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ADINET LIBRARIAN'S DAY 2025, 23 Aug 2025,

IRMA, Anand, Gujarat

A Glimpse of the Inaugural Session





### ***Pause & Ponder***

***“Unsuccessful people make their decisions based on their current situations. Successful people make their decisions based on where they want to be.”***

***—Benjamin Hardy***

### ***\*Readers Please Note\****

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### **Meet This Karnataka Man, Once A Bus Conductor, Who Sold His House to Build Free Library of 2 Million Books**



A 75-year-old former bus conductor from Karnataka, Anke Gowda, has built one of India's largest personal libraries with over two million books, open to all free of cost. His lifelong passion led him to even sell his house to expand this treasure trove of knowledge.

Mysuru: At just 20 years old, while working as a bus conductor, Anke Gowda of Haralahalli village near Mysuru began a journey that would one day make him the custodian of nearly two million books. Encouraged by his professor and fuelled by a hunger for knowledge, he started buying books, not a few, but truckloads over the years. He poured nearly 80% of his income into building his collection, even selling his house in Mysuru to buy more...

Source: [\*\*\*Bengaluru Now, 22 Sep 2025\*\*\*](#)

### **Scholars to gain as heritage library books digitised**



Lucknow: Digitisation of over 1,70,000 books in Amir-ud-Daula Library has transformed the century-old institution into a book lovers' delight worldwide. Century-old writings, including books, manuscripts, articles and gazettes, can be accessed with just a click.

The library underwent digitisation as part of Lucknow Smart City Project. Established in 1868, the library became accessible to public—initially only to students—in 1887.

It is named in honour of Mohammad Amir Hasan Khan, former Raja of Mahmoodabad and then chairman of the British India Association of Oudh...

Source: [\*\*\*The Times of India, 22 Sep 2025\*\*\*](#)

### **Ghana Library Authority: Reading Fights Poverty in Ghana**

In Ghana, poverty is a significant issue, with around 24.2% of the national population living below the poverty line. Additionally, around 6.9 million people live in extreme poverty as of 2024. Ghana has a population of around 34.4 million and has many different issues, including economic instability, climate hazards and high inflation.



Northern Ghana is specifically impacted, due to its lack of adequate infrastructure, non-agricultural job opportunities and gender inequality. Living standards also worsen due to high inflation, limited government spending and weak economic growth. Approximately 64.6% of rural populations in Ghana experience multidimensional poverty compared with 27% of urban populations.

Many inequalities exist between men and women; the richest man could earn more in a month than the most impoverished woman could in 1,000 years...

Source: [The Borgen Project, 22 Sep 2025](#)

### Indonesia Faces Librarian Shortage Despite Rising Number of Libraries



Indonesia is currently facing a serious challenge where the rapid growth in the number of libraries

each year is not matched by an increase in librarians. Data from the National Library of Indonesia (2020–2024) show that while the number of libraries grew by 11.2 percent, the growth in librarians was only 10.7 percent. This shortage of librarians across many regions has become a pressing issue requiring urgent solutions.

Arif Surachman, Head of Universitas Gadjah Mada Library and Archives (UGM Library and Archives), stated that librarians play a strategic role in fostering literacy and developing human resources. According to him, librarians are not merely collection managers but also information agents with direct access to knowledge before it reaches the public.

“Librarians stand side by side with information. They hold the resources and therefore play a vital role in delivering knowledge to society and communities,” Surachman explained on Thursday (Sep. 18)...

Source: [Universitas Gadjah Mada, 22 Sep 2025](#)

### Want to improve your AI skills? Toronto libraries now offer free courses



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When her job was made redundant about 18 months ago after 37 years with the same company, Hayley Phillips wanted to keep working but knew she needed to update her skills.

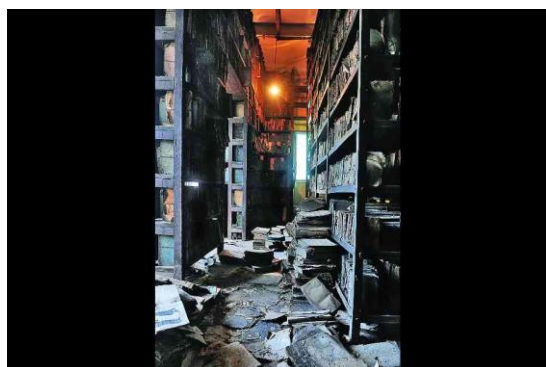
“I started to look at [artificial intelligence] and realized that yes, I need to learn something new,” the former human resources information technologist says with a chuckle.

Ms. Phillips soon discovered an AI course which was being offered at the Toronto Public Library (TPL) thanks to grant money provided by Google Canada for AI education.

“It’s going to become a more integral part of your daily life,” she says of AI and her decision to learn more about it. “It’s going to influence how you learn, how you work.”...

Source: *The Globe and Mail*, 22 Sep 2025

### For a room with books



With digital education and private coaching going beyond the means of the common man, especially for marginalised families, what could fill the educational void? Libraries could. But they don’t

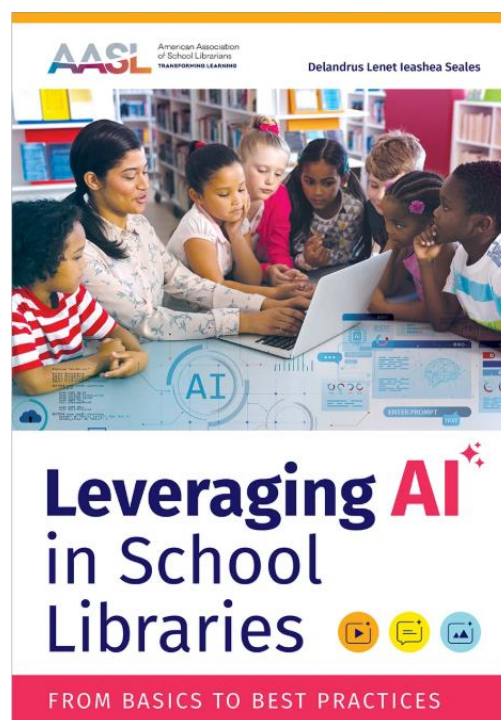
West Bengal is witnessing a silent crisis — that of disappearing public libraries. Across the state, public libraries, once

vibrant anchors of learning, now stand derelict, often closed due to staffing vacancies, crumbling infrastructure or neglect. Some are overrun by rats, others by silence. And behind every closed library door is a broken promise: the constitutional right to education eroded by a slow death of spaces that once nurtured generations of readers, researchers and dreamers.

One cannot overstate the role of libraries in bridging educational divides and achieving the constitutional vision of substantive equality. What we are losing isn’t nostalgia, it is our constitutional commitment to education, equality and democracy...

Source: *The Telegraph Online*, 20 Sep 2025

### AI guidance for school librarians



CHICAGO — The sudden appearance of AI in educational settings is exciting and transformative—and also disorienting. But this shift presents new opportunities to enhance school library services, support teaching and learning,



and streamline school librarians' own professional workflows. In "Leveraging AI in School Libraries: From Basics to Best Practices," published by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) and ALA Editions, Delandrus Lenet leashea Seales offers practical strategies, insights, and tools for school librarians to thoughtfully, inclusively, and confidently integrate AI into their daily instructional and working practices. Using this book, readers will:

- understand effective prompt engineering and other foundational concepts of AI, laying the groundwork for engaging with AI tools in an educational setting;
- receive actionable guidance on developing AI policies and procedures that align with the school library's mission while addressing stakeholder and community concerns;
- learn how to protect data privacy, evaluate AI tools for bias and fairness, and ensure responsible AI usage;
- discover strategies for leveraging AI to improve instructional practices, such as supporting personalized learning experiences, automating routine tasks, and providing data-driven insights to inform teaching strategies;
- explore ways that AI can enhance productivity by streamlining administrative duties, managing library resources more efficiently, and facilitating better communications with learners and educators;
- find AASL Standards-based instructional approaches to brainstorming, proofreading, research, and fostering creativity using AI tools;
- receive guidance on how to rethink plagiarism in the age of AI, including strategies for facilitating reflection,

using AI tools for detecting potential plagiarism, and techniques for teaching learners how to properly cite AI-generated content using prompt generators; and

- get tips on staying ahead of emerging trends, anticipating and adapting to new developments, and ensuring that the school library remains at the forefront of educational innovation...

Source: [ALA, 19 Sep 2025](#)

### **Indonesia: National Library Redefines Librarianship in the AI Era**



The National Library has called for a redefinition of the role of libraries and librarians in response to the rapid rise of digital technology and artificial intelligence (AI). Speaking at the 16th Congress of the Indonesian Librarians Association (IPI) and the 2025 National Scientific Seminar in Batam, Head of the National Library E. Aminudin Aziz stressed that libraries must go beyond their traditional functions. He urged that they become dynamic spaces for innovation, creativity and knowledge development.

"This is a strong signal that library and librarian-related issues deserve serious attention. Libraries must not merely exist without meaning. They must become spaces for innovation, creativity and the development of knowledge," Aminudin said in his official remarks.

He noted a surge in public interest in libraries, reflected in increased media

coverage and upcoming television features focused on the profession. Rejecting outdated stereotypes, Aminudin called for librarians to be seen not as passive custodians but as active facilitators of knowledge and curiosity...

Source: [Open Gov Asia, 19 Sep 2025](#)

### **Gold standard science requires gold standard scholarship**

Scientists often casually refer to research and “library work” as separate endeavors. Research involves the execution of experiments in the laboratory whereas library work means finding references to relevant studies in the literature and analyzing them—often as a precursor to writing a paper. Treating careful scholarship as somehow less important than the acquisition of data can adversely affect the reliability of the scientific record and consequently, the course of science. In today’s tense environment around science and politics, meticulous scholarship has never been more important.

Less than a month after his inauguration this year, US president Trump issued an executive order to establish the “Make America Healthy Again” (MAHA) Commission tasked with addressing the health of Americans, particularly children. When the MAHA report was released in May—which the Trump administration hailed as a landmark study—it contained fake citations that had been apparently hallucinated by a large language model. Rather than admitting that they hadn’t taken the time to check that their references existed, the authors and the administration dismissed the episode as arising from “formatting errors.” Perhaps even more concerning, though, was the existence of at least one citation in which the

paper was real but its content was misrepresented...

Source: [Science, 18 Sep 2025](#)

### **State to get 71 more taluka-level libraries**



The state government will build 71 libraries at the taluka level to inculcate the habit of reading among people. Currently, 197 government libraries are functional across Gujarat.

Last year, a landmark decision was taken to set up 64 government libraries at the taluka level, covering 50 talukas in 21 districts and 14 talukas in 7 tribal districts. Out of these, 53 government libraries are already operational, while work on 11 is underway. With this effort, soon every taluka in Gujarat will have its own government library.

September 6 is observed as ‘National Read a Book Day’, motivating people to set aside time to enjoy reading. The day aims to inspire people to develop a love for reading and make it a part of their daily lives...

Source: [Ahmedabad Mirror, 06 Sep 2025](#)

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