As part of the debureaucratization, a decision is being made to close 70% of rural libraries and transfer suitable books to schools. "All central libraries will be digitized," the minister noted.

As earlier reported, President of Kyrgyzstan Sadyr Zhaparov proposed to establish a library of Turkic-speaking nations while addressing the 11th summit of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

Source: [Kazinform International News Agency, 20 Aug 2025](#)

What counts as plagiarism? AI-generated papers pose new risks



Researchers argue over whether ‘novel’ AI-generated works use others’ ideas without credit.

This January, Byeongjun Park, a researcher in artificial intelligence (AI), received a surprising e-mail. Two researchers from India told him that an AI-generated manuscript had used methods from one of his papers, without credit.

Park looked up the manuscript. It wasn’t formally published, but had been posted online (see go.nature.com/45pdgqb) as one of a number of papers generated by a tool called The AI Scientist — announced in 2024 by researchers at Sakana AI, a company in Tokyo.

The AI Scientist is an example of fully automated research in computer science. The tool uses a large language model (LLM) to generate ideas, writes and runs the code by itself, and then writes up the results as a research paper — clearly marked as AI-generated. It’s the start of an effort to have AI systems make their own research discoveries, says the team behind it...

Source: [Nature, 20 Aug 2025](#)

Global Collaboration Key to Future of Libraries, Say IFLA Leaders During Visit to Kazakhstan



IFLA President Vicki McDonald, President-Elect Leslie Weir and Secretary General Sharon Memis discussed how libraries can strengthen their global voice, expand inclusivity, and turn congress discussions into long-term strategies.

“One of the legacies we look for in coming to a country is the long-term benefit for the profession, the community and society (...) In Kazakhstan, the congress has helped build excitement around a national strategy for libraries,” said McDonald.

The 89th World Library and Information Congress of the IFLA is taking place in Astana on Aug. 18-22, marking the first time Central Asia has hosted the world’s largest gathering of library and information professionals. Nearly 1,700 participants from 114 countries are attending, including national library directors, researchers, educators, students, and publishing representatives.

The IFLA leaders emphasized that bringing the congress to Central Asia was a major undertaking, but one met with enthusiasm. Delegates arrived early or extended their stay to explore Kazakhstan, which, according to Memis, reflects growing international interest in the country and offers opportunities for cultural exchange alongside the professional program. McDonald shared the sentiment, pointing to the warm welcome from locals and the strong cultural presence at the opening ceremony...

Source: [The Astana Times, 20 Aug 2025](#)

AI a challenge and opportunity says International Federation of Library Associations



Astana, Aug 18 (EFE) – Artificial intelligence (AI) and digitalization are challenges but also opportunities for libraries, said Sharon Memis, secretary general of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), on Monday.

“There are many challenges: AI, digitalization, the latest technologies. But at the same time, these challenges give us great opportunities, and we must look to the future through the prism of those opportunities,” the British researcher told EFE on the sidelines of the 89th IFLA World Congress, hosted by the Kazakh capital....

Source: [EFE Comunica, 18 Aug 2025](#)

Modern 2-storey glass library to open in Rajkot: 24-hour access with special online system for entry-exit; books to be deposited through drop box system



A state-of-the-art library, built at a cost of ₹7 crore on the Saurashtra University campus in Rajkot, is set to open soon. With a seating capacity of 1,000 students, it will be the first library in Gujarat to remain open 24 hours a day. Designed to allow natural sunlight to brighten the interiors, the facility aims to create a positive reading environment.

Vice-Chancellor Dr Utpal Joshi confirmed that the modern library, funded through a state government grant, is ready for use but awaits a mandatory Fire NOC before inauguration. When the project was first approved, the NOC requirement did not exist; however, under current regulations, it is essential. The inauguration will take place as soon as approval is granted.

The library is equipped with an RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) system to monitor secure entry and exit using student ID cards. More than five lakh books will be available, alongside a digital library offering e-content and Wi-Fi connectivity. The glass-fronted building has been designed for maximum natural light, promoting an eco-friendly and uplifting study space...

Source: [Bhaskar English, 12 Aug 2025](#)

Open access in motion: insights from ALA 2025

From 26 to 30 June, the city of Philadelphia hosted one of the largest gatherings in the global library calendar: the 2025 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference. As advocates for open access and champions of equitable knowledge sharing, Frontiers joined thousands of professionals committed to the future of libraries, learning, and open science (OS).



We came to ALA to listen, to understand the evolving needs of library communities, to discuss open access publishing priorities, and to strengthen partnerships with institutions across the United States. Here are some of the insights and takeaways we're bringing back, and how they shape our ongoing work...

Source: [Frontiers, 06 Aug 2025](#)

From the floor of ALA to the future of libraries

As June scorched to a close here in Philadelphia, I had a home-field advantage in navigating this year's ALA Annual Meeting, which I appreciated since I was facing a conference with hundreds of sessions spread over five days, hundreds of vendor booths spread over an enormous exhibit floor, and more than 14,000 registered attendees. Having stepped into my new role as Springer Nature's first-ever Director of Library Relations (North America) back in March, it was an opportunity to see our library community through new eyes, and to reintroduce myself to that community. This reflection marks the beginning of The Library Link, my new regular column exploring the evolving relationship between libraries and academic publishing.

"Charting a path through the myriad opportunities at ALA is always a challenge; I frequently had three or

more sessions I wanted to attend at the same time, a situation shared by many I ran into during the conference."...

Source: [Springer Nature, 23 Jul 2025](#)

A four-pillar framework for using AI in university libraries



To fully benefit from the transformative potential of artificial intelligence (AI) in libraries at African universities, researchers have suggested a four-pillar approach that is built on AI literacy, policy initiatives, awareness, and access.

Sifundo Nkomo and Walter Matli published a study titled, 'Adoption of artificial intelligence for library services at universities in Africa: Are we there yet?' in the South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science earlier in June.

They found that, despite rapid advancements in AI and its transformative potential, its adoption in library services at universities across Africa remains limited, mainly due to policy issues, unintelligible decisions, poor data quality, and ethical concerns...

Source: [University World News Africa Edition, 05 Jul 2025](#)

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