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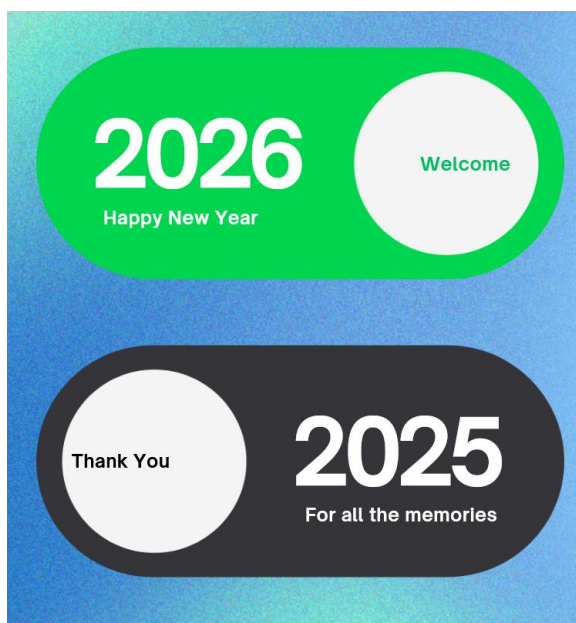
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ADINET INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS LIBRARIANS' MEET

The First ADINET Institutional Members Librarian's meet was organized by ADINET in collaboration with IIM Ahmedabad on 03 Dec 2025. The Librarians of the Institutional members attended the meet. Special lectures by Dr. Tapan Pathak, Associate Professor, MICA on "**Measuring Library ROI**" and Shri P K Lahiri, Chairman ADINET on "**Library Leadership**" were arranged.





**ADINET Wishes everyone a very
Happy & Successful 2026**

Pause & Ponder

***"It's no use going back to yesterday,
because I was a different person
then."***

– Lewis Carroll

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**Flanders commits over \$290,000 to
mobile libraries and translations in
Ukraine**



The Flemish government will provide €250,000 (\$294,000) to support Ukraine's cultural sector, Culture Minister Caroline Gennez announced on 23 December. The funding will be

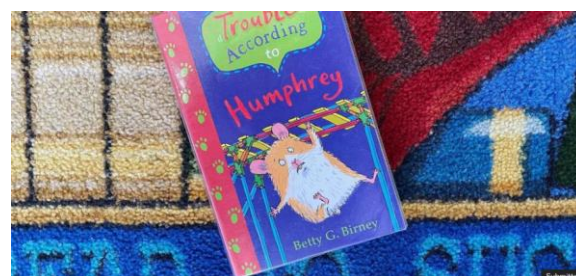
channelled through UNESCO to finance mobile libraries and literary translations.

"One of Vladimir Putin's explicit goals is to destroy Ukrainian identity and culture," Gennez said. The minister said the contribution aims to help "rebuild the cultural sector in Ukraine" and enable "local initiatives that strengthen the mental well-being and resilience of the Ukrainian people through art and culture."

The agreement was signed on Monday at UNESCO's Paris headquarters. The UN cultural organisation has developed an action plan for Ukrainian culture that will receive the Flemish funding...

Source: [Euromaidan Press, 23 Dec 2025](#)

**Kids' books removed from libraries
over web links**



Cornwall's librarians have removed a range of children's book from shelves after a website link printed inside them was found to lead to malicious websites.

Book publisher Faber said the funwithhumphrey website link printed in editions of the Humphrey book series pointed to a range of phishing websites which changed each time the link was refreshed.

A Cornwall Council spokesperson said the books had been temporarily withdrawn from libraries so the back page could be removed or covered.

A Faber spokesperson said the publisher had asked all of its customers to remove the books "until such time they can be replaced" and apologised for the inconvenience and distress the website link had caused...

Source: [BBC, 23 Dec 2025](#)

Digital libraries to boost rural education in 104 Agra panchayats



Agra: In a bid to bridge the education gap between rural and urban areas, the Uttar Pradesh government has announced the establishment of modern digital libraries in 104 gram panchayats of Agra district.

The project, to be implemented by the Panchayati Raj department on the directions of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, aims to provide rural students with access to digital learning resources and support their preparation for competitive examinations.

Each digital library will be equipped with computers, high-speed internet, e-books and a wide range of digital study material. The initiative is intended to help students who cannot afford costly coaching institutes or frequent travel to urban centres for academic resources...

Source: [The Times of India, 22 Dec 2025](#)

Private libraries thrive amid youth unemployment in Kashmir



In Kashmir's towns and semi-urban areas, unemployed youth are transforming empty rooms into private reading spaces and libraries, catering to students preparing for competitive exams. With public libraries struggling to meet demand, these youth-led initiatives provide quiet, well-equipped environments with internet access, extended hours, heating, and free study materials.

One example is Tagore Library in Budgam, founded by 28-year-old Altaf Hussain. Serving students preparing for NEET, JEE, JKSSB, and UPSC, it offers counselling, motivational talks, and a distraction-free space. Similarly, the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Library & Research Centre in Budgam provides seating for 200, prioritizing orphans and financially disadvantaged students....

Source: [Brighter Kashmir, 16 Dec 2025](#)

Librarians can't keep up with bad AI From false sources to hallucinations, it's become a major problem.



Generative artificial intelligence continues to have a problem with hallucinations. Although many responses to user queries are largely accurate, programs like ChatGPT, Google Gemini, and Microsoft Copilot are still prone to offering made-up information and facts. As bad as that is on its own, the issue is further complicated by a tendency for these AI programs to produce seemingly reputable, yet wholly imaginary, sources. But as annoying as that is for millions of users, it's becoming a major issue for the people trusted to provide reliable, real information: librarians.

"For our staff, it is much harder to prove that a unique record doesn't exist," Sarah Falls, a research engagement librarian at the Library of Virginia, told Scientific American.

Falls estimated that around 15 percent of all the reference questions received by her staff are written by generative AI, some of which include imaginary citations and sources. This increased burden placed on librarians and institutions is so bad that even organizations like the International Committee of the Red Cross are putting people on notice about the problem...

Source: [Popular Science, 12 Dec 2025](#)

AI Slop Is Spurring Record Requests for Imaginary Journals



Never heard of the Journal of International Relief or the International Humanitarian Digital Repository? That's because they don't exist.

But that's not stopping some of the world's most popular artificial intelligence models from sending users looking for records such as these, according to a new International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) statement.

OpenAI's ChatGPT, Google's Gemini, Microsoft's Copilot and other models are befuddling students, researchers and archivists by generating "incorrect or fabricated archival references," according to the ICRC, which runs some of the world's most used research archives. (Scientific American has asked the owners of those AI models to comment.)

AI models not only point some users to false sources but also cause problems for researchers and librarians, who end up wasting their time looking for requested nonexistent records, says Library of Virginia chief of researcher engagement Sarah Falls...

Source: [Scientific American, 08 Dec 2025](#)

Copyright Is for Kids: New Resource for Parents, Teachers, and Librarians



The Copyright Office has launched a modern, refreshed resource for young learners: the Copyright for Kids Activity

Sheets. These activity sheets, designed for children under age twelve, introduce copyright basics through games, puzzles, and more. Upon completing the activity sheets, kids discover that they are both copyright users and owners....

Source: [Library of Congress Blogs, 04 Dec 2025](#)

UN Charter Libraries Knowledge Network



The UN Charter Libraries Knowledge Network represents a forward-looking initiative to strategically reposition and expand the United Nations Depository Library Programme. This effort seeks to establish a dynamic, inclusive knowledge network centered on the Organization's founding document—the UN Charter—and the actions and principles derived from it.

In early 2025, the United Nations Dag Hammarskjöld Library invited feedback on a concept proposal from individuals, libraries, professional associations, and other knowledge institutions worldwide. The insights and recommendations received have been carefully consolidated and analyzed, and a comprehensive summary of the findings will be published in early 2026...

Source: [United Nations, 04 Dec 2025](#)

56 facilities across city, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation to open 33 new libraries



To support book lovers, students preparing for competitive examinations and senior citizens, the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC), which operates 56 libraries across seven zones of the city, is planning to add 33 new libraries.

The AMC will set up the 33 new reading libraries in Nikol, Ranip, Vastral, Rakhiyal, and Naroda. The construction of the buildings has already been completed and the libraries will be inaugurated shortly, said AMC authorities.

All AMC libraries offer free services, including access to a wide variety of magazines covering topics relevant to exam preparation as well as subjects of interest to senior citizens. Additionally, readers can access multiple daily newspapers at these libraries.

The AMC aims to ensure that every zone, ward, and locality has at least one library. To achieve the goal, councillors and MLAs are actively supporting the initiative. The process of equipping all libraries with CCTV and Wi-Fi facilities is underway, and CCTV installation has already been completed in 11 libraries”...

Source: [The Indian Express, 27 Nov 2025](#)

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