



# KCLA Newsletter

## BE THE LINK PINS BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIETY

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Libraries are the nucleus of every educational institution. It opens the doors to the world of books that lie beyond the borders of one's own field of specialization. But in this technology driven era, the internet has replaced books and online learning programs have taken over the traditional classroom environment as well library setups. It has been proven time and again that online books, journals and databases take students to a far wider world of knowledge and intellectual development. It is indeed heartening to know that the universities in Kerala also are moving in this direction by setting up shareable online resources for everyone who are interested to pursue through the world of knowledge. Needless to reiterate at this point of time that the state government is providing all necessary support to the universities and colleges to augment their libraries and learning



resources. The University of Calicut has recently set up an impressive system KALNET (Kerala Academic Library Network) which offers a single point access to the entire library resources of Universities in the State. This is designed to offer a single unified catalogue to search for resources across the collections of different academic libraries in Kerala.

We also aware of the role of public libraries outside campuses which act as a centre of public gathering, catalyst of sustaining literacy and a place for cultural development of an area. Beyond that they should also act as extensions to institutional libraries and should provide necessary support mechanisms to people coming out of the campuses and starting their community living in an open world. Keeping in view of this the government has initiated several steps to strengthen small and medium public libraries across the State. In the past five years Kerala State Library Council has given affiliation to 877 new libraries. *Balavedi* has been started in 2000 libraries and *Vanithavedi* in 500 libraries. In addition to that taluk libraries and tribal libraries were established and an increase of 60 per cent in the book grant for libraries and over 140 per cent in the monthly allowance of librarians was also allowed. This process will continue in the coming years to achieve the aforesaid objective.

I am of the opinion that the college librarians have to play a vital role in societal development by acting as link pins between the institutional library and public libraries outside the campuses. Their expertise and insight could act as stimulants fulfilling the aim of public libraries.

I request the librarians of the affiliated colleges in the state to dedicate their service for the academic development so as to cope up with the challenging transformation in the field of library and information science.

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### Message

Greetings from the Kerala State Higher Education Council

The College Librarians Association (KCLA) with five decades of professional excellence has stated its publication namely KCLA Newsletter with the first edition appearing in January 2021. the association has been in the forefront of imparting professional competence to librarians in Universities and colleges. The activities of the association among other things include organization of conferences, workshops and training programmes for librarians in Kerala and other states of India.

Modern libraries are not museums of old collections of books. It is a live space for intellectual and imaginative transactions of peoples of all age and erudition. Libraries are the workshop and laboratory of teachers, students and research scholars of all streams of knowledge.

The development Of Information Communication Technology (ICT) has revolutionized the scope and functions of library activities. The Kerala State Higher Education Council is also active in its efforts to modernize the higher education and the library system. The Kerala Academic Library Network (KALNET) is the new initiative of the Kerala State Higher Education Council, under which all the university libraries will be networked into single search interface. It covers 11 Universities, 147 Libraries, 15 Lakh titles digitally connecting the State Universities in Kerala. This is a unique search interface. The only other one is DELNET. The Kerala State Higher Education Council is also preparing to launch the E-journal consortium of online journals and the benefit will be made available to the universities and for affiliated Higher Education Institutions in the state. The council aims to develop academic partnership with KCLA and wish a bright academic future for all the member and their activities related to dissemination of knowledge resources.

Best Wishes.

Warmly,

Dr. Rajan Varughese

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## Editorial

The College Librarians' Association, Kerala (KCLA) is a professional association working among the college librarians for their academic and professional developments in Kerala since 1969. The association has organized and initiated many academic programs such as conferences, workshops and training programs for library professionals in Kerala and other states of the country. It assists and guides its members in technical and service matters related to their profession. The publication of a Newsletter by the association is a milestone in its history to record the growth and development of the library profession in the state.

This issue of *KCLA Newsletter* publishes an article on crowd sourcing in library and information centers and services. The reports of webinars conducted by KCLA state and regional committees and its member libraries during the last six month, and details of innovative programs implemented by libraries are highlighted. Members' publications, presentations, invited talks and services as resources persons in various programs are also included. The Newsletter will be published half-yearly in January and July of every year.

The editorial board is happy to publish news and articles related to library and information science in forthcoming issues also. We invite entries from the member libraries related to professional activities, short research papers, technology news, reports of programs conducted, achievement of members, details of research, and publications.

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Dear Library Professionals and friends,

KCLA is straining at the leash to charge forward with renewed energy. Human knowledge and mankind's endeavors have always sought to scale greater heights and to conquer higher peaks. There is hardly an objective that cannot be achieved through cooperation and unified effort. In this context we remind ourselves that as librarians we are engaged in the praiseworthy and privileged task of guiding by the hand individuals, and through them the wider society itself, through the labyrinth of that vast amount of knowledge acquired and accumulated through the eons and which keeps expanding by the second, all with the purpose of building a sustainable and lasting platform for creation's progress and advancement of human life.

The habit of reading and the healthy and joyful experience of it ennobles, strengthens and broadens man's mental and spiritual horizons. That being so it hardly needs mentioning that we need to be aware and get a better grasp of the nobility of our profession. Coupled with this awareness we also realize that in order to carry out and fulfil the task and duties that are ours in the new digital world we need to have the relevant knowledge and the willingness to commit ourselves to it with conscientiousness. To this task we dedicate ourselves. May it be possible for each of us to acquire and imbibe such knowledge and skills as well as to deploy the acquired abilities with dedication and dutifulness. The event of publishing the very first issue of KCLA's biennial mouthpiece is a matter of great joy and pride. It is a bridge across distances that separate us; it brings us on a common understanding, sharing and for mutual encouragement. Finally, I pray that the world will be able to conquer and outlive the present Covid crisis, learning the lessons that it teaches us for the benefit of the planet and humanity. May humanity march forward and the earth be renewed!

**Sr. Jolly Varghese U,**  
*President, KCLA*

## General Secretary's Note

### College Librarians' Association Kerala (KCLA)

The College Librarians association began its journey of togetherness from 1969 onwards to inculcate the unity and spirit of librarianship among the librarians of Aided Colleges in Kerala. A librarian, being a sole character at their workplaces, the need and necessity of oneness was quite obvious. The birth and calibration took its own time to develop and at the outset of the dawn of 2021, the association became an unchallenging group of likeminded people destined to care all types of library professionals.



Development of the profession requires constant effort in the right direction and continuous update of skills and behaving in tune with the information needs of the society. KCLA organizing innumerable programmes to develop the performance of library professionals in addition to its strategic involvement in influencing policy makers so that the profession altogether blossoms...!

Shift of consciousness from mere book stores to information and knowledge hub was not accidental. Deliberative efforts from the promising librarians across the globe made it happened so that people find it convenient to retrieve critical information at right time to satisfy their needs. We are proud to say that the contribution of the library and information professionals in uplifting and maintaining the quality of research and development in the entire universe of subjects is reasonably high.

In the era of rapid changes in communication and information technology and its deep interpenetration to alter the existing mechanisms, it's the duty of every human being to learn, unlearn and relearn and in this learning process, we the librarians are designed to serve you in an unparalleled way across all walks of life to manifest the greatness in human beings....

**Manoj Kumar P.**  
*General Secretary, KCLA*



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### National Conference on 'Technology Integration in Education Research and Libraries'

College Librarians' Association, Kerala, in collaboration with St. Joseph's College for Women, Alappuzha and Kerala State Higher Education Council organized a **National Web Conference** on 'Technology Integration in Education Research and Libraries' from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020 on Cisco Webex platform. There were four technical sessions on the main theme of the conference. In the first session on 'Technology integration in education, research and libraries' the theme paper was presented by Dr. Ramesh C. Gaur, Dean and Director LIS, Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, New Delhi on 25<sup>th</sup> August. The second session was on 'Technology Applications in Libraries' where topic was presented by Prof. Sadik Batcha, Professor and Librarian i/c, Annamalai University on 26<sup>th</sup> August. In the third session on 'Scholarly Writing & Publishing: New Methods and Trends', Dr. B T Sampat Kumar, Professor in the Department of PG Studies and Research in Library and Information Science, Tumkur University, presented theme paper on 27<sup>th</sup> August and in the fourth session on 'Digital Skills for Librarianship', Sri. D. P. Thiripathi, Assistant Librarian, NIT, Rourkela was the keynote speaker on 28<sup>th</sup> August.

250 participants registered and participated in the conference from all over India. Eight papers were presented during the conference. Dr. Surendran Cherukodan, Assistant Librarian, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Dr. A Gopikuttan, HOD (Rtd), Dept. of Library and Information Science, Kerala University, Thiruvananthapuram, Mr. Cherian George, Librarian of U C College, Aluva, Dr. K.P Suresh Kumar, Assistant Librarian and Research Guide, Kerala University, Thiruvananthapuram chaired different technical sessions.

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**- Jhumpa Lahiri**  
*The Namesake*

## CROWDSOURCING IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRES

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Though 'Crowd sourcing' is an old term, its application in the field of Library and Information Science is comparatively new. It does not yet, have a generally agreed definition.

Crowd sourcing uses social engagement techniques, to help a group of people to achieve a shared, usually significant large goal, by working collaboratively. It usually entails a greater level of effort, time and intellectual input from an individual than just socially engaging. For example, correcting the text of a newspaper article, or transcribing a complete shipping record involves more input than quickly adding a tag to a photograph, or rating a book on a scale of 1-5. Crowd sourcing relies heavily on sustained input from a group of people working towards a common goal (Holley, 2010).

### Application in the field of libraries

Many notable examples are available for successful use of crowd sourcing in various fields of information:

1. Australian Newspapers Digitisation Program, National Library of Australia: Text Correction. The service was released to users in August 2008 and in November 2009, containing 8.4 million articles to search and correct. The public are enhancing the data by correcting text and adding tags and comments.
2. Picture Australia, National Library of Australia: Creation and addition of images. Picture Australia harvests digital images from over 50 cultural heritage institutions both in Australia and overseas. Since January 2006 the public have been encouraged to add their own digital images to Picture Australia via a relationship set up with Flickr. Any of the contributing institutions can then request permission from the public contributors to upload the contributed pictures into their own collections, while the same pictures will remain visible in the central Picture Australia pool.
3. Distributed Proofreaders (DP), Project Gutenberg: Creation of eBooks. DP, a non-profit organisation, makes public domain books and journal issues into freely available eBooks. DP was formed in 2000. Volunteers find, scan, OCR and mark up the books themselves, page by page.
4. Wikipedia: Creation of digital encyclopaedia; improving personal names authority file at the German National Library; Wikisource. There are several projects at the Wikimedia Foundation. The most well know is the free online encyclopaedia created by the public, Wikipedia.

### Benefits to Libraries

Crowd sourcing could bring great benefits to libraries:

1. Achieving goals: the library would never have the time, financial or staff resource to achieve on its own.
2. Achieving goals in a much faster time frame than what the library might be able to achieve, if it worked on its own.
3. Building new virtual communities and user groups.
4. Actively involving and engaging the community with the library and its other users and collections.
5. Utilising the knowledge, expertise and interest of the community.
6. Improving the quality of data/resource (e.g. by text, or catalogue corrections), resulting in more accurate searching.

7. Value addition to the data (e.g. by addition of comments, tags, ratings, reviews).
8. Gaining first-hand information on user desires and the answers to difficult questions by asking and then listening to the crowd.
9. Demonstrating the value and relevance of the library in the community by the high level of public involvement.
10. Strengthening and building trust and loyalty of the users to the library. Users do not feel, taken advantage of because libraries are non-profit organisations.
11. Encouraging a sense of public ownership and responsibility towards cultural heritage collections, through user's contributions and collaborations.

### Volunteers : the back bone of crowd sourcing

The success of crowd sourcing depends on the number of active volunteers who support the project. Wikipedia, Distributed Proofreaders, Australian Newspapers and FamilySearchIndexing all released their services 'quietly' with little or no advertising, but with clear group goals. All had fewer than 4000 volunteers in their first year. These figures rose dramatically in subsequent years as the communities passed the word on and viral marketing (i.e. hearing of the project by blogs, forums, e-mail) took place.

### Conclusion

The factors that motivate digital volunteers are not quite different from that, which motivates anyone with the intentions like a) Affection to a particular field b) Eager to learn new things c) Social commitment d) Wish to support to achieve a goal etc.. People spend hours on a particular task because of various motivational factors. Crowd sourcing in libraries is nothing but channelizing this type of motivational factors for achievement of various goals related to the library with the help of Internet technology.

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## KERALA ACADEMIC LIBRARY NETWORK (KALNET) : A SHARED PLATFORM FOR ACADEMIC RESOURCES OF LIBRARIES IN KERALA

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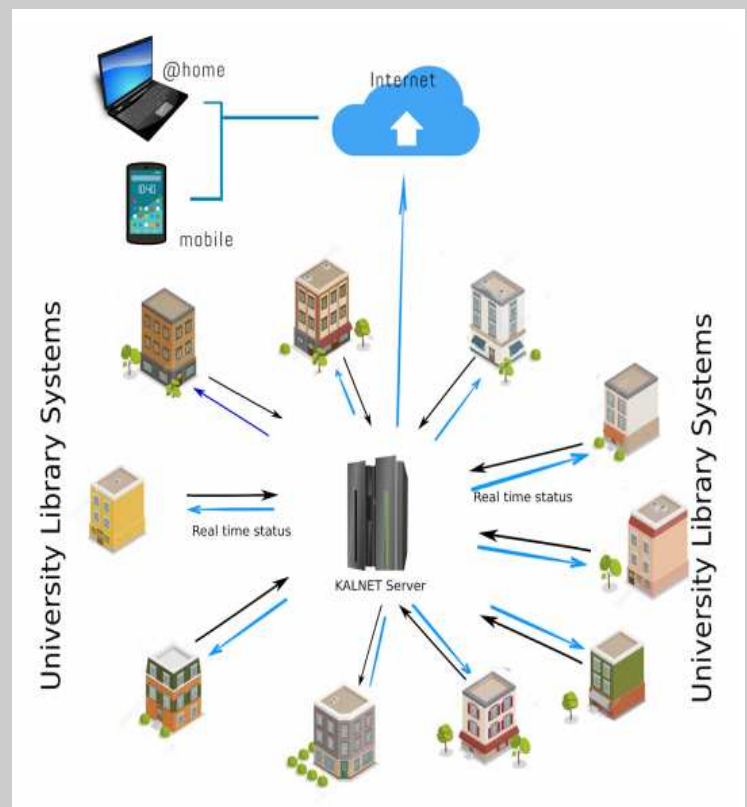


Universities in Kerala have developed a rich collection of library resources over the past several decades. These resources are spread across various academic libraries in Kerala. It would be difficult for a user to visit the library catalogues of different universities separately to locate this information for research purposes. Higher education council has come up with a solution to make this task easier by implementing a discovery service to enable single point access to the entire library resources of universities in Kerala called KALNET (Kerala Academic Library Network). Based on the VuFind open source software, a team of library staff from Calicut University has implemented this new generation search interface. Library data from various university libraries are combined to form a single interface which is not only fast but has many advanced features.

### Important features

- A single, unified catalog to search for items across the collections of different academic libraries in Kerala.
- Quick searching based on Title, Subject, Author, etc.
- Better integration of the Library's traditional print materials, electronic and digital collections.
- In addition to books, other library resources such as journals/periodicals, PhD theses, Postgraduate dissertations, Daisy Digital talking books (audio books) and various reports are also indexed.

- Advanced searching with Boolean operators and limits for more precise results, as well as a "Narrow Search" feature to limit, sort and refine search results.
- A Virtual Browse feature for print books to see what's related to the book by subject area.
- When viewing a record, the user will be offered suggestions of resources that are similar to the current resource.



Unlike traditional library catalogue, the open source based search interface offers various features like spelling suggestions, auto completion of queries. The main advantage of this search facility is the easiness of a single interface to search resources spread across 147 libraries in universities in Kerala. Recommendation of related topics and similar search helps users locate apt contents. Vufind software is capable of integrating various resources and the higher education council of Kerala plans to provide live status of the availability of the library materials in the second phase.

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## 'Sahitya Charcha'

St. Michael's College library, Cherthala organized a program under the title '*Sahitya Charcha*' on the topic 'Ariku Jeevithangal'. Eminent scholars and writers from coastal area like Sri. Sebastian Pallithodu, Sri. Kaalam Balachandran, Rev. Fr. Nelson Thaiparambil, Sri. K.J. Jerly participated.

## Outreach Programme



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St. Michael's College Library, Cherthala organized Outreach Programme in Tagore Library & Reading Room, Karuvelipady, Mattancherry. During the Onam vacation, videos of narration on popular books were created and circulated among the 350 members of the library. The videos were released at 8.00 pm every day. This was useful in creating interest in reading books and inculcates reading habits among younger users of the library. some of the books narrated for the library members were: 1. Toto Chan, 2. Malgudi Days, 3. *Unnikuttante Lokam*, 4. *Balyakaala smaranakal*, 5. Tom Swayer, 6. Alchemist, 7. Oliver Twist.

The library also conducted another program entitled '*Vayichal Valarum, Illenkil Valayum*' for the mothers of Anganavadi students at Cherthala South Panchayath. The program was to extend the importance of reading habit in the society.

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CAN HAPPEN  
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A GOOD BOOK**

-J.K. Rowling

## Technical Consultancy

Dr. Anat Suman Jose, St.Peter's College, Kolenchery has been appointed as technical consultant of St. Thomas College of Arts and Science, Puthencruz for the year 2020.

Dr. Mohamed Musthafa. K, TKM College of Arts and Science, Kollam has served as technical consultant of Navodhavam Granthasala, Neeravil, Kollam for the year 2020-2021.

## 'Keralappiravi Dinam' celebrated

The Library Readers Club of NSS College Library, Nilamel, Kollam celebrated "Keralappiravi Dinam" on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2020. Students from different departments participated in various competitions like elocution, Kerala songs, painting and quiz. Mr. Radhakrishna Pillai, college librarian coordinated the programs and principal congratulated the winners.

## Skill Development Program

KCLA Kerala university region planned to conduct a series of webinars under Skill Development Program intended to improve the overall skill set of librarians. The first webinar in the series was on 'Inhibitions and imperfections in the usage of English language', held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020. Dr. Patricia Robin, Librarian of St. Michael's College, Cherthala was the resource person.

## WEBINAR ON LIBRARIANSHIP DURING PANDEMIC

The Webinar on "Librarianship during Pandemic" organized by the Academic committee of College Librarians Association, Kerala (KCLA) in association with Farook College, Kozhikode was held on 19.11.2020 in connection with National Library week celebrations 2020.



Around 120 professionals, including 12 participants from other states of the country participated. The webinar started with the welcome speech by Dr. Manzoor babu, College librarian Farook College, Kozhikode and President, KCLA Calicut region. In his speech he emphasized the need and significance of the program and welcomed the participants and guests. The program was presided over by Dr. Mohamed Musthafa K, Convener, KCLA academic committee and Librarian, TKM College of Arts and Science, Kollam. Dr. Musthafa explained the activities that are being planned for strengthening the librarianship under KCLA.

Dr. Shibu KM, Assistant Librarian, Pondicherry University was the resource person of the program. He elaborately explained the opportunities before the librarians during the pandemic situations. He narrated various electronic information resources and reminded that the librarians should be well equipped to meet these challenges by acquiring up to date knowledge about new trends and technologies. His presentation was followed by a discussion by the participants and the chief guest cleared all the doubts and concerns raised by the participants.

The Concluding remarks were made by Mr. Shareef K, Librarian, Rouzathul Uloom Arabic college, Kozhikode. He proposed vote of thanks to the participants and those who took effort for the success of the webinar.

## National Reading Day Celebrations

Sree Narayana College, Chempazhanthy celebrated National Reading Day with various programs for students. The celebrations was inaugurated by the college principal, Dr. Jitha S. R. Reading competition, character sketch competition and poster making on the theme 'growth through reading' were conducted. The programs were conducted online using various social media platforms.

The library, conducted an online quiz competition on 'National literary awards' as part of National library week, on November 19, 2020.

## Library Induction Program



The Sullamussalam Arabic College library, Areacode, organized an online library induction program for the first year graduate students. Prof. NV Muhamed Zakariya, Former Principal delivered inaugural address and Mr. Abdul Kadher O, College librarian delivered introductory remarks.

The program focused on online education, reading habits, Open Education Resources, N-LIST, other databases and an introduction to the college library system. The program was attended by more than hundred students and faculty members. Prof. A P Arif Sainudheen, Dr. Abdulla Najeeb, Haris Ibn Saleem, Dr. CK Abdul Wahab, Prof. VP Abdul Raheem were present.

## Library Internship

NSS College Library, Nilamel, Kollam offers internship for library science students. The library provides proper training and guidance for freshersthose who completed their courses from various schools of library science.

TKM College of Arts and Science library, Kollam offers one month internship and six months training programs for students of Certificate course, graduates and post graduates in library and information science.

The Christian College library, Kattakada offers ten days internship programme for CLISc students from in January, 2021.

Major areas of training in these libraries are book processing, circulation, classification, serial control, automated library management, KOHA library software, barcoding and bibliography. During the year 2020, fifteen CLISc students successfully completed training at NSS College Nilamel and six students at TKM College, Kollam.

## Achievement

### Ph.D Awarded

Dr. Anat Suman Jose, UGC Librarian, St.Peter's College, Kolenchery was awarded Ph.D degree in Library and information science by MG University, Kottayam. Topic of her research was 'Awareness and Use of Digital Resources & Services among users in Public Libraries of Kerala'. Dr. Jose conducted research under the supervision of Dr. G. Devarajan, Former Professor and Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala.



Dr. Suguna L.S., UGC Librarian, Christian College, Kattakada was awarded with Ph.D. degree from University of Kerala. She did her research under the supervision of Dr. Mini Devi, Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala on 'Research contributions of universities of Kerala in the field of humanities.'



Dr. Patricia Robin, Librarian, St. Michael's College, Cherthala, awarded Ph.D in Library and Information Science by Bharathiar University. She has successfully conducted research on 'A Critical Analysis of the Free Websites on the World-Wide web Supporting English Literature Students' under the supervision of Dr. Joshy George P, St. Albert's College, Ernakulam.



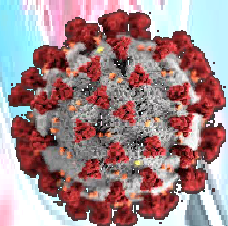
## Certificate Course in Yoga & Meditation



The Christian College library, Kattakada offered three months Certificate Course in Yoga & Meditation during 14 Sep 2020 to 15 Dec 2020 for teachers and students. The course was approved by DCE, University of Kerala.

## COVID-19 Awareness Quiz

St. Mary's College Library conducted an online Quiz as a COVID Awareness programme in August, 2020. There were 529 participants from all over India and all the participants were awarded certificates with their score.



## Webinar on Online Tools for Smart Research

The College Librarians' Association, Kerala (KCLA), MG University Region in association with the Library and IQAC of Union Christian College, Aluva organized a Webinar on 'Online Tools for Smart Research' on November 20, 2020. The program exposed to the participants, a range of online tools which are very popular among international research community. Mr. Nikesh Narayanan, Assistant Professor and IT Librarian of Zayed University, Dubai, a library systems expert and specialist in web-scale discovery solutions and remote access tools, was the resource person. The feedback from participants revealed that although they have been using various tools for their research management, the special tools demonstrated in this webinar were new to them and they are eager to use them for their works. Altogether 96 participants, consisting of research scholars, faculty members, librarians and students attended the session.



The webinar was inaugurated by Rev. Thomas John, the manager of the Union Christian College in the function which was presided over by Dr. Manju M. George, IQAC Coordinator. Mr. Cherian K. George, Librarian, U. C. College welcomed the participants, and Ms Anat Suman Jose, Regional President, MG University Region, KCLA and UGC Librarian of St. Peter's College, Kolenchery delivered vote of thanks.

## Webinar on Significance of Libraries in NAAC Accreditation Process

The Webinar on 'Significance of Libraries in NAAC accreditation' was jointly organized by College Librarians Association, Kerala (KCLA) Mahatma Gandhi and Calicut Universities region on 21.12.2020. More than 250 professionals from all over India registered for the program. The webinar was inaugurated by Dr. T.A Abdul Azeez, Librarian, University of Calicut. In his inaugural address, he narrated the role of Librarians in the process of accreditation of college and universities. Dr. S. V Sudheer, Pro Vice Chancellor, Sree Narayana Guru Open University and NAAC peer team Member was the chief guest of the program. He elaborately explained the NAAC accreditation process and the aspects on which librarians should concentrate for better grading. He also explained some tips and tricks for better representation of the libraries before the NAAC peer team. Presentation was followed by an active discussion by the participants and the chief guest cleared all the doubts and concerns raised by the participants. The problems faced by the college librarians due to the lack of academic status in Kerala were raised by the participants and the expert ensured to discuss the same in the concerned NAAC meetings.



Dr. Anat Suman Jose, President, KCLA, MG University region welcomed the participants. Sr. Jolly Varghese, President of KCLA presided over the program and Dr. Manzoor Babu. V, President, KCLA Calicut region delivered Concluding remarks.

## Seminars / Webinars

Webinar on 'Concept and design of HVAC Systems' was organised by NSSCE PTIB and Central Library, NSS Engineering College, Palakkad on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2020. The classes were handled by deltaT MEP Technical Academy, Bengaluru.

Online seminar on 'Logophilia: Let's talk books' was organised by Vimala College library club on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 to enhance the students' reading habit by making reading entertaining. The former library club secretaries, Maya Davi Chaliserry and Meera Davi Chaliserry shared their reading experiences and love for books.

Webinar on 'Career choices & planning during recession' was organised by Central Library, NSS Engineering College, Palakkad & PTIB NSSCE on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. The classes were handled by Mr. Diyu Jose, Director, Time, Thrissur.

Webinar on 'Digital Library to support E-learning' was organised by the Central Library, Research & Publication Committee of IQAC and PTA of Sree Narayana College Nattika in collaboration with Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Dr A. T. Francis, University Librarian, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur has been the resource person for the programme.

National Webinar on 'how to succeed in your life' was organised by Anvarul Islam Women's Arabic College Library on 22 September, 2020 at 2 pm. Dr.K.C. Abdul Majeed Farook college delivered keynote address.

Webinar on 'NLIST - INFLIBNET and Open Educational Resources organized by IQAC and General Library of Sree Narayana College, Kannur on 27th November 2020 Mr Shihab. I, University of Kerala was the resource person.

Webinar on 'Intellectual Property Rights: Concepts and Implications' was organised by Sree Narayana College library, Chempazhanthy on 21 November, 2020. The program was conducted as part of the *R Shankar Memorial Spectrum Seminar Series*. Dr. A. Gopikuttan, former Director of the School of Communication and Information Science inaugurated the webinar.

Webinar on 'Quantitative Analysis of Research Productivity- Role of Journal Indexing and Scientometrics' was organised by Sree Narayana College library, Sivagiri in association with IQAC on 21 November, 2020. Dr. Madhu S. Nair, Associate Professor, Dept. of Computer Science, CUSAT was the resource person.

Webinar on 'NLIST: Facilitating E-Resources in Education' was organized by IQAC of Peet Memorial Training College, Mavelikara, in association with Teacher Education College Librarian's Forum on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2020. Mr. Ashraf P., College Librarian, Keyi Sahib Training College, Taliparamba, Kannur was the resource person.

Webinar on 'Tools for Recording and Editing Videos for online Teaching: Tools for Screen Recording' was organized by U C College Library, Aluva on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2020. Dr K S Sajan, Assistant Professor, NSS Training College, Ottappalam was the resource person.

Webinar on 'Onakalathe Vayanakal' was organized by St Mary's College Library, Manarcadu on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. Prof Suja Susan George, Director, Malayalam Mission was the Resource Person.

Webinar on 'Trends in Academic Plagiarism' was organized by K E College Library, Mannanam on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2020. Mr.Jasimudeen S, Librarian, St Stephens College Uzhavoor, was the Resource Person.

Webinar on 'Kovidanantharavayanakal' was organized by K E College Library, Mannanam on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2020. Prof Thomas Kuruvila, HOD, Dept. of Malayalam, Baselius College, Kottayam was the resource person.

Webinar on 'N-List and National Digital Library of India (NDL)' was organised by Sree Narayana College library, Sivagiri on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2020. Mr. Shihab I., Librarian, Dept. of Islamic Studies, Kerala University, was the resource person.

Webinar on 'Academic publishing in the Digital Environment' was organized by Golden Jubilee Memorial Library and Library Club in collaboration with Teresian Research and Consultancy Cell on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2020. Mr.Vimal Kumar V, Technical Assistant, M G University, Kottayam was the resource person.

Webinar on 'Re-Reading' was organized by St Dominics College Library, Kanjirapally on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Dr Muse Mary George, Professor, U.C College, Aluva was the resource person.

Webinar on 'Door to the new world' was organized by St Dominics College Library, Kanjirapally on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2020. Dr K K Shivadas, Head, Department of Malayalam, University of Kannur was the resource person.

## Seminars / Webinars

Webinar on 'Research publishing and plagiarism' was organized by Pavanatma College Library, Murikassery, Idukki on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2020. Dr A T Francis, University Librarian, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur was the resource person.

Webinar on 'An exordium to UGC care list journals' was organized by Pavanatma College Library, Murikkassery, Idukki on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2020. Mr.Sanjo, Librarian, St Thomas College, Thrissur, was the resource person.

Webinar on 'Changing Trends in Reading' was organized by Pavanatma College Library, Murikassery, Idukki on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2020. Smt. P K Sobhana, State Central Librarian was the resource person.

Webinar on 'N-List and open Access Academic E-Resources' was organized by Pavanatma College, College Library, Murikassery, Idukki on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2020. The classes were led by Mr. Shihab. I, Librarian, Dept. of Islamic Studies, University of Kerala.

National webinar on 'E-Resources for Teaching, Learning and Research' was organized by St.Albert's College, Ernakulam on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2020. Dr A T Francis, University Librarian, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur was the resource person.

Webinar on 'Digital Marketing and online course creation techniques' was organized by St.Xavier's College Library, Vaikom, on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2020. Mr Jesley A L, Google Certified Digital Marketing Expert was the resource person.

Webinar on 'E-resources and scholarly Communication' was organized by St.Joseph's Training College Library, Mannanam on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2020. Dr. Vimal Kumar V, Technical Assistant, M. G. University, Kottayam was the resource person.

Webinar on 'Online resources for higher education and research' was organized by Baselius College Library, Kottayam on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2020. Dr Surendran Cherukodan, Asst. Librarian, SOE Library, CUSAT, Kochi was the resource person.

National Webinar on 'Open Education Resources in Online Teaching: addressing IPR & Copyright Issues' was organized by St. Michael's College library, Cherthala, Dr. Jayakrishnan M. Warriem (Senior Scientist, NPTEL, IIT Madras was the Resource person.

## Paper presentation

Pradeep Kumar P, UGC Librarian of NSS College of Engineering, Palakkad participated and presented a paper entitled 'Collection Development in Libraries: Issues and Challenges' in the KCLACON 2020 web conference organized by St. Josephs College for Women, Alapuzha and College Librarians Association, Kerala (KCLA) from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.

Stephy K Sunny, UGC Librarian of Sacred Heart College, Chalakudy participated and presented a paper entitled 'Digital storytelling: an innovative library service of the digital era' in the SALIS International virtual conference on challenges and opportunities to libraries and LIS Professionals in the changing global scenario from 28-30 December, 2020

Shirley David, Librarian, St. Mary's College, Manarcaud presented a paper entitled 'Reshaping Library services for New- Gen Users' in the KCLACON 2020 web conference jointly organized by St. Josephs College for Women, Alapuzha and College Librarians Association, Kerala (KCLA) from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.

## Faculty Development Program

Sr Jisna Jose, UGC Librarian of Vimala College, Thrissur attended the One week National Faculty Development Program on 'Skills for next generation teachers' jointly organized by Guru Angad Dev Teaching Learning Center, SGTB Khalsa College, University of Delhi, Jean Monnet Module, Center for European Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and Vimala College, Thrissur under Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNTT) of Ministry of Education from 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

Raheeb Thottathil, UGC Librarian, Madeenathul Uloom Arabic College, Pulikkal Participated in a 8 day Online Faculty Development Program (FDP) conducted by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Farook College, Calicut in association with UGC, New Delhi from July 18 to July 24, 2020.

## Promotion

Mr. Raheeb Thottathil, Librarian, Madeenathul Uloom Arabic College, Pulikkal has been promoted as UGC Librarian in October, 2020. He joined in service as Librarian Grade IV in February, 2006. He has completed Masters in Library Science and English Literature from Annamalai University, Chidambaram in 2002 and 2009 respectively. Currently he is pursuing Ph.D in Library and Information Science from Bharathiar University.



## 'Everything you need to know about Diabetes Prevention'

As part of observing World Diabetes day, a webinar on 'Everything you need to know about Diabetes Prevention' was organized by M G University region in association with Health Infonet initiative of St.Stephen's College, Uzhavoor. Programme was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) C.T. Aravindakumar, Pro Vice Chancellor of M G University, Kottayam and session was handled by Dr. Sreejith N Kumar, Indian Medical Association Food Safety Initiative Consultant on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

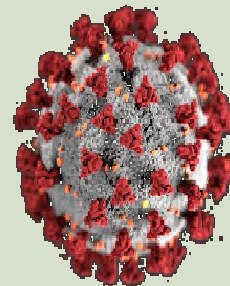


## Covid-19 Database

As part of GitHub Project, the Covid-19 database was updated by KCLA members.

The data was collected from the sources of Directorate of Health Services, Govt. of Kerala. Dr. Anat Suman Jose, Ms. Droupathy Devy CG, Gilu G Ettaniyil, Jasimudeen S and

Princy D Nellanat were members of volunteer team to update Covid-19 database which is available at <https://covid19kerala.info/>



## PG Project Guide

The following members guided PG dissertation of MLISc students of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi.

Dr. Anat Suman Jose, UGC Librarian, St.Peter's College, Kolenchery.

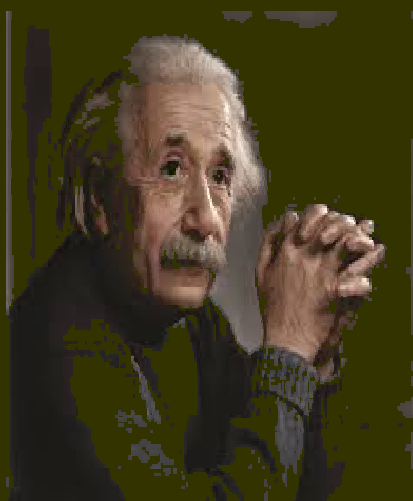
Supriya Susan Kurian, Mar Thoma College for Women, Perumbavoor.

Sr. Jolly Varghese U, UGC Librarian of St. Mary's College, Thrissur.

Dr. Jyothi G Nair, UGC Librarian of Sri Vyasa NSS College, Wadakkanchery.

Sr Jisna Jose, UGC Librarian of Vimala College, Thrissur.

Sr. Joicy A J, UGC Librarian of Little Flower College, Guruvayur



**"THE ONLY THING  
YOU ABSOLUTELY  
HAVE TO KNOW  
IS THE EXACT  
LOCATION OF  
THE LIBRARY**

*- Albert Einstein*

## Publications

### Journal articles

- Jolly Varghese, U and A. Thirunavukkarasu. (2020). A Comparative Study of Service Quality and User Assessment among the Autonomous Colleges of Thrissur District Using LibQUAL+® Tool. *Library Philosophy and Practice (e-journal)*. 4075. <https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/libphilprac/4075>
- Anat Suman Jose (2020). Awareness and Use of Information Technology among Public Librarians in Kerala. *KELPRO BULLETIN*, 24(1), June, Pp128-137. ISSN 0975-4911 (print) & ISSN 2582-497X(online).
- Suguna L.S. (2020). Research contributions of Universities of Kerala in the field of English. *International Journal of Multidisciplinary Educational Research*, 9(10-4). ISSN:2277-7881.
- Anat Suman Jose (2020). Age, Occupational status and the level of Awareness about Digital Resources among Kerala Public Library Users. *Educational Extracts* 8(1)January, Pp 05-110. ISSN 2320-7612.
- Manzoor Babu V and Zubaida Sabin.(2020). Professional competency skills of Librarians under Kerala state library Council. *ILIS Journal of Librarianship and Informatics*. Vol 3 (1) p. 66-84.

### Orientation / Refresher Courses

- Dr. Jyothi G Nair, UGC Librarian, Sri Vyasa NSS College, Wadakkanchery attended Faculty Induction Programme conducted by HRDC, Pondicherry University in September, 2020.
- Ms. Stephy K Sunny, UGC Librarian, Sacred Heart College, Chalakudy attended the Online Refresher Course in Library Science conducted by HRDC, Gujarat University in September, 2020.
- Dr. Mohamed Musthafa. K, UGC Librarian, TKM College of Arts and Science, Kollam attended One Month Online Faculty Induction Program conducted by UGC-HRDC, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi from 5th Oct. to 3rd Nov., 2020.
- Jesbira M, UGC Librarian, MAMO College attended One Month Faculty Induction Program conducted by UGC-HRDC University of Calicut, from 6th Oct. to 5rd Nov., 2020.

### Books & Book Chapters

- Francis, A. T., George, Cherian K., & Swapna, V. S. (Eds.) (2020). *Academic Inclusion of Librarians in Digital Era*. New Delhi: Daya Publishing House.
- Binu, P. C. (nd). Outlook Change from Print to E-Resources: A Study of the Uses and Advantages of E-Resources on Print in the State Universities in Kerala, India. In C Baskaran (Ed). *Measuring and implementing Altmetric in Library and Information Science Research*. Chapter 11, Pp. 111-131. DOI: 10.4018/978-1-7998-1309-5.ch011.
- George, Cherian K. (2020). Case for internship as a core course in LIS curricula. In Francis, A. T. George, Cherian K., & Swapna, V. S. (Eds.). *Academic Inclusion of Librarians in Digital Era*. New Delhi: Daya Publishing House. Pp. 43-50.
- Jesbira M (2020). Massive Open Online Course and Libraries. in K. C. Abdul Majeed (Ed). *Re-inventing the role of libraries in digital scenario*. Kozhikode: Publications Division, Farook College, 2020. Pp.378-396. ISBN: 978-81-9358-522-1.
- Shamseer A and Dr. Manzoor Babu V.(2020). "Information seeking behaviour of Accupuncturists in Kerala" in K. C. Abdul Majeed (Ed). *Re-inventing the role of libraries in digital scenario*. Kozhikode: Publications Division, Farook College, 2020. Pp.378-396. ISBN: 978-81-9358-522-1

### Research in Progress

- Stephy K Sunny, Sacred Heart College, Chalakudy registered for part time PhD at Mother Theresa Women's University, Kodaikanal under the guidance of Dr. K. Ramasamy in October, 2020. Topic: *Digital Literacy skills of higher secondary students of select districts of Kerala: An evaluative study with a slant to a model curriculum design*.
- Ashraf M, Amal College of Advanced Studies, Nilambur conducts part-time research in the Bharathiar University, Coimbatour on *Information and communication technology literacy ability among the library professionals of the universities in Kerala State* under the supervision of Dr. Senthilkumaran, Deputy Librarian, Central University of Kerala, Kasarkode.
- Ashraf P, Librarian, Keyi Sahib Training College, Talipramaba. Kannur is pursuing part-time research in the Bharthiar University, Coimbatour on *ICT infrastructure and competency of librarians of the teacher education colleges in Kerala; An analytical study* under the supervision of Dr. Senthilkumaran, Deputy Librarian, Central University of Kerala, Kasarkode.



## Assignments

Gilu G. Ettaniyil, St. Thomas College of Teacher Education Pala has been a member of Director Board, St. Thomas Staff College Co – Operative Society, and member of expert committee for PG studies in the Dept of Library and Information Science, M. G. University Kottayam.

Dr. Mohamed Musthafa. K, UGC Librarian, TKM College of Arts and Science, Kollam has been appointed as RUSA Co-ordinator of the college (w.e.f. 28.04.2020)

Dr. Anat Suman Jose, St.Peter's College, Kolenchery, has been a member of Director Board, PG studies in the Dept of Library and Information Science, M. G. University Kottayam.

Animol Thomas, K E College Mannanam has been Committee Member of Co- operative Staff society of the college.

Gigi Mathai, Librarian, BPC College Piravom has been a Committee Member of UGC Assistance and Planning Board of the college and member of Baselios Thomas-I Social Service and Charity Club.

## Vayanavaracharanam 2020

To commemorate P.N. Panicker, the father of public library movement in Kerala and to encourage reading habit among college students, Muhammed Abdurahiman Memorial Orphanage College Library and Malayalam Literary Club jointly organized various programmes from 19 to 26 June, 2020. Programmes like 'Meet the Author', Haiku poem writing, Book Talks, 'My reading experience' were successfully conducted with the participations of students.

On 19th June 2020, Mr. Manoj Kuroor, renowned Malayalam wrier, made a live interaction with students through the Facebook live. Dr. V Abdul Latheef, Assistant Professor, Sree Sankaracharya Sanskrit University delivered a talk on the book 'Early Indians' by Tony Joseph on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020. Dr. M. C. Abdul Nasar, Assistant Professor, Govt. Arts and Science College, Calicut reviewed the book 'Andhar, Badhirar, Mookhar' by T. D. Ramakrishnan on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020. On 24<sup>th</sup> June Dr. Sreejith. G , Assistant Professor, Malabar Christian College Calicut delivered a talk on the book 'Vakkile Nerangal' by N. Ajayakumar . All these programs were recorded and videos were made available to students on MAMO College official Facebook and YouTube Channel. Students from other colleges also participated in Haiku poem writing competition and 'My Reading Experience' Video Competition.

## Journal Editors

Dr. Anat Suman Jose, UGC Librarian, St.Peter's College, Kolenchery, has been the Editor of the *St.Peter's Journal of Multidisciplinary Research*. ISSN: 2455-5622

Dr. Mohamed Musthafa, TKM College of Arts and Science, Kollam has been Executive Editor of the *TIJMR* (ISSN Online- 2581-6519 , Print 2582-130X).

Gilu G. Ettaniyil, St. Thomas College of Teacher Education Pala has been Associate Editor of the *Journal 'Educational Extracts'* published by St. Thomas College of Teacher Education, Pala (ISSN 2320 – 7612).

## Peer Review

Gilu G. Ettaniyil, St. Thomas College of Teacher Education Pala has been Peer Reviewer of the International Journal "Informatics Studies" published by Centre for Informatics Research and Development, Trivandrum (ISSN: 2320-530X)

Dr. Mohamed Musthafa, TKM College of Arts and Science, Kollam has been peer reviewer of DESIDOC Journal of Library and Information Technology (DJLIT) published by DESIDOC, New Delhi. ISSN: 0974-0643

## Invitation

Entries invited for the next issue of KCLA Newsletter.

- Short research papers
- Communications
- Technology news
- New software, utilities, Mobile app
- Program reports
- Book reviews
- Achievement of members
- Publications and presentations
- New assignments and responsibilities
- Research details
- Any other news related to libraries

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## Video Lectures



Members created video talks on various topics and posted in their official YouTube Channels.

Sr. Jolly Varghese U, UGC Librarian of St. Mary's College, Thrissur

Natural ways for preserving books in the library:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdjAftiOWCM>  
 Certificate Creation for online Quiz:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9\\_BfvcPmOc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9_BfvcPmOc)  
 Google form basics:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJC84Gtqdi0>

Mr. Jobin Jose, Librarian, Marian College Kuttikkanam.

Mendeley Reference Management Software:  
[https://youtu.be/AjVwa7\\_jZ3c](https://youtu.be/AjVwa7_jZ3c)  
 E-Resources Part 1 - NLIST:  
<https://youtu.be/hEqQeuk9b6s>  
 E-Resources Part 2:  
<https://youtu.be/5TuYt8VWfGw>  
 UGC CARE LIST - Advanced:  
<https://youtu.be/NC-eSppF-r0>

Dr. Anat Suman Jose, UGC Librarian, St. Peter's College, Kolenchery.

INFLIBNET NLIST E Resources:  
<https://youtu.be/NFyiG9HcUo0>

Dr. Mohamed Musthafa, TKM College of Arts and Science, Kollam

LibTalk YouTube Channel for book reviews  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/LibTalk-home>

## National Library Week 2020

An online Quiz competition was conducted by Sree Narayana College library, Sivagiri as part of National library week, on November 19, 2020.

## Webinar on Open Educational Resources

A webinar on 'Open Educational Resources' was organised by KCLA Kannur region in collaboration with Keyi Sahib Training College on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. Dr. Mary Vineetha Thomas Assistant Professor, School of Education Central University of Kerala Kasaragod presented the theme paper. The importance and use of OER gained momentum in recent days due to shut down of educational institutions all over the world during Covid-19 pandemic. Dr. Vineetha mentioned many national and international institutions that produce and provide online free access to high quality OER. She also differentiated the open access resources and open educational resources and highlighted the pros and cons of OER.



The program was inaugurated by Dr. Ashraf T P, the Principal of Keyi Sahib Training College and Syndicate Member of Kannur University. Fr. Dr. George P V, President, KCLA Kannur University Region and Librarian of Mary Matha College Mananthwady Presided over the function. Munfar Kappil, Librarian of N A M College Kallillkandy introduced the resource person. Ashraf P Secretary of KCLA Kannur University Region and Librarian Keyi Sahib Training College welcomed the Participants and Remya C, Librarian of SN College Kannur Proposed Vote of thanks.

## READERS CLUB inaugurated

The Library Readers Club of NSS College Library, Nilamel, Kollam was inaugurated on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The Club organized different online programs during the Covid-19 pandemic period. 'Mahakavi Akkitham Memorial' lecture by Dr. Manoj Kuroor, poet and novelist on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, 'Anil Panachooran' memorial lecture by Manu Manjith, Malayalam Lyricist on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, and 'Sugatha Kumari' memorial lecture by N S Sumesh Krishnan, Malayalam poet on 31.12.2020 were some of the programs that attracted students and teachers

## Library Blogs

The new library blog of Sree Narayana College Chempazhanthy, was inaugurated by Shri. D. Premraj, the member of Sree Narayana Trust executive committee on 4th August 2020 in a function held at the Library Hall. The blog is regularly updated with news and events on academic and educational developments around the globe. The blog provide access to electronic journals, electronic books, theses and educational databases for students and faculty. The blog was developed by Dr. Jinu S. Rajan, Librarian of the college. <https://snclibrarychempazhanthy.blogspot.com/>

MAMO college library, Kozhikode developed a blog and webpage to provide easy access to e-resources to its users. Students can access to e-books, e-journals and Open Educational Resources developed by academic institutions in India and Abroad. The library website developed using Google site provides access to Calicut university previous question papers and e-copy of the reference books mentioned in their syllabus. Visit the blog at <http://mamoclibrary.blogspot.com> and Website: <https://sites.google.com/mamocollege.org/library/home?authuser=0>

Sree Narayana College, Sivagiri Librarian Dr. Saiju D. I. developed a new library blog providing access to electronic resources such as e-journals, e-books, thesis etc, to help students and teachers. <http://sncvlibrary.blogspot.com/>

## Research Guide

Dr. P. Joshi George, Librarian, St. Albert's College Ernakulam has been approved as a research guide in Library and Information Science R&D Centre of Bharathiar University, Coimbatore. Dr. Patricia Robin has successfully completed her research on free websites for supporting students of English Literature under his guidance and supervision recently.

## Book Review Competition

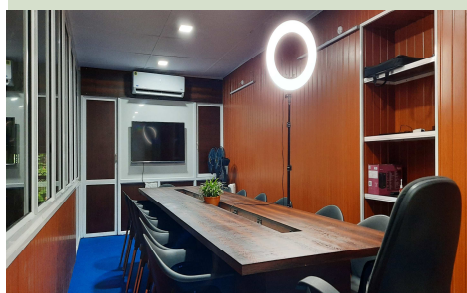
To promote the reading habit of students, the Readers Club of NSS College Library, Nilamel, Kollam initiated a book review competition for students in December, 2020. The members can post their reviews in Whatsapp group on Saturdays and Sundays of every week. Maximum four reviews will be published a week and only one entry is allowed for a member. At the end of the year, an expert committee will evaluate the reviews and select best 5 reviews for rewards.

## NPTEL Content Translation



Sr. Jolly Varghese U, UGC Librarian of St. Mary's College, Thrissur was appointed as the translator of academic content of NPTEL in September, 2020. The content was created for the course 'Managing Intellectual Property in Universities'.

## Audio-visual library



Christ College (Autonomous) Irinjalakuda set up an Audio-visual library in September, 2020. The project was initiated as a joint venture of PTA and college management. Video conference, NPTEL video streaming, webinar, audio library, audio book production, online lecturing etc. are the functions of Christ Audio Visual Library.

## Pusthakakooda



The IQAC and library of Little Flower College, Guruvayur organized an event named 'Pusthakakooda' during the pandemic period to collect gift books from teachers and students. Awards were given to those who donated the highest number of books to the library.

## 'SOBREVIVER'

Vimala College library started a programme called 'SOBREVIVER', an initiative to make eco-friendly paper pens with waste paper. Library club members took the initiative to make more than 1000 pens and named it as "Wisdom Pen@ Covid 19". The program was officially inaugurated on 28th September 2020.

## Resource Persons

Jasimudeen S, St. Spephen's College, Uzhavoor, was the resource person of the webinar on 'Effective Strategies for Web information Retrieval' organized by Marthoma College Chungathara, Malapuram on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

Dr. Mohamed Musthafa. K delivered a mentoring session on "Excellence in doing Research" at TKM College of Arts and Science, Kollam organized by Walk With Scholar (WWS), on 21.01.2020.

Dr. Anat Suman Jose, St.Peter's College, Kolenchery was the Resource person of the Webinar on 'Brochure Designing for an effective Webinar' organized by St.Thomas College of Arts & Science, Puthencruz on 10.08.2020.

Jasimudeen S, was the resource person of the 'Two-day Webinar on Academic Web search Strategies' organized by MES Kalladi College Library from 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Ashraf P, Keyi Sahib Training College delivered a lecture on "N-LIST : Facilitating E-resources in Education" in a webinar Jointly organized by IQAC, Peet Memorial Training College and Teacher Education College Librarian's Forum, Kerala on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

Dr. Anat Suman Jose, St.Peter's College, Kolenchery, served as resource person of the National webinar on 'Online Tools for Academic Publication' for research scholars, faculties and students organized by Ettumanoorappan College, Ettumanoor on 10th July, 2020.

Dr. Patricia Robin, served as the resource person for a webinar titled by "Mastering the Art of Penning Book Reviews", organized by St. Albert's College, Ernakulam.

Jasimudeen S, St. Spephen's College, Uzhavoor was the resource person of the webinar on 'Trends in Academic Communication' organized by Amrita Viswa Vidyaapeetham, Cochin from 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Dr. Patricia Robin, Librarian of St. Michael's College, Cherthala was the resource person in the Skill Development Program for librarians, organized by KCLA Kerala University Region on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020. Her topic for presentation was 'Inhibitions and imperfections in the usage of English language'.

Dr. Mansoor Babu V was the resource person for the Training programs conducted for the Librarians of public libraries organised by Kerala Institute of Local Administration.

Dr. Patricia Robin, served as the resource person for a webinar titled 'Gender Equality: Changing Definitions', organized by St. Joseph's College, Irinjalakuda

Jasimudeen S, St. Spephen's College, Uzhavoor has been resource person for course work (2credit) programme on 'Research and publication ethics' for research scholars organized by Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalamangal, Amritha University, Cochin, MG University, Kottayam, St. Thomas College, Thrissur, and Marthoma College Thiruvalla.

Jasimudeen S, St. Spephen's College, Uzhavoor has been resource person of the webinar on 'Advanced Web Search Strategies' organized by St.Mary's College, Thrissur on 20/10/2020.

## Invited Talks

Dr. Patricia Robin, Librarian, St. Michael's College, Cherthala delivered an invited talk on 'Tagore - a way of life'. The talk rendered on Tagore's anniversary day, at the Tagore Library and Reading Room, Karuvelipady, Mattancherry.

Dr. Patricia Robin delivered another talk on '*Libraryude Aantharika Lokam*, to the members of Sayed Ahmed Library and Reading Room, Fort Kochi, regarding the efforts put in for the facilitation of the library.

**LIBRARIANS ARE  
JUST LIKE SEARCH ENGINES,  
EXCEPT THEY SMILE  
AND THEY TALK TO ME  
AND THEY DON'T GIVE ME PAID  
FOR ADVERTISING  
WHEN THEY ARE TRYING TO HELP.  
AND THEY HAVE  
ACTUAL HEARTS.**

-Matt Haig

## MOOC Courses

Jesbira M, UGC Librarian, MAMO College, Mukkam, successfully completed certification course on 'Google Cloud Platform fundamentals: Core Infrastructure' offered by Google Cloud through Coursera platform on 16 May, 2020 and another course on 'Setting up a digital library with Epic' offered by Coursera Project Network through Coursera Platform on 30 September, 2020.

## SWAYAM ARPIT Course

Dr. Mohamed Musthafa.K, TKM College of Arts and Science, Kollam, Ms. Jesbira M, UGC Librarian, MAMO College, Mukkam, and Ms. Dhanyashree. AR, Iqbal College, Trivandrum College successfully completed SWAYAM ARPIT Course on 'Emerging Trends & Technologies in Library & Information Services' conducted by Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi in 2020.

## Book Review Series



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St. Michael's College library, Cherthala in association with the Department of English, organized the webinar "On Reviewing a Book". During the period of Covid-19 pandemic, the librarian produced a series of book review videos and circulated among the students and teachers. Some of the titles were 'Soosannayude Grandhapura' by Ajay P. Mangat, 'Kilimanjaro Book Stall' by Rajendran Edathumkara, 'Andhar, Bhadhirar, Mookar' T D Ramakrishnan, 'Nananja Mannadarukal' by Johny Miranda, 'Kavithayude Dhuritha kalam', 'On the shoulders of giants' by Stephen Hawking, and 'Mahabharatham: samskarika charithram' by Sunil P Ilayidam.

## New Members

**Dr. Dhanya P,**  
UGC Librarian,  
Payyannur College, Payyannur, Kannur.

**Sr. Lija P G (Sr.Fiona),**  
UGC Librarian,  
St. Joseph's College, Irinjalakkuda

**Sr. Jisna,**  
UGC Librarian,  
Vimala College, Thrissur

**Sr. Joicy A J(Sr. Joicelit),**  
UGC Librarian,  
Little Flower College, Guruvayur

**Mr. Mahesh,**  
UGC Librarian,  
Sree Narayana College, Alathur

**Dr. Jinu S. Rajan, S**  
UGC Librarian,  
S.N College, Chempazhanchy

**Dr. Saiju D. I., S**  
UGC Librarian,  
Sree Narayana College, Varkala

**Mrs. Preethi,**  
UGC Librarian,  
S.N. College for Women, Kollam

**Mrs. Rakhi,**  
UGC Librarian,  
T.K.Madhava Memorial College,  
Nangiarkulangara

**Mrs. Divya,**  
UGC Librarian,  
SN College, Cherthala

**Mrs. Aswathi G. S.,**  
UGC Librarian,  
St. Sylrils College, Adoor

**Mrs. Joicy P D,**  
UGC Librarian,  
Pavathma College, Murikkassery.

**Mrs. Supriya Susan,**  
UGC Librarian,  
Marthoma College for Women, Perumbavoor.

**Raysh Thomas,**  
UGC Librarian,  
CMS College, Kottayam.

## Retirement

### Mariya D'silva (Sr.Ashritha) Librarian, St.Teresa's college, Ernakulam



MariyaD'Silva was born in Ponnarimangalam, Bolghatty, an Island in Ernakulum District. She studied in HIHS Ponnarimangalam and pursued her PUC in Teresina College, Mysore. She joined CSST religious order in 1983 and made her commitment in 1986. Soon after the completion of the Certificate course in Library and Information Science from Madras University, she joined St.Teresa's College, Ernakulum in 1981. She was promoted as 4<sup>th</sup> grade Librarian in 1992. On having completed BLISc and MLISc from M.G University, she was promoted as UGC Librarian in 2004. To follow, she secured M.Phil from Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli.

Sr.Ashritha served in the St.Teresa's College, (autonomous) Ernakulum for 33 years. She had the opportunity to facilitate 4 phases of NAAC visit and achieved 4 point above for the library. She organized seminars at state and national level under UGC, in association with various professional bodies like KLA, KCLA. She served as resource person of research methodology for Post graduate students, and for various FDP programmes. Sr. Ashritha has conducted training programs for working librarians and library science graduates, and has guided MLISc dissertation of IGNOU students.

She has presented 10 papers in national and international seminars and conferences, and attended more than 35 seminars, workshops, symposium and training programmes. She was a very active member of professional associations like KCLA and KLA. Sr. Ashritha served the associations in various capacities, including positions of State President, and Treasurer of KCLA, Secretary and executive committee member of KLA (Ernakulum region), and executive committee member of KCLA M.G University region, in various terms. Sr.Ashritha retired from service on October 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

### Dr. Antoo K. D, Librarian, Prajyoti Niketan College, Thrissur



Dr. Antoo K. D. graduated in Economics from the University of Calicut in 1990 and completed post-graduation in Economics from the same university in 1992. After that he joined for Bachelor of Library and Information Science (BLISc) in the Dept. of Library science, University of Calicut and passed with fourth rank in 1993. His thirst for education led him to Annamalai University to join for Masters in Library Science and he completed MLISc in 2007. Dr. Antoo enrolled for doctoral research in Bharathiyar University and submitted thesis entitled 'Electronic Publishing and its Impact on Libraries and Academic Community in the Universities of Kerala', and was awarded Ph.D in 2019.

Dr. Antoo joined as college librarian in Prajyothi Niketan College, Thrissur in August 1995. During his 25 years of successful service, he had taken many initiatives in library services. He developed an automated library with standard software and provided Web OPAC for remote access to the holdings of college library. He published 5 articles in research journals and participated and presented 8 papers in various national and international conferences. He was an active member of library professional associations like KCLA, KLA, and ALA. He retired from the service on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020.

### Sri. P.K. Babulal, Librarian, Sri Sankara College, Kalady



Sri. P. K.Babulal was born and brought up at Ponkunnam, in Kottayam district of Kerala. He joined service as Fourth Grade Librarian in 1996 at Sri Sankara College, Kalady. During his 24 years of librarianship, he has taken several initiatives to improve the library services in the college library. He organized library orientation programs and interactive sessions with students to attract them to reading and the library.

He modified the cataloguing and classification system in the library according to the development in the field, whenever it was required. Sri.Babulal was very enthusiastic to learn upcoming technologies in library management and services. He has attended many conferences and workshops organized by various institutions at state and national level.

Sri.Babulal was very active in library professional organizations, including KCLA. He served as a member of KCLA, MG University regional committee for several years. Sri. Babulal retired from service on 31st May, 2020.