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## **Preface**

Sri Lanka Library Review is a professional journal which includes a collection of high quality research papers and articles that support to enhance the knowledge of its readers. This annual publication includes very valuable articles published in the field of Library & Information Science, and related subjects. Each of these papers seems very informative to its readers and gives an eye opening for acquiring knowledge further.

Since 1962, this journal is published by the Sri Lanka Library Association every year in order to share the information and knowledge acquired by the scholars in respective fields.

At 57th consecutive year of this journal, It is my great pleasure and honor to be the editor of this review, however it becomes more difficult unless the courtesy and support that I have received from the publication committee members, council members, panel of reviewers, staff of the Sri Lanka Library Association and other volunteers who supported in numerous ways. Therefore I would like to extend my sincere thanks and express my gratitude to all members of Editorial Board for providing the dedicated support and feedback necessary to develop and publish such consistent high quality articles and research papers.

Further my heartfelt appreciation is extended to all reviewers who have supported the journal by reviewing and evaluating all submitted articles to the journal on a voluntary basis. I gratefully remember the support extended to me in numerous ways by the President, Sri Lanka Library Association and all members of the Council and Executive Committee that enable me to publish this journal in order and without delay. The Contributors of valuable articles to the Sri Lanka Library Review are also acknowledged.

Finally I would like to extend my gratitude to all members of Sri Lanka Library Association and wish to request them to submit articles for future journals according to the scope of the review. Also association welcomes our readers' feedback, so it will help to develop this review further.

**M. K. Givon Yanika Nandasena**  
**Editor/June 2019**

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# Preventing the Plague of Plagiarism

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## Abstract

Defines plagiarism as an unethical act of copyright infringement and lack of attribution to the original sources. States it is widespread all over the world in academics and creative fields such as research, art, industry, movies and music. Explores its origin and states its causes and ill effects. Suggests some preventive and curative measures to curb it. Gives details of academic, administrative and technological solutions to check this growing menace. Names some anti-plagiarism software to detect it. Projects Information literacy as the best means to eradicate it. Highlights the role of librarians in educating users against plagiarism.

**Key words:** Academic ethics, Anti-plagiarism software, Copyright infringement, Information literacy, Intellectual property rights(IPR), Plagiarism, Scientific misconduct.

## Introduction

Plagiarism is a snake, always tempting writers, editors, artists, storytellers, poets, films makers, fashion designers, architects, software engineers, researchers, students and other creative beings. Many a mighty and famous like Shakespeare have been alleged to have fallen prey to it. In the contemporary world many a vice-chancellor, great politicians, directors of research, journalist, famed researcher has been found guilty of this crime (Plagiarism 2015, Wikipedia).

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**Classification is an efficient innovative human thought constituted in books transformed into notation of an artificial language consisting with ordinal numeric value: an investigative study with reference to DDC and Colon classification concept.**

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### **Abstract**

The last result of Library book classification is reported or knowledge deposited in books arrangement by useful order for the benefit of humans. Human thought is universal knowledge constituted with various subject. A subject is an Organized or systematized body of ideas. An idea is a concept born in human mind that causing a certain object seizing by fivefold organs. Therefore an idea is a picture or impression in your mind or an opinion or belief. Furthermore the subject itself is called as streams of thinking. The basic purpose of this paper is in bibliographical control, to describe under by using appropriate technical vocabulary under subject wise background allied to theoretical base of classification usage of notation.

**Keywords:** Book Classification, Colon Classification, Dewey Decimal Classification, Notation, System of Book Classification

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## Protection of Palm-leaf manuscripts through Traditional and Modern techniques of conservation

### Abstract

The aim of this article is to discuss the barriers encountered to the preservation of palm-leaves, the traditional methods used to preservation them, and materials, tools, equipment, modern techniques used to preserve the palm-leaves and what are the chemicals and materials utilized. Due to un-control of the environmental factors following defects can be seen in the palm leaves such as silverfish, termites, fungi, damage of leaves, and peeling of leaves. Almost all the palm-leaf manuscripts in Sri Lanka were preserved by using traditional methods of preservation of palm-leaves. At the same time, the modern techniques of preservation of palm-leaves will help to retain the manuscripts in good condition. Through this method it will help to repair the edges damages of palm leaves, cleaning of stains in the leaves, and application of blackening for the leaf where those are not applied so far.

**Keywords:** Preservation of Palm leaves, Modern Techniques of Preservation, Barriers of Preservation.

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விஞ்ஞான பாடநூலை மையப்படுத்திய ஆய்வு

**The elements of Information Literacy in Text books of Secondary Education  
in Sri Lanka: Special focus on Science Text books**

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**Abstract**

Improving information literacy skills of school students in Sri Lankan education sector is essential to recognize their educational impact and to enhance these skills at various levels. This paper reports the findings of the evidences of elements of information literacy in Text books of Secondary Education in Sri Lanka. Considering the wideness of text books, this study limited to Science text books. Objective of this study is to identify the elements of Information Literacy in Science Text books of Secondary Education in Sri Lanka. Using both descriptive and exploratory research methods, this study explores the elements through the identified evidences in Science Text books of Secondary Education from grade 6 to grade 11. Several attempts have been made by Sri Lankans for the development of Information literacy. Among them "Empowering 8" is an information literacy model which targets the school sector in the country developed by Sri Lankan professionals in 2004. The eight components of this model are: the abilities to identify, explore, select, organize, create, present, assess and apply information to address an issue or a problem. This study identifies these eight information literacy elements in the text books with evidences. Findings show most of the lessons designed with the information literacy elements itself. More than thirty examples are pointed out under the categories of these elements of empowering 8.

**Keywords:** Information Literacy; School libraries; Secondary education;  
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## **Education Behind Bars: How prison libraries reinforce rehabilitative process: Literature Review with Author's Perspective**

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### **Abstract**

Prisons of today are considered as a place of reform. Therefore, various educational and correctional programmes are being conducted in the form of rehabilitation. The 3 Cs of Prison management are Custody, Care and Correction. Offender rehabilitation involves more than mere prison management. Prisons are considered as an essential tool in controlling crimes and to keep society safe. Many people believe that aim of incarceration is to reduce the harm caused by criminals and thereby to protect the society. While given a punishment, justice systems could do far more to rehabilitate prisoners. The main objective of education behind bars is to release inmates as law abiding citizens. The role of prison library in the rehabilitative process is highly commendable. This review of literature and author's experience on Sri Lankan prison libraries has proven the need of a well-established prison library and effective delivery of library services. In most of the developed countries, the prison libraries are successful in providing a valued service. Author concludes with concrete recommendations for improved library services to this marginalised and disadvantaged population in Sri Lanka. This article will explore the importance of prison library services in the current context of prisons in Sri Lanka and educational and recreational role of prison libraries is emphasized.

**Keywords:** Prison Libraries, correctional education, rehabilitation, desistance from crime, recidivism

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## Public Libraries in Batticaloa District and their Role in the Society: A Study

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### Abstract

Public libraries are the primary institutions that are engaged in gathering and providing, information and services to the local community. These libraries act as an entrance to the knowledge and support to lifelong learning. Public libraries are developing the communities by giving confidence to every individual in the society to make their own independent decision. In recent past there are many developments take place in Batticaloa district to rebuild the communities affected by the local war for more than three-decades. Accordingly, this article explores the current status of the public libraries in the Batticaloa district with respect to their information services, human resources and physical resources. Further the study examines the problems and challenges faced by the libraries in providing modern library services to the community. Also it suggests some possible solutions to overcome these issues in future.

### சுருக்கம்

உள்ளூர் சமூகத்தின் தகவல் தேவைகளை பூர்த்தி செய்ய தகவல்களை சேகரித்தல் மற்றும் தகவல் சேவைகளை வழங்குதல் பேன்றவற்றில் ஈடுபடும் முதன்மையான நிறுவனங்களே பொது நூலகங்களாகும். இவை அறிவிற்கும் தகவலுக்கும் ஓர் நுழைவாயிலாகவும் வாழ்நாள் கற்றலுக்கும், சமூக வளர்ச்சிக்கும் உறுதுணை புரிவதுடன் ஒரு தனிநபருக்கு சுயாதீனமாக தீர்க்கமான முடிவெடுக்கும் ஆற்றலையும் வழங்குகின்றன. இதனடிப்படையில் இக் கட்டுரையானது மட்டக்களப்பு மாவட்டத்தில் உள்ள பொது நூலகங்களின் தற்போதைய நிலையும் அவை வழங்கி வரும் சேவைகளையும் அவற்றில் காணப்படும் மனிதவளம் பௌதீக வளம் போன்றவற்றின் சார்பாக எடுத்துரைக்கின்றது. மேலும் தற்காலத்தில் அதிகரித்துவரும் இலத்திரனியல் தகவல் பாவனைக்கு ஏற்றவாறு நடை பெறும்

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## An Analytical Study on Library and Information Science Collection of the National Library of Sri Lanka

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### Abstract

This is a bibliometric study on the library and information science collection of Sri Lanka National Library. 3236 published books were analyzed. Analysis was conducted according to language, year of publication, place of publication, acquisition rate and subject areas. It showed that since 1995 acquisition rate has been declining gradually due to various reasons. The main focus was given to encyclopedias, year books, bibliographies, dictionaries and bibliographic control respectively. It is proposed to commence a project on writing or translating library and information science books in vernacular languages, acquire more books on new trends in library and information field and make attempts to acquire more books via exchange process.

**Keywords:** Library and Information Science Collection, National Library, Bibliometric Study, Collection Development Policy, Collection Development

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## **Fundamentals of metadata: understanding librarians' role**

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### **Abstract**

The article discusses about the fundamentals of metadata and its functions. Objectives and five types of metadata which librarians are created, its role when retrieving information from the digital repositories and internet resources are further stated. Modern metadata schemes and standards that are existing today range from very complex to very simple are also discussed. The main objective of this concept paper is to make aware Sri Lankan LIS professionals about the fundamentals of Metadata, functions, types of metadata, process of creation metadata, and its application when preparing bibliographic description for the resources. Hence, this paper intends to further introduce definitions of key concept of metadata and to provide an overview of the most modern metadata schema and standards. The role of the librarian in creation of metadata for digital resource collections and challenges faced by the librarians with regard to the improving knowledge on modern metadata schema and standards are also discussed. Further, it is emphasized the importance of improving of knowledge and skills needed for the Sri Lankan librarians to create metadata are also included. Lastly, the need of the changes in LIS curriculum to cater to these changes is also discussed.

**Key words:** Metadata, Metadata standards, Information organization,  
Librarians' role

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**Abstract**

The study sought to identify abuse of library materials in the Sir Lanka Law college library. User malpractices of Library materials by highlighting, underlining, removing papers/parts of the page, damaging barcode labels, call number labels and damaging or defacing library materials is a threat to the library collection. Such practices can be described as abusing of the library materials. This survey was conducted with following objectives; to identify the various forms of abuse, to find out the reasons for the abuse and to suggest the possible solutions to protect the library collection. The survey was conducted by using questionnaires with close and open ended questions. Students (120) were selected for the study and out of it102 were respond and the rate was 85% from preliminary year, intermediate year and final year.

The responders mentioned that text books were mostly abused material in the library and respondents gave their answers to the ways of abusing library materials mainly tearing away pages, folding pages, writing on pages of the materials. According to the reasons for the abuse of the information materials, 76% of students mentioned that high demand of a particular book, 72% limited copies of the information materials, 64% poor photocopying machine and 59% indicated selfishness. The respondents proposed a variety of strategies to protect the collection too. The study recommended that abusers should be subjected to heavy and well defines penalties and mount cameras (CCTV) in the library. The number of copies of demanded text books should be increased. Improving of photocopying services of the library. Introduce and electronic system as RFID machines. Regularly reviewed set of library instruction should be drawn.

**Key Words:** Abuse, Information materials, Mutilation, Students Malpractices, Law collection, Law College.

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## Mrs Ishvari Corea (1925-2019)



Passing away of Mrs Ishvari Corea, widely respected former Chief Librarian of Colombo Public Library and a distinguished professional librarian of Sri Lanka is a very sad event not only for her family and relatives, but also to friends, admirers and specially for librarians in the country. In addition to being the Chief Librarian of Colombo Public Library from 1961 to 1988, she also functioned as the Chairperson of the National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB) from 1989 to 1994 and as the President of the Sri Lanka Library Association from 1967 to 1968. She also served as a visiting lecturer of the Department of Library and Information Studies, Kelaniya University.

She was born on 4<sup>th</sup> June 1925 as the fourth child of a family of five children of Don Bernard Wijesinghe Kannanagara and Beatrice Wijewardana Jayasekara, an eminent family in Bandaragama. On completion of her early education at the primary school of Bandaragama, she joined Visaka Vidyalaya, Colombo. After an eventful school career where she had to spend many years in Bandarawela during the time of the second world war, she successfully completed the university entrance examination in 1945 and entered the University of Ceylon from where she graduated in 1949 with a special degree in Sinhala.

After a short stint of teaching at Visaka Vidyalaya she joined Colombo Public Library as the Deputy Librarian in 1950 and commenced her long and distinguished career in librarianship under late Mr S C Blok, another giant of the Sri Lankan library field. In 1959 Mrs Corea entered the University of London for her postgraduate studies in librarianship and completed it in 1960. She was appointed as the Chief Librarian of Colombo Public Library in 1961, where she served for the next 27 years. Under her stewardship Colombo Public Library expanded and modernized its services as a true metropolitan library. Setting up a network of branch libraries scattered throughout the city, vibrant mobile library service, book box services for under privileged areas, increasing membership of the library, the construction of a new, modern library building in the heart of Colombo, adjoining the Vihara Maha Devi Park and inaugurating it in 1980 are some of the highlights of her many achievements. A dignified, gracious lady driving a large black Chevrolet car visiting branch libraries and other projects in every corner of the city was a common sight in Colombo those days.

Mrs Corea closely associated with the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA), the

professional forum of Sri Lankan librarians from its inception in 1960. She in the company of other veteran librarians of the era such as S C Blok, V. Mahalingam, Bernadeen Silva, T G Piyadasa, Vijita De Silva, Manel Silva, K D Somadasa, Margaret Goonaratne, W B Dorakumbura, Clodagh Nethsingha, S Rubasingham and S M Kamaldeen helped to establish the new association on a firm foundation in its first decade. She held many positions in the SLLA during this period including that of the President.

She was married to late Dr C V S Corea, ‘father of Homeopathy in Sri Lanka’. Her beautiful residence at Gregory’s Road with a sprawling garden was the centre for many happy gatherings for her relatives and friends.

After her retirement from Colombo Public Library, she was appointed as the Chairperson of NLDSB in 1989. By that time the building work of the new National Library on Independence Avenue was completed and as the first task she inaugurated the National Library of Sri Lanka in 1990. Organizing the new National Library was a huge challenge at the time as books and other library resources, library furniture and equipment had to be procured and organized within a short time. A new cadre of staff and the necessary funds had to be obtained from the Treasury, which was a huge challenge at the time. We spent many hours explaining the role of the National Library to the higher officials and her charm and reputation won many hard battles for the national library. She was the only professional librarian who headed the NLDSB during its almost 50 year existence and the results were remarkable. Establishing different services of the new National Library, recruiting and training the new cadre for the library, introducing the new institution to the public, formulation of the present NLDSB Act, commencing library automation, improving the National Bibliography and Bibliographic Services, initiating the Retrospective National Bibliography (1737-1962), collecting rare books, launching documentation services, formulating Library Standards for public, school and other library services, expanding library education and training services, compilation of Authority Files of Sri Lankan authors, establishing a close rapport with the country’s research and academic community, publication programmes and maintaining close ties with UNESCO, IFLA and other international and regional forums are some of the landmark achievements during this period. Due to her long association with the Colombo Municipal Council she had a close affinity with many leading politicians of all parties at the time which helped the NLDSB and the library and information field in many ways.

Mrs Corea has a number of publications to her credit including A Manual for Public Libraries in Sri Lanka, Libraries and People, Treasures of Knowledge and Glimpses of Colombo along with a range of professional articles. As a devoted Buddhist she engaged in many religious activities and closely associated with a number of leading temples in the country. May she attain Nibbana.

**Upali Amarasiri**

Former Director General/NLDSB



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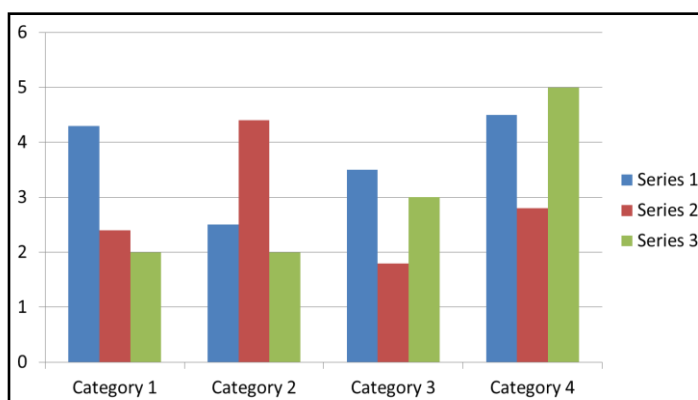


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