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27TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY



The inauguration ceremony of the 27th anniversary of the National Library of Sri Lanka was held on 4th May 2017 at the National Library and Documentation Services Board under the patronage of Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, Minister of Education. Several events took place in the inauguration ceremony such as the unveiling of portraits of five distinguished Sri Lankan scholars (Ananda Kumaraswamy, Martin Wickramasinghe, Prof. Senarath Paranawithana, G. B. Senanayake and Dr. Arthur C. Clarke) in the National Library of Sri Lanka,

donation of a DVD containing a documentary on national library services to libraries, donation of books to libraries, handing over the cheques to authors under the publication assistance project, national library study tours for school children were organised. Anniversary memorial lecture was delivered by Mr. Vijayananda Jayaweera, former Director, UNESCO and special lecture was delivered by Dr. Ruvaiz Haniffa Head, Family Medicine Unit, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo.



A PORTRAIT OF MR. N. AMARASINGHE

Unveiling of a portrait of Mr. N. Amarasinghe, former Director of National Library and Documentation Services Board took place in the NLDSB premises on 16.02.2017. Mr. M. S. U. Amarasiri former Director General of the NLDSB delivered a lecture in the ceremony appreciating the service of Mr. N. Amarasinghe. The relatives and contemporary officers of Mr. N. Amarasinghe participated the ceremony.



WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

National Library and Documentation Services Board organised a workshop on research methodology for librarians on 27th - 28th June, 2017 in the National Library auditorium. This workshop covered main areas of research methodology such as types of research , data collecting techniques, data analysis, literature survey, etc.

PIRIVENA LIBRARY DAY

The Pirivena Library Day of Sri Lanka falls on 6th June 2017. To mark the Pirivena Library Day, a special programme was conducted in the conference room of the Temple of Tooth

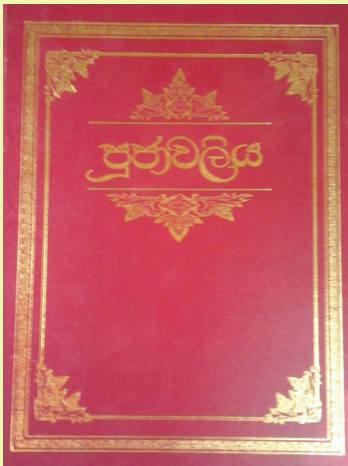


WORKSHOP ON BOOK BINDING

National Library and Documentation Services Board conducted a workshop on book binding for Record Room Keepers working in record rooms of courts. Two workshops were held on 27th - 28th February 2017 and 25th April 2017 at the National Library and Documentation Services Board. The other workshop was held on 8th March 2017 at the Central Province Library Services Board, Kandy.

Relics, Kandy. About 65 pirivena librarians participated the seminar. Mr. Pradeep Nilanga Dala, Diyawadana Nilame of Dalada Maligawa, Assistant Director (Piriven) of Nuwara Eliya District also participated the occasion. Prof. Daya Amarasekara, Mrs. Senani Bandara, Mr. Punchi Banda Gallaba, Mr. Udaya Cabral and Mr. Maithree Jayasundara served as resource persons.

LAUNCHING THE "PUJAVALIYA"



A publicity programme on Pujavaliya, which is a classic sacred book on Buddhism took place in Anuradhapura sacred area and other neighbouring areas on 7th-10th June 2017. This programme was organised by the National

Library and Documentation Services Board. In addition to the Anuradhapura sacred area, this programme was carried out in areas of Dambulla, Peradeniya, Wariyapola and Mihinthale sacred area.

SEMINAR TO MARK THE WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY

To mark the 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 25th April 2017. The resource persons of the seminar were Dr. D. M. Karunaratne, former Director of the Intellectual Property Office, Dr. Chamila Thalagala, Legal Advisor, Ministry of Education, Mr. Asanka Suraweera, Project Manager, Information Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka, Mrs. Geethanjali Ranawaka, Director General, Intellectual Property Office.

NATIONAL LIBRARY LECTURE SERIES NO. 264

The 264th lecture of the National Library Lecture series “විද්‍යුත් අධ්‍යාපනය : ශෝලිය හා සාමූහික අධ්‍යාපනයක් කරා” was delivered by Dr. Namali Suraweera, Senior lecturer, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya on 30th March 2017 at the auditorium of NLDSB. A large number of participants attended the lecture.

RURAL LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



Under the programme for the development of rural libraries, National Library and Documentation Services Board opened a rural public library in Kotiyagala area in Siyambalanduwa Pradeshiya Sabha of Monaragala District on 25th February 2017. This library was constructed with the assistance of Karuna Trust - a non governmental organisation Siyabalanduwa Divisional Secretariat, and the Siyabalanduwa Pradeshiya Sabha under the guidance and co-ordination of National Library and Documentation Services Board. In addition, National Library and Documentation Services Board started a programme to develop a library in Hakmana Ellewela Primary School.

CDNLAO MEETING 2017



The 25th annual meeting of the CDNLAO was held in Beijing hosted by the National Library of China on 16th - 17th May 2017. Mr. W. Sunil, Director General of the National Library and Documentation Services Board participated the meeting.

WORKSHOP ON ACQUISITION ACTIVITIES

The Acquisition Division of the National Library and Documentation Services Board organised one day workshop on acquisition activities on 26th January 2017 for public librarians of Western Province. The workshop consisted of theoretical as well as practical aspects and covered the areas such as book selection, ordering, acquisition and processing. Mr. H.M. Gunaratna Banda, Former Assistant Director General, National Institute of Education and Ms. Amitha Gallanawatta, Assistant Director, NLDSB served as the resource persons.

REBUILDING THE LIBRARIES DAMAGED DUE TO FLOODS AND EARTHSLIPS



A group of officers of the National Library and Documentation Services Board visited the flood effected districts of Rathnapura,

Galle and Matara to inspect the affected libraries and prepare a report. This visit took place on 2nd, 3rd and 4th June. During the visit the completely destroyed libraries and libraries which can be preserved and restored were identified and action are being taken to provide advice and books for these libraries.

40 flood effected libraries were donated books in a ceremony held on 21st June 2017 in the NLDSB under the patronage of Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam Minister of Education

NEW INSTITUTIONS JOIN TO INTER LIBRARY LOAN SERVICE

Agreements were signed by University of Visual and Performing Arts, the Daisy Lanka Foundation, Access to Success and Sri Lanka Council for Blind with National Library and Documentation Services Board on 01.02.2016 to join the Inter Library Loan (ILL) Service of the National Library.

NATIONAL LIBRARY STUDY TOURS

384 students of 09 schools participated the national library study tours organized by NLDSB. These schools were also donated books by the NLDSB. Objective of this study tour programme is to make aware the school children about the National Library, its resources and services.



NATIONAL LIBRARY RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM 2017

National Library and Documentation Services Board has made arrangements to organize the above research symposium on 20.09.2017 in the National Library Auditorium. Objective of this symposium is to provide the opportunity for the library professionals to present their research papers. Library professionals can submit their papers in the symposium on topics related to library and information science field. Further details can be obtained from the Research Division of the National Library and Documentation Services Board. Applications and particulars are also available in the National Library website (www.natlib.lk)

INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE (ICH) POLICY MISSION IN SRI LANKA

ICH expert Prof. Rahul Goswami and Prof. Sara Gardner visited Sri Lanka on 28rd - 27th January 2017 for the preparation of guidelines for a ICH national policy for Sri Lanka. Prof. Goswami is a UNESCO specialist in traditional knowledge and practices and Ms. Gardner is a specialist in cultural policy. This programme was sponsored by UNESCO New Delhi office and facilities were provided by the National Library and Documentation Services Board .

SEMINAR ON THE PUBLIC LIBRARY SURVEY OF UVA PROVINCE



A seminar to make aware about the public library survey of Uva Province was held at the auditorium of the Uva Province Library Services Board on 24.03.2017. 25 participants including the Chairman, Uva Provincial Library Services Board, Commissioner of Local Government, Uva Province, Director General and Director

of the National Library and Documentation Services Board participated the seminar. Mr. W. Sunil, Director General, NLDSB, Mr. G. D. Amarasiri, Director, NLDSB and Mr. H. M. Gunarathna Banda, former Assistant Director General, National Institute of Education served as resource persons.

NOMINATION ON STRING PUPPETRY ART TO THE UNESCO ICH WORLD REGISTER

A preliminary discussion was held in the auditorium of the Heritage Division in Sethsiripaya on 06.02.2017 regarding the sending of a nomination on string puppetry art to the UNESCO ICH world register. Mr. Asoka Siriwardana, Additional Secretary (Planning and Development) Ministry of Education, Ms. Dhammika Wijayasinghe, Secretary General, Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO,

Mr. Chandragupta Thenuwara, Chairman Sri Lanka Art Council, Dr. Saroja Wettasinghe, Director, Department of National Archives, Prof. B. D. Nandadeva, University of Kelaniya and Mr. Prasad Ranasinghe, Assistant Director, Ministry of Education participated the meeting. This nomination was submitted to the UNESCO for consideration to be included to the ICH world register.

NEW ARRIVALS OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY COLLECTION

ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF BRITANNICA 2016 ULTIMATE REFERENCE SUITE (DVD)



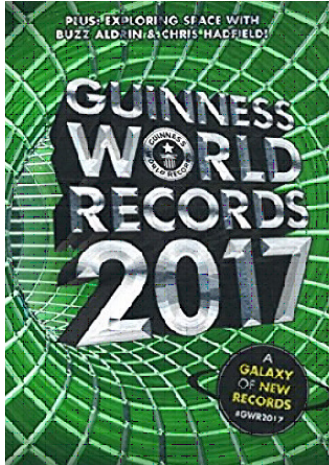
This DVD contains three age-appropriate encyclopaedias, the elementary, the student, and the renowned encyclopaedia Britannica, that provide trusted answers. It is packed with learning tools, including two dictionaries and thesaurus, Rich multimedia, interactive article and media tours, homework tools, a complete atlas, updated timelines, online magazines and more. It has the knowledge you need from the world's most trusted source.

THE CHICAGO MANUAL OF STYLE: THE ESSENTIAL GUIDE FOR WRITERS, EDITORS, AND PUBLISHERS - 16TH EDITION



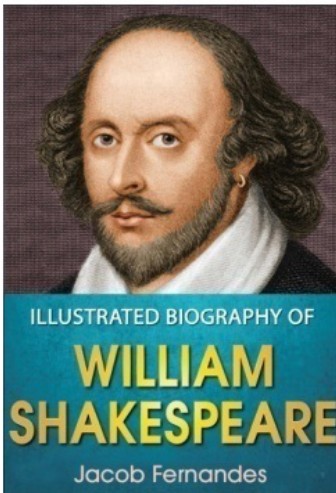
The first published in 1906, the essential reference for writers, editors, proof readers, indexers, copywriters, designers and publishers. Now in its sixteenth edition, the book is fully revised to reflect how publishing professionals work in the digital age. While digital technologies have transformed the publishing world in the twenty-first century, one thing still remains true: The Chicago Manual of Style is the authoritative, trusted source that writers, editors, and publishers turn to for guidance on style and process. For the sixteenth edition, every aspect of coverage has been reconsidered to reflect how publishing professionals work today.

GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS 2017 BY GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS



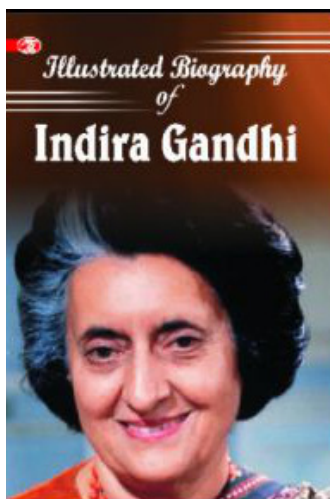
Guinness World Records 2017 is bursting with all-new records on topics as diverse as black holes, domes, owls and killer plants. Want to know the highest anyone has travelled on a skateboard, or the largest loop-the-loop completed in a car? Dying to know just how many tricks a cat can do in one minute? The answers to these questions and so much more are right inside. New in this year's edition are exciting infographic features exploring the fascinating details on topics such as animals, the human body, sports and explorations.

ILLUSTRATED BIOGRAPHY OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



This book is an engaging introduction to a subject that students will certainly encounter many times throughout their education—and their lives. Lucid language and dramatic illustrations re-create the Bard's world of kings and queens, fairies and potions, and bloody beheadings. It imparts an amazing amount of vivid, interesting material about place, period and background of Shakespeare. This sweeping account is a biography, a history, and a retelling of some of Shakespeare's most famous plays—all in one approachable volume.

ILLUSTRATED BIOGRAPHY OF INDIRA GANDHI



Here is the first popular biography of one of the world's most influential leaders, India's third prime minister. Brought up during an era that saw the rise of Indian nationalism, Indira was raised to be what her father, Jawaharlal Nehru, called "a child of revolution" - destined to play a political role in the creation and governing of an independent India. Despite her early reluctance to embrace this role, Indira eventually presided over a huge, complex and male-dominated country. She was born to a wealthy, westernized family, but she had a gift for connecting with the poor of the countryside and the urban slums, the illiterate, the dispossessed - so much so that "Indira is India" became a familiar slogan.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) 2017 Conference

Duration : 5 – 6 July, 2017
 Venue : Manchester, UK
 Sponsor/Organizer : Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP)
 URL : <http://cilipconference.org.uk/>

20th National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking (NACLIN): “A Digital Universe of Infinite Possibilities for Libraries”

Duration : 28 – 30 November, 2017
 Venue : New Delhi, India
 Sponsor/Organizer : Developing Library Network (DELNET)
 URL: http://delnet.nic.in/Naclin_2017.pdf

The Fifteenth International Conference on Books, Publishing & Libraries

Duration : 7 July 2017
 Venue : London, UK
 Sponsor/Organizer : Common Ground Publishing
 Theme : The Publisher Is Dead; Long Live the Publisher
 URL : <http://booksandpublishing.com/2017-conference>

14th International Conference on Intellectual Capital, Knowledge Management & Organisational Learning – ICICKM 2017

Duration : 7 – 8 December, 2017
 Venue : Hong Kong, China
 Sponsor/Organizer : Academic Conferences and Publishing International
 URL : <http://www.academic-conferences.org/conferences/icickm/icickm-call-for-papers/>

LIBER 2017 Annual Conference

Duration : 5 – 7 July, 2017
 Venue : Patras, Greece
 Theme : Libraries Powering Sustainable Knowledge in the Digital Age
 Sponsor/Organizer : Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche (LIBER, Association of European Research Libraries)
 URL : <http://liber2017.lis.upatras.gr/>

International Conference on Digital Preservation (iPRES)

Duration : 25 – 29 September, 2017
 Venue : Kyoto, Japan
 Sponsor/Organizer : iPRES Steering Group
 URL : <https://ipres-conference.org/>

IFLA 2017 MCULTP Satellite Conference

Duration : 16 – 17 August, 2017
 Venue : Berlin, Germany
 Sponsor/Organizer : IFLA Library Services to Multicultural Populations Section (MCULTP)
 URL : <http://www.ifla.org/node/10998>

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