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Pause & Ponder

“If people are doubting how far you can go, go so far that you can’t hear them anymore.”

– Michele Ruiz

ADINET Librarian’s Day 2025

Librarians’ Day 2025

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

“*One day national seminar on
Sustainable Libraries for
Sustainable Rural Futures*”



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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Are You a Book Lover? Then you'll like Ahmedabad's Parks that are now Open-Air Libraries!



Ahmedabad's parks are turning into free open-air libraries—no cards, no fees, just pure reading joy. Discover how two

college friends sparked this bookish revolution!

In an age where screens dominate our attention, two friends from Ahmedabad had a nostalgically brilliant thought: what if reading could be as spontaneous as a stroll in the park? That simple “Aha!” moment led Your Reading Circle, the latest startups in Ahmedabad, to spring up across public gardens, offering anyone—young or old—a chance to pick up a kitab and lose themselves in its pages. No library card. No late fees. Just pure, unfiltered bookish bliss. Intrigued? Keep reading to discover how Heet Doshi and Om Thakkar are turning ordinary parks into magical mini-libraries, fostering community spirit one Rs. 5,000 box at a time...

Source: [Local Samosa, 29 Jul 2025](#)

Indore to get state-of-the-art public library, ISCDL announces design contest



Indore: Indore Smart City Development Limited (ISCDL) on Monday announced plans to develop a new public library on approximately 40,000 square feet of land on Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Govt Arts and Commerce College campus in Bhanwarkuan area.

"It is envisioned as a multi-generational learning environment, seamlessly

blending traditional library functions with cutting-edge digital resources and community-centric spaces," collector Asheesh Singh said.

The library will be designed to accommodate 4000-5000 people at a time. Beyond traditional library functions, the facility will also feature a primary health facility (OPD and first aid centre), a state-of-the-art auditorium with a seating capacity of 2000, an exhibition hall, two mini-conference halls, and a dedicated career counselling centre, he said...

Source: [The Times of India, 29 Jul 2025](#)

More public libraries, free books for children result of Japan's Print Culture Law supporting reading



TOKYO – This month marks 20 years since the law to promote letters and print culture was enacted and came into effect. The reading environment for the Japanese has improved over the past two decades as the number of public libraries has increased and language education has been strengthened in schools. The situation surrounding publications, however, has become challenging with the ubiquity of digital devices, making nationwide support essential.

"It will be important to have more book lovers and supporters," Taisho University Specially Appointed Prof.

Yoshihiro Katayama, a former internal affairs and communications minister, said Saturday at a forum held in Tokyo to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the law's implementation.

The law was enacted in July 2005 by a bipartisan group of lawmakers to prevent a literacy among the public. It requires the central government and municipalities to ensure an adequate number of libraries and foster language skills at school...

Source: [Asia News Network, 29 Jul 2025](#)

Varanasi to Build India's First Net-Zero Library with Green Tech and Cultural Design by 2026



Varanasi Development Authority, in partnership with NHPC Limited, is constructing India's first net-zero library, blending sustainable technology with cultural heritage.

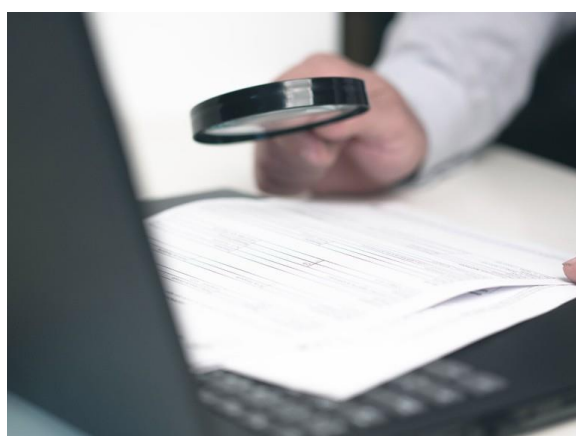
Varanasi is poised to host India's first Net-Zero Library, a flagship sustainable infrastructure project developed by the Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) with a budget of Rs 20 crores and support from NHPC Limited. Located on

the LT College campus, this 20,930-square-foot facility will feature advanced green technologies to produce as much energy as it consumes annually.

Equipped with solar panels, rainwater harvesting, energy-efficient HVAC and lighting systems, and smart water management, the library aims to be a beacon for eco-friendly urban development. With a seating capacity of 500 and over 35,000 books, it also offers multipurpose spaces including a digital library, children's area, auditorium, and cultural gallery...

Source: [The Logical Indian, 29 Jul 2025](#)

How to tackle research misconduct: survey finds stark disagreement



Data sleuths and research-integrity officers have different views on how to handle allegations of wrongdoing in science.

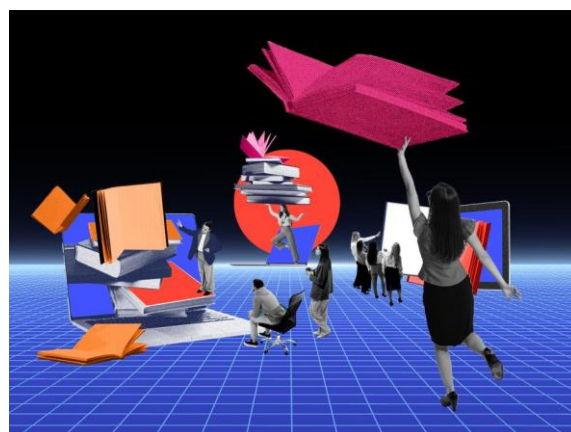
A survey of scientific sleuths and integrity officers at research institutions shows that the two groups disagree about how to deal with serious cases of research misconduct, such as data fabrication, image manipulation and plagiarism.

The results, reported in a preprint posted on Zenodo last month¹, reflect

ongoing tensions between sleuths, who detect and report potential breaches of research integrity in the scientific literature — often anonymously, on public forums such as PubPeer — and integrity officers, who are responsible for investigating and responding to allegations of misconduct at their institutions. The two groups had differing views on whether universities can investigate their own researchers fairly, and what action should be taken when misconduct is found...

Source: [Nature, 25 Jul 2025](#)

Redefining the university library for 2025 and beyond



As higher education undergoes rapid technological, political and social change, the university library remains a cornerstone of any institution, supporting learning, research and outreach. Libraries must ensure access to vast repositories of data and information, provide study skills support to students, assist researchers in searching archives and provide welcoming spaces for diverse communities. But to do this, libraries must keep pace with ever-changing digital tools and content streams, adapt to a changing academic publishing sector, meet evolving student needs and shrinking institutional budgets and, for some, even seek ways to protect valuable datasets at risk of being lost.

In this collection, information services experts from universities around the world explore questions such as how library teams can harness the power of AI to improve their services while managing inevitable risks posed by not yet fully understood tools; how to create spaces in which all students feel they belong; how to advance open access; and how to support broader university outreach efforts...

Source: *Times Higher Education*, 03 Jul 2025

HM Amit Shah visits INFLIBNET Centre in Gandhinagar, advocates for modernizing libraries



Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah visited the Information and Library Network Centre (INFLIBNET) in Gandhinagar today and reviewed its functioning. During his visit, he offered key suggestions to further strengthen the institution's reach and services, and launched the mobile application of the Sastu Sahitya Vardhak Karyalaya.

As per an official statement, Shah emphasized the need to make library services more accessible to students and citizens and to modernize public libraries across his constituency. "I am a child of the library myself. Libraries have played a priceless role in shaping my personality," he remarked, highlighting the transformative power of reading.

Shah expressed his continued commitment to ensuring that every book finds its reader and every reader finds the right book. He advocated for enriching and modernizing libraries in the Gandhinagar Lok Sabha constituency through digital integration and connectivity with INFLIBNET's digital resources. He also praised INFLIBNET's proposed model for an e-Public Library project...

Source: *Desh Gujarat*, 27 Jun 2025

With virtual hearings becoming norm, e-libraries a necessity: CJI Gavai



Nagpur: As virtual hearings and digital legal research become the new normal, Chief Justice of India Bhushan Gavai underscored the growing importance of e-libraries while inaugurating the Adv TR Gilda Memorial e-Library at the Amravati District and Sessions Court on Saturday.

"E-libraries are no longer a luxury, they are a necessity," Gavai said at a function hosted by the Amravati District Bar Association (ADBA) at Sipna College of Engineering. "The legal profession has undergone a rapid digital shift. Lawyers, especially the younger generation, need instant access to updated judgments, legal literature, and reference material. This facility addresses those needs," he said...

Source: [The Times of India, 27 Jun 2025](#)

AI chatbots need more books to learn from. These libraries are opening their stacks



CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Everything ever said on the internet was just the start of teaching artificial intelligence about humanity. Tech companies are now tapping into an older repository of knowledge: the library stacks.

Nearly one million books published as early as the 15th century — and in 254 languages — are part of a Harvard University collection being released to AI researchers Thursday. Also coming soon are troves of old newspapers and government documents held by Boston's public library.

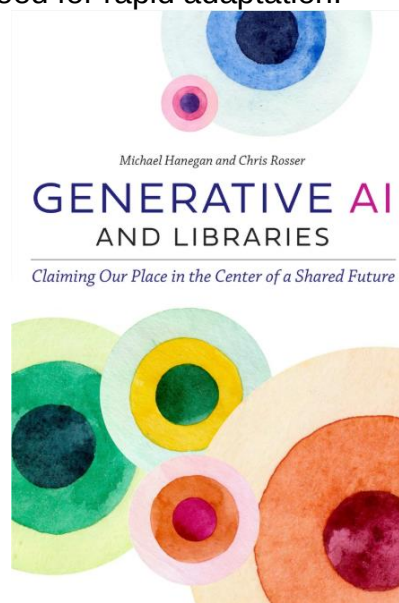
Cracking open the vaults to centuries-old tomes could be a data bonanza for tech companies battling lawsuits from living novelists, visual artists and others whose creative works have been scooped up without their consent to train AI chatbots...

Source: [AP News, 12 Jun 2025](#)

Libraries' opportunity to shape how AI transforms society

CHICAGO — In the form of generative AI, libraries are facing technological transformation of unprecedented speed

and scale. Both controversial and disruptive, the sudden ubiquity of AI has already triggered uncertainty as well as the need for rapid adaptation.



As AI reshapes how humans learn, work, and interact with information, libraries across the ecosystem—from public to academic, from school to special libraries—must resist the temptation to merely serve as static support and instead claim the center by becoming a dynamic, positive influence. “Generative AI and Libraries: Claiming Our Place in the Center of a Shared Future,” published by ALA Editions in collaboration with Core Publishing, offers a compelling vision for libraries to claim their central role as trusted stewards of knowledge and architects of a responsible and equitable AI-driven world. Authors Michael Hanegan and Chris Rosser persuasively demonstrate why libraries are uniquely positioned to lead AI's ethical and human-centered integration within communities. Blending theory and concepts with an unswervingly pragmatic approach, from this book readers will...

Source: [ALA, 11 Jun 2025](#)

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