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**ADINET wishes you all a very Happy
& Prosperous New Year!!**

Pause & Ponder

“Competing at the highest level is not about winning. It’s about preparation, courage, understanding, nurturing your people, and heart. Winning is the result.”

– Joe Torre

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Librarians, it’s time to lead the way



When GenAI first landed, many universities scrambled to understand it and how students might be using it. One library team took it upon themselves to adopt a holistic approach

Within higher education, library teams have expertise that covers many areas

of university practice – from systems and technical competence through procurement, project management and research practices to customer service and pedagogy.

There are many examples of libraries stepping up to take an institutional lead, making useful contributions and promoting good practice across areas where we are stakeholders – wherever the “ownership” of that issue finally rests. That moment came for us in 2023-24.

The pace of change was extremely rapid during the 2022-23 academic year owing to the development of large language models and Chat GPT’s release in November 2022. Almost overnight, social and traditional media were full of the inexorable rise of the machines. Predictions of social annihilation clashed with forecasts of yet another overhyped technological damp squib...

Source: [*Times Higher Education*, 22 Oct 2025](#)

Undergrads invited to imagine future of libraries in new contest



Prizes for "Imagining the Research Library of Tomorrow" will consist of three Visa gift cards and Libraries swag. The top prize is valued at \$250.

“We encourage parents, faculty, staff and other allies of Husker students to share this information with all possible

students who would be interested in entering,” said Harriet Wintermute, chair of the Libraries’ Acquisitions, Cataloging, Metadata, E-resources department, and contest lead organizer.

The contest is now open, and the deadline for submission is Dec. 4. Submission guidelines outline the prompt and other details. Entries can be created in a variety of formats, including artwork, video, written and 3D model.

Contest participants are to address the following prompt:

“Explore your hopes, dreams and sense of possibilities for how research libraries will evolve to support discovery, knowledge and human connection in the years to come.”

“We want students to reflect on the educational journey that they are on and how the UNL Libraries have supported them on that journey,” Wintermute said. “Then, we ask them to visualize the path to the future and how they see the Libraries’ path alongside their own.”...

Source: [Nebraska Today, 22 Oct 2025](#)

Meghani Museum & Library: A Literary Pilgrimage In The Heart Of Chotila



September 2025 marked the grand opening of the Rashtriya Shayar Jhaverchand Meghani Museum & Library in Chotila, Gujarat, celebrating the life and legacy of one of the state’s

most cherished literary icons. Spread across 5,000 square metres and constructed at a cost of INR 34 crore, the museum stands alongside a newly built two-storey library, costing an additional INR 5 crore, dedicated to Meghani’s prolific body of work.

The museum and library, situated along the Ahmedabad–Rajkot highway, were formally inaugurated by minister Mulu Bera in the presence of dignitaries and literature enthusiasts. Designed to be a hub for cultural and literary exploration, the museum features seven galleries that chronicle Meghani’s contributions to literature, journalism, music, and India’s freedom struggle...

Source: [Outlook Traveller, 21 Oct 2025](#)

A 3,200km tour of Australian libraries taught me just how vital they are



That Australians have turned to local libraries in record numbers comes as no surprise. I’ve just returned from a speaking tour of regional and outer suburban libraries which reinforced in me the unquantifiable community value of these institutions.

I’ve rarely felt more connected to readers than during these two weeks. Perhaps this shouldn’t be a surprise given the remarkable bond between libraries and the readers they serve

highlighted in the latest Australian public libraries statistical report.

From 2023 to 2024 there were 88m in-person visits (up 10%) to libraries, while people borrowed 119m physical and 55m digital items. Libraries delivered 409,000 programs nationally for more than 7 million participants.

So, take one beige sedan, two ageing blokes (the crime novelist Michael Brissenden and me) each with a new novel, a 3,200km road trip and a vague idea of what we might discuss on any given day – and you have some idea of our library crawl...

Source: [The Guardian, 21 Oct 2025](#)

Universities are embracing AI: will students get smarter or stop thinking?



When students entered Tsinghua University in Beijing this year, one of the first representatives they met wasn't a person. Admission letters to the prestigious institution came with an invitation code to an artificial-intelligence agent. The bot is designed to answer students' questions about courses, clubs and life on campus.

At Ohio State University in Columbus, students this year will take compulsory AI classes as part of an initiative to ensure that all of them are 'AI fluent' by the time they graduate. And at the

University of Sydney, Australia, students will take traditional, in-person tests to prove that they have learnt the required skills and not outsourced them to AI.

All this is part of a sea change sweeping through campuses as universities and students scramble to adapt to the use of generative AI tools such as ChatGPT. These tools can, within seconds, analyse complex information, answer questions and generate polished essays — some of the exact skills that universities have conventionally taught. Eighty-six per cent of university students were regularly using AI in their studies in 2024, according to one global survey¹ — and some polls show even more. “We are seeing students become power users of these tools,” says Marc Watkins, a researcher who specializes in AI and education at the University of Mississippi in Oxford...

Source: [Nature, 21 Oct 2025](#)

SAI International's 'Mission 100 Libraries' Empowers 15,000 Students from Odisha



Bhubaneswar: SAI International School is once again living up to the vision of its Founder, Late Dr. Bijaya Kumar Sahoo, through the life-changing initiative “Mission 100 Libraries”, which is dedicated to bridging the lacuna in access to quality educational material for students belonging to varied socio-economic backgrounds. Initiated in December 2015, the Dr. Bijaya Kumar

Sahoo's 100 Libraries Project aimed to establish 100 mini, well-filled libraries in government and private schools in Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, and surrounding regions. What started as the transformation of a storeroom into a lively library in a small government school has now become an inclusive movement and force.

Evidence indicates that most of the resource-deprived schools in Odisha do not have even a minimal library. For thousands of young people, this equates to being deprived of imagination, discovery, and the bedrock of lifelong learning. "A vibrant library is not a luxury; it is the heartbeat of learning, a gateway to dreams, and an essential steppingstone in shaping every child's journey towards knowledge and a brighter future," the initiative emphasizes...

Source: [India Education Dairy, 17 Oct 2025](#)

Shaping the Future of Libraries: Community, Technology, and Access



Libraries carry many identities at once: community anchor, technology hub, cultural guardian, and place of refuge. On September 24, 2025, the Social Impact Lab's Community Conversations Series at the Yale School of Management (SOM) explored these roles in a lively discussion on the Future of Libraries that drew students and library professionals alike. The panel featured Laura Pappano, award-winning

journalist and founder of The New Haven Student Journalism Project; Luis Chavez-Brumell '25, Deputy Director of the New Haven Free Public Library; and Barbara Rockenbach, University Librarian at Yale. Golub Capital Board Fellows Meghan Tao '26 (Blackstone Memorial Library) and Kate Zolner '26 (Wallingford Public Library) moderated.

Panelists underscored the many ways that libraries matter to communities. Chavez-Brumell called them "in the human potential business," describing libraries as judgment-free spaces that fuel imagination, advance opportunity, and foster connection. Rockenbach highlighted the evolution of the Yale University Library's mission-- growing its engagement with the broader public, and the potential for collaborative initiatives such as shared training with community libraries...

Source: [Yale School of Management, 15 Oct 2025](#)

With Roles as Civic Hubs, Libraries Turn Over a New Page



"Very little traffic, very few restaurants," said Barry, 80, a retired VA hospital administrator. "Not a great deal of things to do in the area."

When Bonnie and Barry Augustine moved to the Nashville suburb of Donelson in 1980, they found a quiet neighborhood — too quiet.

But Donelson has boomed since then, along with Nashville itself. One major sign of its transformation is the opening

of the new Donelson branch of the Metro Nashville Public Library system in June 2024. Sited in the middle of a once-sleepy 1960s strip mall, the 25,000-square-foot facility is a major expansion over the previous branch library, and it has an ambitious goal: to serve as a vibrant community anchor for an older first-suburb that has long lacked a traditional downtown.

More than just a repository for books, the new branch offers a range of non-printed programming, including repair services, tool lending and yoga classes...

Source: [Bloomberg, 14 Oct 2025](#)

MNC opens free-for-all public library in Hyderabad's IT corridor



Free to everyone who walks in, all year round, Coforge — a Noida-based multinational company offering digital and IT services — opened its public library here at Kothaguda in Hyderabad's IT corridor on Tuesday.

Located on the eighth floor of Pranava Business Park in the Kondapur residential area, the library spanning 15,660 sq.ft. is air-conditioned, aesthetically designed and has about 15,000 books across genres. The library relies on a digitised cataloguing and management system for seamless operations and experience for readers. It is open every day between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m...

Source: [The Hindu, 07 Oct 2025](#)

Declining readers, shrinking libraries: Only 47 public libraries per 10 lakh people in Gujarat



Gujarat is home to 3,464 government-run public libraries. However, the state does not figure among the top five states in the country with the highest number of public libraries. In terms of library availability, Gujarat fares even worse, with just 47 public libraries for every 10 lakh people.

Every year, September 6 is observed as National Read a Book Day, encouraging people to take time out of their day to enjoy reading. Maharashtra leads the country with the most public libraries (12,191), followed by Kerala (8,415), Karnataka (6,798), West Bengal (5,251), and Tamil Nadu (4,622).

In Gujarat, public libraries play a vital role in preserving the reading culture and ensuring access to knowledge for everyone. Yet, recent data shows that despite the increase in the total number of libraries, per capita availability remains poor compared to several other states...

Source: [Gujarat Samachar, 06 Sep 2025](#)

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