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Pause & Ponder

“If we can put a man on the moon and sequence the human genome, we should be able to devise something close to a universal digital public library.”

– Peter Singer

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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ADINET Online Workshop

Online Workshop on
**AI Applications in
Libraries**
Date: Every Saturday (July 05 to August 02, 2025)
Platform: Webex or Zoom
Organized by
ADINET

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**Roles in higher education libraries:
an explainer**



Libraries are changing with the times – and so is the librarian's role. Here's how librarians are specialising in the digital era

Our libraries have been revolutionising for decades, as methods of research and study have changed with the information and scholarly publishing landscape. Library directors may now find themselves having to hedge against currency fluctuations to protect budgets and maintain purchases, in addition to their traditional role of curating collections of academic information.

These radical changes have led to shifts in the skills and expertise required of librarians as they evolve to meet the emerging and changing needs of their parent institutions.

- How should library spaces of the future function?
- Redefining the university library for 2025 and beyond
- The library's role in digital education: content is still king

Below are short introductions to typical specialisations. This guide is far from exhaustive, and the exact title used for each role will vary from library to library...

Source: *Times Higher Education*, 25 Jun 2025

Bradford's library book budget falls to 31p a head



Bradford Council has 31p per person to spend on new books for the district's libraries - 73p less than the national average - according to the latest figures.

The cash-strapped authority had made almost £6m in savings across its library service since 2010 having suffered a 68% reduction in overall funding during the austerity years.

Spending on books and materials had fallen even further, it said, dropping 73% over the same period.

The numbers were revealed in the council's new five-year Libraries Strategy, with the report warning further "robust" decision making would be needed to address expected "future financial challenges".

The report said the amount spent per head was the lowest in the region and among the lowest nationally.

Library services in the district have seen a major shake-up in recent years, with a

total of 17 of the 27 previously council-run libraries managed partly or fully by volunteers...

Source: *BBC*, 25 Jun 2025

How One College Library Plans to Cut Through the AI Hype



The higher education sector is awash with hype about the potential of rapidly evolving generative AI tools that promise to revolutionize learning, research and work. Even as some AI tools' developers are predicting the technology may soon replace a significant share of entry-level white collar jobs, many institutions—including the University of Florida, the California State University system and Ohio State University—are launching efforts to integrate AI tools into their curricula.

The rise of AI is also prompting questions from students and faculty about how and when to use it in a meaningful, ethical manner. But the guidance is still far from clear at most institutions; a recent Inside Higher Ed survey found that the vast majority of campuses have yet to adopt comprehensive AI strategies.

That's where university libraries can come in, says Karim Boughida, dean of libraries at Stony Brook University in New York, which is in the process of developing its own campuswide AI guidance...

Source: [Inside Higher Ed, 25 Jun 2025](#)

Desua Public Library: Turning Rural Aspiration into Academic Opportunity

Desua Public Library turns rural talent into national achievers through hyperlocal education models, scholarships, and community-driven mentorship.



In the heart of rural Bihar, a quiet revolution is underway. Desua Public Library (DPL) is not just a library—it is a grassroots movement that reimagines education as infrastructure. Founded in 2020 during the COVID-19 disruption, DPL bridges the systemic gap between rural talent and national educational institutions.

From Migration to Opportunity

Bihar produces over 13 lakh high school graduates each year, yet less than 10% attempt competitive university entrance exams. DPL was founded by a group of professionals—alumni of JNU, DU, and BHU—who faced similar hurdles in their educational migrations. Instead of lamenting systemic failures, they built a solution rooted in empathy, efficiency, and equity.

Desua, their ancestral village, lends its name to the initiative. The venture transforms educational migration from chaos into a structured, hyperlocal platform for talent discovery, scholarship access, and institutional preparation...

Source: [Yourstory, 25 Jun 2025](#)

2,000-Year-Old Library Found In Stratonikeia, Türkiye's Marble City



Archaeologists uncovered parts of a rare Roman-era library in Stratonikeia, an ancient city in Türkiye on UNESCO's World Heritage Tentative List. The library was constructed by a master craftsman from Ephesus, a cultural centre of the ancient Aegean

A remarkable discovery is currently taking place in southwest Türkiye, where archaeologists have made significant progress in excavating Stratonikeia, an ancient city in Muğla Province, which is recognised on UNESCO's World Heritage Tentative List. The archaeological site here has unveiled parts of a rare Roman-era library, believed to be one of the few of its kind from that period.

Situated at the intersection of four major streets in the city centre, the rare ancient library unearthed in Stratonikeia was originally built during the Hellenistic period and later redesigned in the Roman era. The library's architecture reflects the intellectual vitality and cultural richness of the time, showcasing intricate designs and advanced construction techniques that underline the importance of knowledge and literature in Roman society...

Source: [Outlook Traveller, 25 Jun 2025](#)

JPN Library to open to public by Sept

Jai Prakash Narayan Library at Mandir Marg will finally be opened to the public by Sept-end. NDMC vice-chairman Kuljeet Chahal said that work at the site was in the last phase and furniture, IT systems and books would be put in place by Aug. Our target is to inaugurate the library by Sept, he added.

Chahal further said that the library would serve as a hub for the dissemination of knowledge. NDMC operates eight libraries and JPN Library will further strengthen this network, he added.

The civic body expedited work on the project after receiving additional funds. During its council meeting on Dec 18, additional funding was approved for civil work, furniture and fire-fighting installations, bringing the total project allocation to Rs 14.6 crore from the initial cost of Rs 6.8 crore...

Source: [The Times of India, 24 Jun 2025](#)

Anna Centenary Library opens AI club for public



CHENNAI: With the growing demand of artificial intelligence among people, the Anna Centenary Library (ACL) here on Sunday launched 'Anna AI club', marking a significant milestone in fostering AI literacy, creativity, and interdisciplinary collaboration within the community. The club will be operational

in ACL only on the first and the third Sundays of every month. Hence, the club will be open next on July 6.

"The AI club will offer a range of activities including workshops, coding sessions, speaker series, and collaborative projects. It's designed to cater to all levels, from beginners curious about AI to experienced developers seeking a community for hands-on application and discussion," said S Kamatchi, chief librarian, ACL...

Source: [DT Next, 23 Jun 2025](#)

Google used YouTube's video library to train its most powerful AI tool yet: Report



Google used thousands of YouTube videos to train its latest Gemini and Veo 3 models, even as most creators remain unaware of their content being used for AI training purposes.

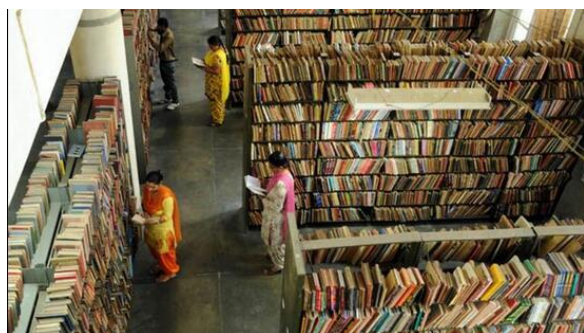
Veo 3 is the tech giant's most advanced AI video generation model that was unveiled at this year's I/O developer conference. It is capable of generating realistic, cinematic-level videos with complete sound and even dialogue. And Google leveraged a subset of the 20-billion catalogue of YouTube videos to train these cutting-edge AI tools, according to a report by CNBC.

While it is unclear which of the 20 billion videos on YouTube were used for AI training, Google said that it honours

agreements with creators and media companies...

Source: [The Indian Express, 23 Jun 2025](#)

Panel to review public libraries across Maharashtra for policy overhaul



State government on June 19 announced formation of committee to review the condition, functioning, and modernisation needs of public libraries across the state

PUNE In a move towards strengthening the state's knowledge infrastructure, the state government on June 19, announced the formation of a committee that will review the condition, functioning, and modernisation needs of public libraries across the state. The step is part of the process to frame a comprehensive "Maharashtra State Public Library Policy."

The "library policy committee" will examine government-recognised public libraries and state-run libraries with the aim of recommending long-term policy measures.

The review will focus on assessing the current infrastructure, identifying technological gaps, and evaluating service delivery, especially in rural and semi-urban areas where libraries often serve as primary access points for

information, education, and community engagement...

Source: [Hindustan Times, 22 Jun 2025](#)

'Integrity index' flags universities with high retraction rates



A score based on indicators related to research quality could help to prevent institutions gaming the metrics that feed into conventional rankings.

A university-scoring method that highlights research-integrity 'red flags' could make it easier to spot institutions that are chasing conventional publishing metrics at the expense of rigorous science, researchers say.

The Research Integrity Risk Index, described in a preprint on arXiv last month¹, categorizes institutions according to how many of their papers are retracted and how many are published in journals delisted from the scholarly databases Scopus and Web of Science. Researchers say that the index could improve university ranking systems that currently reward quantity of research output over quality...

Source: [Nature, 06 Jun 2025](#)

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