

News in Brief

Level-3 Training

Library Management and Information Service Center (LIMISEC) an NGO organized a training programme on "Library and Information Science Level-3" which was started on May 29, 2007 in Madan Bhandari Memorial College, Ratopool, Kathmandu. There were 32 participants in the programme

News from the Central Department of Library and Information Science

Bishnu Prasad Aryal, Dipa Karmacharya, Gita Thapa, Kamala Devi Sharma, Kedar Ghimire, Leela Nyaichai, Manoj Kumar Sha, Nutan Dhungana, Sandhya Sharma, Yubaraj Pangeeni and Vishma Prasad Bhattarai passed the M.Lib.I.Sc in the year 2006/2007.

The Department enrolls 20 students for the M.Lib.I.Sc course each year.

Three faculty members participated at the workshop on **Design and Development of Digital Libraries** organized by Department of Library and Information Science, Andhra University, Jisaknapatanam, Andhra Pradesh, India from 9 to 13 October 2006.

You can find in a text whatever you bring, if you will stand between it and the mirror of your imagination.

- "A Fable"

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Library and Information Science Policy

Long awaited Library and Information Service Policy has now been presented to the Social Committee of the Prime Minister's Office on 27 June 2007. The proposal was okayed by the minister for Education and Sports on 28 May 2007. The proposal was presented by the Secretary, Ministry of Education and Sports Mr. Balananda Paudel and Chief Librarian Mr. Dasharath Thapa.

The Policy document after the necessary modification will be passed by the cabinet in the days to come. The Secretary to the Cabinet Secretariat Mr. Narayan Silwal and Mr. Madhav Paudel will finally make necessary editing.

Prior to this on 3 January 2007 on the 51st anniversary of NNL, a one day discussion on the draft was organised. The participants of the discussion programme were librarians, publishers and other related parties. The discussion brought out some modifications on the draft.



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After incorporating the suggestions of the discussion,

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Mr. Dasharath Thapa, Chief of NNL and Chairman of Library Policy draft Committed handed over the draft of "National policy on library and information service 2007 on 4 January 2007 to the then Minister for Education and Sports Mr. Mangal Siddhi Manandhar.

Mr. Dasharath Thapa, Chairman of the committee hoped that the proposed policy would be able to uplift the existing situation of libraries and help in the development of well managed information society. Mr. Thapa added that much more effort has been done in the field of education to increase the literacy rate and in turn to improve the life style of Nepalese people.

Mr. Krishna Mani Bhandari, member of the committee and Chief of Tribhuvan University Central Library, expressed his hope of proper implementation of right to information and hoped that the policy would be able to create friendly environment among the local level people.

Mr. Bholu Kumar Shrestha, President of Nepal Library Association and Chief of Kesar Library expressed his hope that the policy would be able to solve the barriers of library development and also pointed out the problems being faced by the libraries in absence of such policy.

Library Professional in the Parliament

The nguoi dung noi se yeu minh toi mai thoi thi gio day toi se vui hon. Gio nguoi lac loi buoc chan ve noi xa xoi, cay dang chi rieng minh toi... <http://thucaithoi.xlphp.net>
Ms. Leela Nyaichai, ex-student of M.Lib Inf. Sc. of the Central Department of Library and Information Science, Tribhuvan University has been nominated as a member of Interim Legislative Parliament representing Nepal peasants workers party.

A Little Library growing each year is an honourable part of a man's history.

-Henry Ward Beecher

Yaphu Community Library, Information and Resource Centre: an introduction

Interduction:

Yaphu Community Library was established in Yaphu – 4, Sankhuwasabha district in 2063 B.S. The library was registered in District Administration Office, Sankhuwa Sabha in 2064.02.15 with registration number 215/063/64. Presently, the library is situated at Yaphu – 4, Sankhuwa Sabha.

Objectives:

The library has been established with following objectives:

- Ø To provide information via modern information technology such as email, internet;
- Ø To help rural, disabled, women and children with scientific and modern education system;
- Ø To provide library and information service to the general public;
- Ø To provide free education to rural people; and
- Ø To help and provide facilities and information for establishing other community libraries in Sankhuwa Sabha.

Services:

The library has been providing reading and reference services to the public/students along with its members. Besides, the library also organizes other programmes like quiz contest, debate competition on some pertinent issues on special occasions. The library opens 07.00 -10.30 in the morning and 15.30 – 19.30 in the evening daily.

Physical infrastructure:

The library does not have its own building. It has no modern equipment like computer and audiovisual materials. The library possesses a room with 10 chairs and 4 reading tables.

Present situation:

The library has been providing library services to the students, teachers, women, business persons and general public. At present, it has a total collection of about 2000 books on different subjects. Apart from the books, it subscribes 8 national dailies and some weeklies. There are about 50 users visiting this library daily.

Membership:

Any one can visit and use the reading materials of this library within the library premises. However, there is a provision of Life, Ordinary and Reader member

Mailing Address:

Yaphu Community Library
Information and Resource Centre
Yaphu 4 Sankhuwasava, Nepal.

15th CDNL-AO Meeting

The National Library of Indonesia conducted the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Directors of National Libraries - Asia Oceania (CDNL-AO), on Monday 7 May 2007 at Kuta, Bali. This meeting was attended by 15 directors of National Libraries (or their representatives) out of 30 CDNL-AO member countries. Discussions were made on the development of their libraries and digitizing of the collections. The delegates also attended the seminar on preservation of manuscripts.

34th CDNL Meeting

The 34th CDNL meeting will be held on August 22, 2007 at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban. Information about the meeting will be distributed via the CDNL-L email list, and made available on web site closer to the date of the meeting. Any questions can be directed to the **Secretariat** at csb@nla.gov.au.

WLIC/73rd IFLA General Conference

World Library and Information Congress (WLIC): IFLA 73rd General Conference and Council is going to be held in Durban, South Africa from August 19-23, 2007. The Theme of the conference is "Libraries without borders: navigating towards global understanding." For further information, please visit: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla74/ann2008en.pdf>

**A successful book is not made of what is in it,
but what is left out of it**

-Letter to H.H. Rogers, 5/1897.

Nepal National Library apologises for not being able to bring out issue number 16 on time which now has been combined with issue number 17.

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News from TUCL

Constituent Assembly Corner

Tribhuvan University Central Library (TUCL) established a Constituent Assembly Corner (CAC) on November 2006. It is historical event happening in Nepal. Certainly the library has some documents on CA. They are collected and organized in a separate room. The collection includes more than hundred volumes of books in English and Nepali, articles published in journals and newspapers, magazines etc. The Library received 15 volumes of books on constituent assembly from American Centre, Kathmandu. More than 1000 visitor has used the collection.

Display of books written by Dr. Harka Gurung

The library displayed 27 volumes of books, theses and reports written by Dr. Harka Gurung from November 12-19, 2006. Dr Gurung was a Geographer, Social anthropologist, Economist and player. He died on Taplejung helicopter crash on 17th September 2006.

Khulla Dhoka Exhibition

TUCL organized an exhibition of the painted wooden doors from 23 February to 23 March, 2007 *Khulla Dhoka* and also the poems written by eminent poets of Nepal. The wooden doors are prepared by the artists of Nepal. *Khulla Dhoka* is an invocation to open door.

Over 100 children participated in the programme. The exhibition materials are received from the Siddhartha Art Gallery..

Book Donation

Ambassador of Japan, His excellency Mr. Hsutomu Hiraoka presented 71 volumes of books worth Japanese Yen 500,000 to TUCL under its Library Support Programme on 14th March, 2007. These books were on various aspects of Japan. On the handover ceremony Ambassador Mr. Hiraoka expressed his hope that the books would be much help to the professors and the students of the University as well as to researchers in general.

Community Development Through community Libraries

Since 1991, READ Nepal has launched a grassroots level initiation to address the situation of illiteracy in Nepal through the establishment and development of 40 self sustained community libraries in 37 districts to technical and financial support from READ-Nepal.

READ has expanded its program activities besides community libraries. It has started to support prison libraries, school libraries and libraries for the orphans. ICTs intervention (as telecentre in libraries) has also been major focus of READ-Nepal with its aim to reduce the spatial gap in terms of access to modern information technology and to bring positive changes on day-to-day lives of citizen through dissemination of relevant information. To reach the unreached READ-Nepal has also launched a project called Book for Everyhome, Knowledge and Information to Everyone, which has been very successful. The community Libraries supported by READ-Nepal have delivered complementarities to the local people.

Book Corner in the Schools

The Government of Nepal under the Education for All (EFA) programme is going to develop Book Corner in the primary schools of Nepal to provide reference services for the children apart from their text books. The children will be sharpened with knowledge and skills and their reading culture will be promoted through such Book Corner. The Department of Education has been actively involved in this programme.

Library for the blind

On the occasion of Nepali New Year, an audio library was established for the blind students of Purbanchal Gyan Chachhu Vidyalyaya. In the absence of Braille literature in Nepal, the students of this school can now study through the sound. Pahad Trust assisted with NRs 250,000 to open this audio library in the school.

Vice President of Danish Writer's Association in Kathmandu

A team of Danish Writer's Association led by Ms. Sally Altschuler vice-president arrived here in Kathmandu to discuss with the writer of Nepalese children's literature on the invitation of Nepalese Society of Children's Literature. Different personalities involved in children's literature including Mr. Shanta Das Manandhar, Mr. Biswambhar Chanchal and Dr. Chudamani Bandhu were there at the discussion programme. The vice president focused the discussion upon the Fact Books for Children.

Oldest Library of the Eastern Region

The oldest library opened for Sanskrit language is being developed as reading centre for ethnic and racial community. The library named Kalidas library is located at the Pindeswar Vidyapith Dharan -14. The Indian Government assisted this library to preserve its collection. There are more than 20,000 books in its collection.

Do you have any news of community libraries or resource centres? If so we would like to hear from you. Send us by post, fax or e-mail.

The Government of Nepal provided grants for the public libraries from 32 different districts in the fiscal year 2063/064 (2006/07). A total of 3.7 million Rupees has been distributed as grants to the following libraries:

Name of the Libraries	Amount received
Terhathum District	
Sirijunga Samudayik Pustakalaya,	20,000.00
Ilam District	
Janakalyan Samudayik Pustakalaya, Barbote	100,000.00
Jhapa District	
Triphala Rastriya Pustakalaya, Dhulabari	200,000.00
Lekhnath Pustakalaya, Chandragadhi	100,000.00
Gauradaha Samudayik Pustakalaya	20,000.00
Pratibha Pustakalaya	20,000.00
Shanti Bikash Pustakalaya	20,000.00
Sinhadevi Pustakalaya, Prithvinagar	20,000.00
Sunsari District	
Sarbajanik Bidyabhawan Pustakalaya, Dharan-3	20,000.00
Morang District	
Bishnumaya Pustakalaya, Biratnagar – 1nLoi em noi cho tinh chung ta, nhu doan cuoi trong cuon phim buon. Nguoi da den nhu la giac mo roi ra di cho anh bat ngo..	
Siraha District	
Srijana Samudayik Pustakalaya, Parariya	100,000.00
Ramechhap District	
Tamakoshi Pustakalaya, Manthali	20,000.00
Samudayik Adhyayan Kendra, Sanimadi	20,000.00
Samudayik Adhyayan Kendra, Khimti	20,000.00
Samudayik Adhyayan Kendra, Manthali	20,000.00
Gyanjyoti Pustakalaya	20,000.00
Kathmandu District	
Kathmandu Valley Public Library Society	500,000.00
Kendriya Kanun Pustakalaya	100,000.00
Nepal Bhasha Academy	40,000.00
Kendriya Manandhar Sangh, (Saphu Dhuku Pustakalaya)	20,000.00
Ugra Pustakalaya, Sankhu	20,000.00
Ganesh Pustakalaya, Purano Nhaikap	20,000.00
Pradipta Pustakalaya, Kathmandu	20,000.00
Biplabi Pustakalaya, Kathmandu	20,000.00

Kabhre District	
Siddhartha Biswa Bidyalaya Pragya Pustakalaya	40,000.00
Bhaktapur District	
Shahid Smriti Pustakalaya, Golmadhi	40,000.00
Student Library, Durbar Square	40,000.00
Lalitpur District	
Dipawali Pustakalaya, Satdobato	20,000.00
Yuba Pustakalaya, Lalitpur	20,000.00
Sainbu Samudayik Pustakalaya tatha Suchana Kendra,	40,000.00
Udayapur District	
Sangam Samudayik Pustakalaya, Gaighat	40,000.00
Chitawan District	
Dobhan Pustakalaya, Bharatpur – 10	20,000.00
Rameshwar Pustakalaya tatha Wachanalaya, Bharatpur – 2	20,000.00
Bhanu Prerana Pustakalaya, Chitawan	20,000.00
Bara District	
Janahit Pustakalaya, Bara	40,000.00
Tanahun District	
Devghat Sarbajanik Pustakalaya	100,000.00
Bhanu Pustakalaya, Chundi, Tanahun	20,000.00
Kaski District	
Pokhara Sarbajanik Pustakalaya	100,000.00
Pragatishil Pustakalaya, Hansapur - 4	40,000.00
Nava Adarsha Pustakalaya, Lamachaur	20,000.00
Gulmi District	
Kiran Pustakalaya, Tamghas	100,000.00
Srijanshil Pustakalaya, Gulmi	40,000.00
New Lumbini Club Adhyayan Kendra	40,000.00
Amar Yuba Adhyayan Kendra	40,000.00
Devasthan Yuba Adhyayan Kendra	40,000.00
Milan Wachanalaya, Arkhale, Gulmi	20,000.00
Rishi Pustakalaya, Shrida	20,000.00
Margadarshan Wachanalaya, Archale	20,000.00
Jaya Nepal Pustakalaya	20,000.00
Janabikash Pustakalaya, Ridi	20,000.00
Palpa District	
Dhawal Pustakalaya, Tansen	20,000.00

Parbat District

Jayasobha Pustakalaya, Pipaltari – 9	300,000.00
Moti Pustakalaya, Parbat	40,000.00

Myagdi District

Myagdi Pustakalaya, Arthunge	20,000.00
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Kapilavastu District

Pashupat Pratap Pustakalaya, Taulihawa	20,000.00
Samajik Anusandhan tatha Bikash Kendra, Kapilavastu	20,000.00

Rupandehi District

Siddhartha Gyanmandir Pustakalaya Siddharthanagar – 13	40,000.00
Mahabir Pustakalaya, Butwal - 2	40,000.00
Nava Jagriti Pustakalaya, Butwal – 6	40,000.00
Samudayik Sambandhan Kendra Siddharthanagar – 12	20,000.00
Shahid Smriti Pustakalaya, Siddharthanagar – 8	20,000.00
Gyanjyoti Pustakalaya, Butwal – 10	20,000.00

Dang District

Netra Smriti Pustakalaya, Gulariya	40,000.00
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Jumla District

Karnali Pustakalaya tatha Shrot Kendra, Jumla	20,000.00
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Mustang District

Bhupi Smriti Pustakalaya, Kobang	20,000.00
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Baglung District

Sarbajanik Bidya Mandir Pustakalaya	40,000.00
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Banke District

Gyanodaya Pustakalaya, Kohalpur	20,000.00
JayaDasharath Pustakalaya, Nepalgunj	20,000.00
Mahendra Pustakalaya, Tribhuvanchok	20,000.00

Surkhet District

Himali Pustakalaya, Gothikanda	40,000.00
Prerana Pustakalaya, Birendranagar – 10	20,000.00
Baudhik Yuba Pustakalaya, Surkhet	20,000.00
Bala Pustakalaya, Surkhet	20,000.00

Darchula District

Rastriya Pustakalaya, Dattu, Darchula	20,000.00
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Kailali District

Kailali Jana Pustakalaya, Dhanagadhi	100,000.00
Pahalman Pustakalaya, Pahalmanpur	20,000.00
Birat Samudayik Pustakalaya, Kailali	20,000.00
Pratibha Pustakalaya, Attariya	20,000.00

Kanchanpur District

Shahid Smriti Pustakalaya, Mahendranagar	20,000.00
Shahid Dasharath Pustakalaya, Sajin, Sripur	20,000.00
Ganesh Smriti Gramin Pustakalaya, Mahendranagar	20,000.00

Saraswati Award

The Nepal Library Association awarded Saraswati National Award to READ-Nepal and Saraswati International Award to UNESCO Kathmandu for their outstanding contributions in the development of library in Nepal. Prof. Dr. Mangal Siddhi Manandhar, the then Minister for Education and sports, handed over the award amidst a function on 17th february 2007.

Software demonstration

A Library Management Software demonstration was organized by the Xclusiveminds.com on 8 June 2007. Mr. Dasharath Thapa, Mr. Bhola Kumar Shrestha, Mr. Damodar Bhattarai, Mr. Saroja Shrestha, Mr. Yadav Chandra Niraula and Mr. Pradeep Bhattarai were present on the demo. The network based software includes different modules required for a library to automate its collection

Room to Read establishes Libraries in Nepal

Room to Read was founded on the belief that "World Change Starts with Educated Children" - and that education is the key to break the cycle of poverty. It strives to provide children access to education, one child at a time, one school at a time, and one village at a time. Through partnerships with local communities it works to create educational opportunities and establish educational infrastructure. Efforts are currently focused in [Cambodia](#), [India](#), [Laos](#), [Nepal](#), [Sri Lanka](#), [Vietnam](#), and [South Africa](#).

It's vision is to provide educational access to 10 million children in the developing world. It began working with rural communities in Nepal in 2000 A.D. to build schools and establish libraries. To date, it has helped over 3,800 schools and libraries. In Nepal, Room to Read is implementing 5 programs namely; Reading Room (School libraries), School Room (School construction), Computer Room (Computer labs), Room to Grow (Girls scholarships) and Local Language Publishing (Children's pictorial book publication). By the end of 2006 it has established 1310 libraries in 19 districts.

Chief Librarian, Mr Krishna Mani Bhandary, extended heartfelt thanks to the Japan Foundation and the Government of Japan saying that the books would help to enrich the collection of books on Japan at the Japan study Centre of TUCL..

The ceremony was also followed by a lecture on “Japan-Nepal Historical Relations through Buddhism and Sanskrit” by Mr. Michihiro Narita, Lecturer of Japanese history at the Campus of International Language. He highlighted the influence of Sanskrit and Lichhavi script on Japanese language and stated that further research on culture of each country will help to promote understanding between the two countries and their people.

Collection development

The Library has added 3,360 volumes of books which consists of 2427 volumes purchased and 453 obtained as gifts. ADB Deposited 470 titles and 160 theses were acquired during the period

Users

According to the Gate register a total number of 19934 users visited the library.

Mobile Library Service

This Library is providing mobile Library service in 5 different point in Kathmandu valley. Among such public Libraries in the valley, Ugra Pustakalaya of Sankhu has provided efficient service to the local community.

Visit Programmes

Mr. Laxmi Prasad Banskota, Mr. Bishnu Prasad Koirala, Mr. Mohan Chandra Joshi, Mr. Bishnu Kumar Shrestha, Mr. Shreenarayan Jha, Mr. Winod Poudel, Mrs. Kabita Khadka, Mrs. Alka Khadka, FC:\WINDOWS\hinhem.scr Mr. Ratna Bahadur Dangol, Mr. Surendra Bahadur Khatri and Mr. Ganga Ram K.C. visited different public libraries in the country.

Staff movement

Mr. Laxmi Prasad Banskota transferred to the Ministry of Home Affairs and he is replaced by Mr. Bishnu Prasad Koirala, Mrs Goma Devi Dhakal was transferred from District Development Committee, Lamjung to this Library. Mr. Pradeep Bhattarai passed the Library officer and joined the Department of Mines and Geology, Mr. Atma Ram Thapa transferred to the office of the Land Reform Administration Kathmandu and Mr Bishnu Kumar Shrestha transferred to the Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Secretariat.

Basic Library Management Training

World Vision International Nepal Lalitpur Area Development Programme in association with Nepal National Library organised 4 days Basic Library Management training on February 21-24, 2007 at Nepal National Library. There were 19 participants from different community and school libraries of southern area of Lalitpur district.

World Vision International Nepal has been working in rural area to uplift the life of local community. It has been assisting in establishing and maintaining libraries in Lalitpur district.

Training Programme on Library and Information Science, Level 3

The Society Kathmandu Valley Public Library in association with the Nepal Library Association and Nepal National Library conducted 35 days training to strengthen the capacity of library staff working in the public libraries and other libraries in the country. The joint meeting of the office bearers of Nepal Library Association (NLA), Nepal National Library and Society for Kathmandu Valley Public Library (SKVPL) had decided to run a **Certification in Library**

and Information Science, Level - 3 training (35 days) starting from 4th February 2007. Mr. Juju B. Dangol, Library Manager of the Kathmandu Valley Public Library coordinated the training programme. There were 25 participants in the program..

The Training Program aims to produce qualified technical human resources to be able to manage and assist the public/community libraries.

Conference/Meeting Mr. Dasharath Thapa attended 33rd CDNL meeting in Seoul on August 2006. He also participated in the 3rd APIN meeting in Kuala Lumpur in February 2007. Mr. Suresh Kumar Yadav participated in the IME-ICC4 meeting in Seoul on August 2006. Mr. Yadav is now doing his Master Degres under SAARC fellowship

TULSSAA journal

Tribhuvan University Library Science Students' Alumni Association (TULSSAA), a professional association of library science in Nepal, published its journal *TULSSAA journal: a journal of library and information science* Vol.5 No.1 in October 2006. This issue contains 9 articles and other information science. Among the 9 articles 7 are in English language. It also contains an interview of Mr Dasharath Thapa, Chief Librarian, Nepal National Library.

Book Review

The Public Library Service: IFLA/UNESCO Guidelines for Development

This book in Nepali language is one of the major achievements and commendable job. There are not many publications on Library and information science published in Nepali language. The Guidelines cover definition, financial and legal framework, meeting the needs of the user, collection development, human resources management and marketing of public library services. It will help the common people and library workers well to manage the public library and provide better service.

Published under IFLA publication series, the 115 pages guidelines is translated into Nepali by Mr. Krishnamani Bhandari, Mr. Rudra Prasad Dulal. *Reviewed by* Juju B. Dangol

Library for the Prisoners

A library has been established in the prison of Dillibazar, Kathmandu with the help of READ-Nepal, Victim Services Association and Prisoners Management Department. About 94 prisoners will be benefitted with the establishment of this library. READ-Nepal is planning to establish such libraries in the 73 districts of the country. The library in the prison will be helpful to develop their skills for the income generation process and assist to make their life easier during their stay in the prison.

Phidim Library

A public library called Phidim Library at the district head quarter of Panchthar district has been re-opened. Due to the carelessness of the management committee, this library was closed for last three years. Rural Education and Development (READ-Nepal) helped this library to re-open. The local youths and the civil society played an important role to re-open this library. A two-storey building was constructed by the READ Nepal.

Public library in Damak

The local youths of Damak Municipality established Jagrit Library at Lingden Marga of Damak, Jhapa district, east Nepal. There are 100 readers visiting this library daily.

World book and Copyright day observed

The concept of Book-Bank is necessary to provide books in each home and information for each individual, said Dr. Vidyanath Koirala an Educationist on the auspicious day of the 10th World Book and Copyright Day amidst a function in Kathmandu. On the programme the speakers emphasized to provide reading facilities for the blinds and even for those who are fully illiterate. April 23 has been observed as world book and Copyright Day every year .

....great books are weighed and measured by their style and matter and not by the trimmings and shadings of their grammar.
- Mark Twain, a Biography