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Two Days "National Seminar on Enriching Communities: The Role of Emerging Technologies & Techniques in Libraries Towards Societal Advancement & Upliftment"

10th–11th September, 2024

Organizers:
Department of Library and Information Science
University of Kashmir
&
Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF)
Ministry of Culture
Government of India

Venue: Media Block,
Department of Library and Information Science,
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Introduction

For generations, libraries have been acknowledged as custodians of knowledge, yet their significance transcends mere repositories. They stand as vibrant centers of learning, innovation, and community involvement. But over time they have become vibrant and essential establishments to cater the needs of different sections of the society. The new forms and dimensions of information evolving in the libraries make them something special. From the research scholars to the local people, they vibrantly help the societal sections to evolve towards betterment. Be it academic libraries or public libraries, they are the information hubs that in the real sense make people sensible and help in making the world a better place to live in. So, the two-day seminar on the theme will be of extreme importance as it will help gather stakeholders to deliberate on the impact of libraries on societal betterment. This seminar will seek to underscore the significance of investing in and bolstering these essential establishments. The seminar will span over two days and will give ample time for in-depth discussions and networking opportunities. Through collective effort, we can leverage the profound influence of libraries to foster a society that is fairer, knowledge-based, and better equipped to overcome the evolving challenges. Through the papers presented at the seminar, the attendees will acquire a deeper understanding of the crucial role libraries perform in promoting societal welfare, motivating them to seek innovative approaches to improve their library offerings. Moreover, the seminar will facilitate the exchange of insights and concepts, nurturing a climate of creativity and cooperation among library professionals.

Importance of the Seminar

The seminar is designed to incorporate keynote addresses, panel deliberations, interactive paper presentations, and poster displays. Attendees will be given a chance to share their experiences, engage in idea exchange, and glean knowledge from field experts.

Objectives of the Seminar

- Spotlighting the array of technologies and techniques available in contemporary libraries.
- Delving into the influence of libraries on societal advancement through education, literacy, and lifelong learning.
- Exploring the methods through which libraries cultivate inclusivity, equity, and cultural enhancement.
- To evaluate novel approaches and strategies in libraries for their outreach efforts.
- Cultivating cooperation and connections among library practitioners and key stakeholders.

Target Audience

The Seminar is designed for librarians, library professionals, Library Science faculty, educators, policymakers, researchers, students, and anyone interested in the transformative potential of libraries.

Paper Themes and Sub-Themes

The seminar welcomes papers that address the theme in terms of its various dimensions. They include:

- Adapting Libraries in the Digital Era: Evolution and Challenges
- Empowering Literacy and Lifelong Learning: Strategies within Library Programs
- Fostering Inclusivity: Libraries as Haven for All Communities
- Harnessing Technology for Enriched Library Services
- Building Stronger Library Networks: The Power of Partnerships and Collaborations
- Tackling Societal Issues through Library-Led Initiatives
- Reaching the Unheard: Effective Outreach Methods for Marginalized Communities
- Assessing Effectiveness: Evaluating and Enhancing Library Services' Impact
- Libraries Empowering the Weaker Sections of the Society
- Role of Information Resources in Building the Stronger Communities

- Libraries: Dialogue for Change and Betterment
- Libraries, Citizens, Societies: A Meeting Point for Knowledge
- Libraries of the Future: Endless Opportunities
- Open Access to Knowledge – Advancing Sustainable Development
- Libraries Shape the Future: Preserving Cultural Heritage
- Media, Information & Cultural Heritage
- Libraries: Instruments for Learning and Growth
- Information for Cooperation: Shaping the Global Library of the Future
- Libraries as Hubs for Global Information Access
- Role of National Centers in National Library Advancement and International Library Collaboration
- Global Accessibility of Publications & Information
- Open Access to Information & Global Change
- Types of Libraries and their Changing Roles
- Social Media Inclusion and Changing Face of Libraries
- Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through Libraries
- Libraries through the Lens of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020
- Human Resource Management in Libraries
- Financial Management in Libraries
- Use of Open-Source Technologies in Libraries
- Use of Artificial Intelligence in Libraries and Research
- Use of Electronic Resources and Role of Libraries
- Rekindling Interest in Multicultural Literature
- Leadership Narratives of Libraries
- Libraries as Hubs for Career Placement and Development
- Disaster Management Strategies in Libraries
- Library Education & Research
- Best Practices in Libraries and their Impact in Creating Knowledge Societies
- Information Retrieval & Libraries
- Changing Trends in Scholarly Communication
- Libraries Creating Virtual Communities
- Libraries During Pandemic
- Access to Information: Technology Trends and Challenges
- Funding Strategies for Libraries

Abstract Submission Guidelines

The participants need to submit an abstract for final acceptance by the peer reviewers.
The abstract should contain the following details.

- Abstract
- Names of presenter(s)
- Academic Position of presenter(s)
- Employer or affiliated institution
- Contact No
- E-mail address
- Short biographical statement of the author

Important Dates

Abstract Submission:
   3rd August to 5th September, 2024
Abstract Acceptance Notification:
   From 10th August, 2024
Final Paper Submission:
   Up to 5th September, 2024
Registration:
   3rd August to 5th September 2024

Paper Submission Instructions

o Paper should be submitted in MS Word (2000) format and limited up to 8000 words. Papers submitted in other formats will not be entertained.

o Use A4 size paper (210 mm by 297 mm) with a 1-inch margin each from the Top, Bottom, Left, and Right sides.

o Provide Title in Calibri font, bold, 14 points. Author(s) name(s), affiliation(s), and email IDs should be in Calibri font, 10 points, and should immediately proceed with the Title.

o Use Calibri font, 12 points, for the main text in a single column.

o Pictures should be sent in Jpeg format.

o For citation and references, APA style (7th Edition) should be rigorously followed.

o Paper compliant with the above instructions should be forwarded to the *Conference Director, Professor Sumeer Gul* at sumeersuheel@gmail.com or dlis@kashmiruniversity.ac.in by or before the due date. Please feel free to contact at: 8803050076

Registration (Please register at the following link): https://forms.gle/GRVyo3emUboCJQ8N6

The registration fee will cover the conference kit, working tea, and lunch. Additional charges for boarding and lodging will be based on a first-come-first-serve basis. Interested persons may contact the conference coordinator(s) in advance for accommodation.

For Participants / Delegates/Part-Time Research Scholars: Rs. 1500.00
For Students and Research Scholars: Rs. 1000.00

Note: An additional amount of Rs. 500/= will be charged to those participants who register after 5th September 2024.

Note: The participants can pay their registration fee to:
Account Name:
Department of Library Science, University of Kashmir, Srinagar
Account Number: 0007040100003490
IFSC Code: JAKA0NASEEM
Bank Name and Branch: J&K Bank, Hazratbal, Srinagar

Note: *Registration can also be made via cash in the Department of Library and Information Science.*

- At least one of the paper's authors must be present to deliver a summary of the paper.
- A maximum of 15 minutes will be allowed for the presentation of each paper.
- It is strongly recommended that the presentation is supported by a PowerPoint.

Accommodation:

Reservation of rooms at the University Guest House/nearby hotel may be made available to participants after registration only. The shared (double) accommodation charges are Rs. 1250/= per night (non-refundable) at the University Guest House. Blankets, sheets and towels are provided during your stay. There is no provision for more than two persons in a room. For accommodation contact the Conference Coordinator, Dr. Nadim Akhtar Khan (9796715909/7006109282).

REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name (in block letters) Prof./Dr./Mr./Ms.

2. Designation

3. Affiliation

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5. Contact

   Cell No.   Telephone No.

   Email

6. Whether presenting paper   Yes ☐   No ☐

If yes, title of the Paper:

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7. Accommodation required   Yes ☐   No ☐

8. Mode of Payment   Cash ☐   Cheque/DD ☐   Online ☐

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