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RELIGIOUS CEREMONY TO MARK THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY

The National Library and Documentation Services Board organized a religious programme on 27th April 2015 and alms giving to Maha Sanga on 30th April 2015 to mark the 25th Anniversary of the National Library.



NATIONAL READING MONTH 2014 - ESSAY COMPETITION

The ceremony for the award of prizes and certificates for the winners of the essay competition organized by the National Library Friends Organization, an affiliated organization of the National Library and Documentation Services Board in collaboration with Martin Wickramasinghe Trust to mark the "National Reading Month" was held on 23rd January 2015 at the auditorium of the National Library and Documentation Services Board. The guest lecture of this ceremony was delivered by veteran writer Dr. W. A. Abeyasinghe.

List of winners (12-15 age group) - Sinhala medium

1st Place

H. G. Sewmini Dilshani, Minu/ Ananda Maha Vidyalaya, Devalapola

2nd Place

M. L. Layanthika Udyogee, G/ Upananda National School, Manawila

3rd Place

M. H. Jeewanthi Egodawela, K/M/D.P. Wickramasinghe Vidyalaya, Mawathagama

Consolation Prizes

- R. Patali Hansamala Ranasinghe, Ke/Dehi/ Rajasinghe Central College
- H. D. Nuwan Darshana, De Mazinod College, Kandana
- Ven. Bulathsinhala Wimalawansa Thero, Sri Sumana Pirivena, Thummodara
- M. W. Maheshika Dhananjani Somarathna, National School, Dehiattakandiya
- H. S. Dahami Wasana, Sumangala Girls School, Weligama
- S. H. Chalani Nisansala Gunarathna, Lurdu Maha Vidyalaya, Nattandiya
- Ishini Chinthika Ramachandra, Rippen Girls School, Galle

List of winners (16-18 age group) - Sinhala medium

1st Place

M. E. Nimeshika Weerawardana, A/Dehi/National School, Dehiattakandiya

2nd Place

D. M. N. Hansika Premarathna, Maliyadeva Girls School, Kurunegala

3rd Place

P. A. A. Dewrangi Perera, Batemulla National School, Galle

Consolation Prizes

- Nammuni Achini Sakunthala, Rajakeeya Vidyalaya, Horana
- Udari Kaushalaya Liyanage, Siridhamma Vidyalaya, Galle
- Lakmini Prarthana Basnayake, Batemulla National School, Galle
- P. Shehani Randika Priyamanthi Silva, Holy Family Girls School, Wennappuwa
- B. Kumudu Udayangani Wijerathna, Galabava Maha Vidyalaya, Galabava
- G. W. Kanishka Hasaral Senadheera, Bandarawela Central College, Bandarawela
- P. M. Nuwan Sriyantha Bandara, Dharmaraja College, Kandy

List of winners (12-15 age group) - Tamil medium

1st Prize

M. S. F. Hasna, K/Meera Central College, Katugastota.

2nd Prize

S. Kukeshan, Jaffna Hindu College, College Road, Jaffna.

3rd prize

Aassaa Sazznie Shafeek khan, C/AI- Hikma College, Colombo – 12.

Consolation Prizes

- Piradhayine Sriragavarajan - 23, Uruththiraa Mawathai, Colombo – 6.

- M. R. Sanma - Giri/Nooraniya Maha Vidyalaya, Nugagahagedera, Pahamune.
- S. I. M. Hanees - Zahira Maha Vidyalaya, National School, Anuradhapura.
- M. Y. F. Yusra - A/Zahira Maha Vidyalaya, Anuradhapura.
- V. Abivarnaa - Mu/Udaiyarkaddu Maha Vidyalaya, Udaiyarkaddu, Mullaithivu.
- Sriketheeswaran saranga - T/Sri Sanmuka hindu Ladies College, Trincomalee.
- M. M. F. Mihzana - Kg/Dehi Al. Akeel Maha Vidyalaya, Kotiyakubura.

List of winners (16-18 age group) - Tamil medium

1st Place

Shanmugam Sasikumar, V/Vavuniya hindu college, Kovil puthukkulam Vavuniya.

2nd Place

Newsath P. Sameeha, T/Mu/Mutur Central College, Mutur.

3rd Place

T. Thajeevan, Jaffna Koddadi namasivaaya Vidyalaya, Hospital Road, Jaffna.

Consolation Prizes

- A. L. Susana, BT/BC/Oddamavadi Central College, Oddamavadi.
- M. N. Fathima Nusra, Gampola Zahira College, Gampola.
- Jeyrethnam Inthujan, BT/Paddiruppu M.M. Kaluwanchikudy.
- S. Deepika, Saiva Mangaiyar Vidyalaya, Colombo 6.
- I. Danojini, V/Omanthai Central College Omanthai.
- M. Nivetha, KiliPalai Central College, Palai.
- S. Hamshapranavi, BD/Tamil Girls Maha Vidyalaya, Badulla.

CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY AND DOCUMENTATION SERVICES BOARD RESIGNED



Prof. Oliver Abeynayake, who assumed duties as the Chairman of the NLDSB on 14th May 2015, resigned from the post on 01st September 2015.

Prof. Oliver Abeynayake obtained his BA. Degree with first class Honours from the Vidyalankara University of Sri Lanka and his PhD Degree from the University of Lancaster, England. He was formerly the Head of the Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies of the University of

Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. He also served as the Director of Research in the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka. Prof. Oliver Abeynayake resigned from the post of Chairman on 1st September 2015 to assume duties as a visiting professor at the University of Hong Kong.

NATIONAL LIBRARY LECTURE SERIES NO. 258

The 258th lecture of the National Library Lecture series " Social media and young generation thoughts " was delivered on 28th March 2015 at the auditorium of NLDSB. This lecture was delivered by Mr. Lanka Pradeep, Senior Manager, WEB publication Division, Wijaya Newspapers Limited. A large number of participants attended the lecture.

WORKSHOP ON LIBRARY DISASTER MANAGEMENT

A Workshop on Library Disaster Management was organized by the National Library and Documentation Services Board and UNESCO MOW National Committee from 18th to 19th February 2015. This workshop was sponsored by Goethe-Institute, Sri Lanka. 29 librarians participated the workshop.



WORKSHOP ON CONSERVATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

National Library and Documentation Services Board organized a workshop on conservation of library materials and book binding from 28th to 30th January 2015. 11 librarians participated the workshop. The resource persons of the workshop were Mr. G. D. Amarasiri, Director and Mr. Udaya Cabral, Document Conservator of the NLDSB.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR MEDIA PERSONNEL

The National Library and Documentation Services Board conducted an awareness programme on national library resources and services for media personnel on 31st March 2015. The resource persons of the programme were Mr. G. D. Amarasiri, Director and Mrs. Anoma Wijesinghe, Assistant Director of the NLDSB. 12 media Personnel participated the programme.



WORKSHOP ON DEWEY DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION

The National Library and Documentation Services Board organized a one day workshop on Dewey Decimal Classification for public librarians of Gampaha District on 10th March 2015. The workshop covered the theoretical aspects as well as practical activities of classification. This is one of a series of workshops organized by NLDSB and it also helps the librarians to solve the classification problems arise in their day to day classification activities. Mr. U. P. Alahakoon, Senior Assistant Librarian of the National Institute of the Library and Information Sciences served as the resource person.



SEMINAR ON ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

The National Library and Documentation Services Board organized an awareness seminar on e-resources available at National Library & American Centre, for the librarians and students on 11th March 2015. The objective of the seminar was to build up e resources searching capacity. Ms. Padma Bandaranayake, Library Director, American Centre, Colombo and Mr. M. S. M. Shiham, Information Officer, National Library and Documentation Services Board served as resource persons.



WORKSHOP FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIANS OF GAMPAHA DISTRICT

The National Library and Documentation Services Board organised a workshop for school librarians of Gampaha District from 12th to 13th March 2015. The workshop covered the theoretical aspects as well as the practical activities of acquisition, classification, cataloguing, compiling documentation sources, information technology, conservation etc. The resource persons of the workshop were Ms. Janaki Fernando, Library Consultant, Mrs. Senani Bandara, Deputy Director and Mr. Maithree Jayasundara, Assistant Director, NLDSB. 74 librarians participated the workshop.

WORKSHOP FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

The National Library and Documentation Services Board conducted a workshop for school librarians of Matale educational zone of Matale District from 27th to 28th March 2015. This workshop was held in Sinhala and Tamil medium. The workshop covered the theoretical aspects as well as the practical activities of acquisition, classification, compiling documentation sources, conservation, library stock verification etc. Mr. U. P. Alahakoon, Senior Assistant librarian of the National Institute of the Library and Information Sciences, Mrs. Senani Bandara, Deputy Director and Mr. Maithree Jayasundara, Assistant Director NLDSB served as resource persons.

WORKSHOPS ON LIBRARY RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The National Library and Documentation Services Board conducted two workshops on the Library Research Methodology for librarians on 26th March 2015 and 29th June 2015. These are another two workshops of the series of workshops conducted by National Library and Documentation Services Board for the last few years. The objective of the workshop was to make aware the library professionals about the library research methodology. The workshop covered the areas such as introduction to library research, data collecting techniques, data analysis and compilation of research reports. Mr. H. M. Gunaratna Banda, former Assistant Director General, National Institute of Education and Dr. Swarna Ukwatta, Senior Lecturer, Department of Demography, University of Colombo served as resource persons.

SEMINAR ON USING THE CORRECT STANDARDS IN PRINTING PUBLICATIONS

The National Library and Documentation Services Board organized one day seminar on using the correct standards for printing publications for authors and printers. The seminar was held on 2nd April 2015. Dr. Sandagomi Coperahewa, Senior Lecturer, Department of Sinhala, University of Colombo, P. Hirimuthugoda, Printing Manager, Sarasavi Bookshop, Mrs. Senani Bandara, Director (Atg) and Mrs. Srma Suriyabandara, Assistant Director of the NLDSB served as resource persons.

WORKSHOP FOR AUTHORS IN AMPARA DISTRICT

The National Library and Documentation Services Board conducted a workshop for authors in Ampara District from 12th to 13th March 2015. The Main objective of this workshop was to improve the writing skills of authors and establishment of authors circle. Mr. U. P. Alahakoon, Senior Assistant librarian of the National Institute of the Library and Information Sciences served as the resource person.

WORKSHOP ON COMPILING DOCUMENTATION SOURCES

The National Library and Documentation Services Board organised a one day workshop on Compiling Documentation Sources for the public librarians of Kalutara District on 14th May 2015. This is another workshop of the series of workshops on Compilation of Documentation Sources conducted for the last few years. The objective of the workshop was to give a practical and theoretical training for the librarians on compiling documentation sources. Ms. Janaki Fernando, Library Consultant and Ms. Chandima Wadasinghe, Deputy Director, Mr. Chandana Senevirathna, Mr. Upul Jayantha and Ms. Wasantha Lukshmi of NLDSB served as resource persons.

ONE DAY SEMINAR FOR THE OFFICERS OF THE PROVINCIAL LIBRARY SERVICES BOARD

National Library and Documentation Services Board conducted a one day seminar for the officers of the Provincial Library Services Boards on 15.05.2015. The seminar covered the topics such as the role of the Provincial Library Services Boards, compilation of provincial library statutes, resources and services of a

Provincial Central Library, utilization of information technology in provincial central libraries, etc.

Mr. M. S. U. Amarasiri, former Director General, National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB), Mr. W. Sunil, Director General, Mr. Vijaya Premadarshana, Assistant Director, Mr. Chiminda Silva, Network Administrator of NLDSB, Mr. Gamini Silva, former Librarian, Rajarata University served as resource persons.

SEMINAR ON NATIONAL UNION CATALOGUE

The National Library and Documentation Services Board organized a seminar on National Union Catalogue on 29th May 2015. Librarians of libraries which contribute to the National Union Catalogue participated the seminar. Ms. Janaki Fernando, Library Consultant and Dr. Ruwan Gamage, Senior Lecturer of the National Institute of Library and Information Science served as resource persons.

ASSISTANCE FOR WRITERS UNDER THE PUBLICATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Agreements were signed for the printing of 15 manuscripts approved on 20th May 2015 under the Publication Assistance Project implemented by the National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB) with the objective of assisting writers.

WORKSHOP ON CLASSIFICATION AND CATALOGUING

The National Library and Documentation Services Board organized a workshop on Classification and Cataloguing for public librarians of Damana Pradeshiya Sabha of Ampara district from 4th April 2015 to 5th April 2015. Mr. U. P. Alahakoon, Senior Assistant Librarian, National Institute of Library and Information Sciences, University of Colombo served as the resource person.

WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY

To mark World Book and Copyright Day, which falls on 23rd April each year, a seminar was conducted in the auditorium of the National Library and Documentation Services Board on 23rd April 2015. The resource persons of the seminar were Mrs. Geethanjalee Ranawaka, Director General, Dr. D. M. Karunaratne, Former Director General of the National Intellectual Property Office.

INTER LIBRARY LOAN AGREEMENTS

The National Library and Documentation Services Board signed Inter Library Loan agreements with the Colombo Public Library, J. R. Jayawardene Centre and National Dangerous Drugs Control Board on 2nd April 2015. Under this project books are provided on loan to other libraries which have signed agreements with the NLDSB.



BOOK DONATIONS

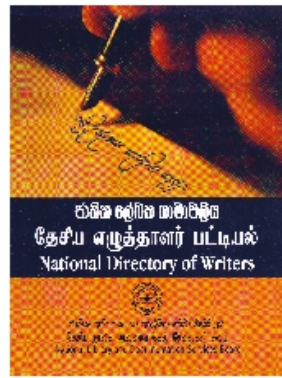
The NLDSB donated books worth of Rs. 1200000.00 among 120 school, public and privena libraries. Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education participated the occasion and Mr. P. G. Pemadasa, Senior Lecturer of the National Institute of Library and Information Sciences conducted a lecture on reading and library collection management.

PUBLICATIONS

NATIONAL DIRECTORY OF WRITERS

The National Directory of Writers compiled by NLDSB consists of information on approximately 2000 Sri Lankan writers. The directory includes fully updated and detailed contact information of authors. A compilation of different types of documentation sources such as bibliographies, directories and indexes, is one of the main duties of the National Library and Documentation Services Board. However, this is not a descriptive directory. NLDSB expects to publish a descriptive directory of authors in Sri Lanka in the future. Various institutions, authors, and publishers requested the NLDSB to compile a directory of authors in Sri Lanka. On these requests, National Library and Documentation Services Board decided to compile this directory.

Details of authors are arranged in alphabetical order. This directory can be used as a basic information resource to obtain information about authors in Sri Lanka. The Directory is especially useful for writers, librarians, researchers, publishers, as well as general readers.

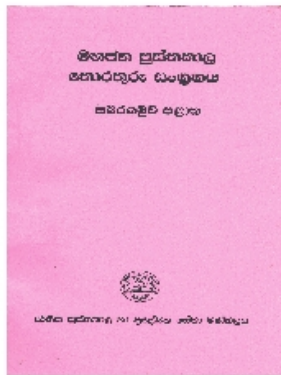


information on publications published in Sri Lanka, publications on Sri Lanka published in foreign countries and publications written by Sri Lankans published in foreign countries. Bibliographic information in Sinhala, Tamil and English publications are included. The following bibliographies have been completed and published so far.

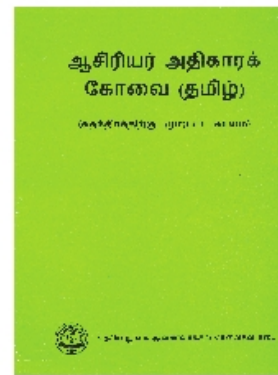
- 1962 (Sinhala, Tamil and English)
- 1737 – 1884 (Sinhala, Tamil and English)
- 1885 – 1900 (Sinhala, Tamil and English)
- 1901 – 1910 (Sinhala and English)
- 1911 – 1920 (Sinhala and English)
- 1921 – 1930 (Sinhala and English)
- 1931 – 1940 (Sinhala and English)

DIRECTORY OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCE

The Research Division of the National Library and Documentation Services Board has compiled a Directory of Public Libraries in Sabaragamuwa Province. This Directory includes basic information on public libraries in Sabaragamuwa Province such as collections, services, staff, number of registered members, grade etc. This directory is a useful source for library professionals, officers who deal with public library activities, local government heads, etc. This is one of the series of directories of public libraries compiled by NLDSB in provincial level. Directories relevant to Western Province and Southern Province have already been compiled.



AUTHORITY LIST OF TAMIL AUTHORS



Compilation of the authority lists is one of the main responsibilities of the NLDSB. The objective of the project is to share authority information in national level. In editing the old Tamil literacy books, author's names have been given in different ways. Due to the differences in author's names, organization of information has become a difficult task. Therefore the objective of an authority list is to bring authors of all editions under one common author name. This is a useful guide for maintaining the uniformity in cataloguing, avoiding duplication and providing search facilities related to Tamil literature.

SRI LANKA NATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY (RETROSPECTIVE)

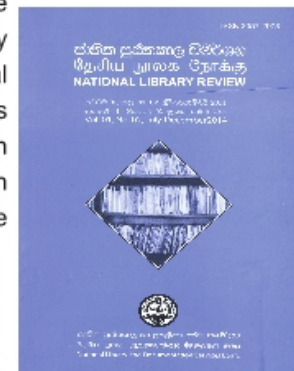
1901 - 1940 (TAMIL)

Compilation of the retrospective Sri Lanka National Bibliography is another important project launched by the NLDSB in 1991. This covers the period beginning from 1962 and goes backwards to 1737, covering a period of 225 years. Sri Lanka National Bibliography (Retrospective) includes bibliographic



NATIONAL LIBRARY REVIEW

National Library and Documentation Services Board has published the 2nd issue of the National Library Review journal. This journal consists of various articles in library and information science. This volume can be purchased from the National Library bookshop.



COMPENDIUM OF POSTGRADUATE THESES

The Compendium of Postgraduate Theses which consists of bibliographic details pertaining to 1390 PhD, MPhil and MSc theses of the Postgraduate Institute of Science (PGIS), University of Peradeniya, from its inception to the end of 2013.

Compendium-of-PR Author abstracts of PhD and MPhil theses are included along with the basic details of the M.Sc. theses. This compendium consists of title, author and supervisor indices. This publication will serve as a source book of research carried out nationally by organizations such as universities, research institutions, government institutions and even private sector organizations.

The compiler of the compendium Mrs. Sriyani Ileperuma is currently a Deputy Librarian at the University of Peradeniya. She has twenty six years experience in the Library field and her research is mainly focused on the provision of scientific information for research.

IFLA COMMITTEE MEMBER

Dr. Wathmanel Seneviratne, Librarian, Open University of Sri Lanka has been selected as a Standing Committee Member for the Asia & Oceania Section of International Federation of Library Association (IFLA).

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ASIAN SPECIAL LIBRARIES

The International Conference on Asian special Libraries (ICOASL) 2015 was held in National Assembly Library, South Korea from 22nd to 24th April 2015. Mr. Wijaya Premadarsana, Assistant Director, NLDSB participated the conference.

CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL LIBRARIES IN ASIA AND OCEANIA

The Conference of Directors of National Libraries of Asia and Oceania was held in National Library of Thailand from 9th to 12th June 2015. Mr. W. Sunil, Director General of the National Library and Documentation Services Board Participated the conference.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON STRENGTHENING COOPERATION AMONG NATIONAL LIBRARIES IN SOUTH ASIA

Duration : 5th - 6th August 2015
Venue : Colombo, Sri Lanka
Organized by : National Library and Documentation Services Board, Sri Lanka
Theme : Harnessing Information to Empower the Nations
E-mail : snlc@mail.natlib.lk,
Website : <http://www.natlib.lk/snlc>

SOUTH ASIAN LIBRARIES CONFERENCE (SALC 2015)

Duration : 12th - 13th, October 2015
Venue : DHA, Lahore, Pakistan
Organized by : Lahore University of Management Sciences
Theme : Journey through print to digital information and beyond
Website : <http://www.pla.org.pk/conference.html>

2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN'S LIBRARIANSHIP

Duration : 14th - 16th October 2015
Venue : Asturias Hotel, Puerto Princesa, Palawan, Philippines
Theme : Sustaining Children's Services in the Region through Improved Coherence and Integration

THE ASIA-PACIFIC LIBRARY AND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND PRACTICE (A-LIEF) CONFERENCE

Duration : 28th - 30th October 2015
Venue : Philippines
Website : <http://www.a-liep.com/>

**MCW2015: 6TH INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION
MANAGEMENT IN A CHANGING WORLD**

Duration : 25th - 27th November 2015.
Venue : Guangzhou, China
Website : <http://imcw2015.bilgiyonetimi.net/>

PLAI/ NATIONAL CONGRESS 2015

Duration : 25th -27th November 2015
Venue : Laoag City, Ilocos Norte
Organized by : The Philippine Librarians Association Inc. (PLAI) in partnership with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) through the National Committee on Libraries and Information Services (NCLIS) and the National Library of the Philippines (NLP)
Theme : ASEAN 2015: Borderless Librarianship, Limitless Opportunities
E-mail : nbot@plai.org.ph;
[plainbot2015@gmail](mailto:plainbot2015@gmail.com)
Web : <http://plai.org.ph/index.php/news/plai-congress-2015>

**ICADL2015: THE 17TH INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON ASIA-PACIFIC DIGITAL
LIBRARIES**

Duration : 9th -12th December 2015
Venue : Seoul, Korea
Organized by : Yonsei University
E-mail : workshops@icadl2015.org
Website : <http://icadl2015.org>

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