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## President's Message

It is my great pleasure and privilege to send this message to our membership as the newly elected president of the SLLA for 2016-2017. SLLA has played a predominant role in the LIS education and professional development of its membership for more than half a century. I wish to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude to all the Past Presidents and Council members for driving SLLA towards its goals.



The SLLA has played a very active role not only in the national context but also in the international context by being a member of IFLA since 1974. SLLA has always valued sustaining national librarianship and broadening the professional horizons through information exchange at national and international domains. The strength of the SLLA is the co-operation extended by its membership.

During the current year SLLA has planned a series of programmes not only to contribute towards the academic and professional development of the Library and Information Professionals of the country but also to make a contribution to the general citizens of the country fulfilling the social responsibility of the librarians. I strongly believe that the SLLA could make a greater contribution for the sustainable development of the country through the active participation of the membership, especially serving in the rural and underprivileged districts.

The Council and myself as the President, consider it's our prime duty to work towards achieving the goals of the SLLA and we are happy and proud to lead our Association in a rapidly changing and challenging environment and I am looking forward to your continuous support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you think that you can make a positive contribution towards the sustainable development of the country through our Association...

- Dr. (Mrs.) Pradeepa Wijetunge PhD; FSLLA; FCILIP -

**56<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of the Sri Lanka Library Association was held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at the Sri Lanka Foundation (SLF), Colombo 07. Chief Guest, Prof. Lakshman Dissanayake, Vice Chancellor, University of Colombo and Guest of Honor, Mr. Keith Davies, Country Director, British Council, Sri Lanka addressed the gathering at the inauguration ceremony.

Prof. Lakshman Dissanayake highlighted in his guest speech that libraries has a pivotal role to play in empowering the citizens of the country by providing vital information.

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## SLLA COUNCIL MEMBERS 2016/2017.

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**NACLIS Group:** Mr. T. Ramanan

**Provincial:** Mr. T.G. Padmasiri

### \* Executive Committee Members

#### Nominated Members for Executive Committee:

Dr. (Mrs.) N. D. Wijayasundera

Mrs. V. Gangabadaarachchi

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Mr. Keith Davies, Country Director, British Council, Sri Lanka said that there will be a mixture of both physical presence and the digital space in contemporary libraries.



At the AGM, Ms. H.N.K. Dissanayake was awarded the "fellowship" of the Sri Lanka Library Association. Scholarships and awards were distributed for the academic years 2014/2015 & 2015/2016 to students who followed the Diploma in Library & Information Science (DIP LIS) and Course on Library Automation (COLA) conducted by Sri Lanka Library Association.



*Mrs. Harshani N.K. Dissanayake received the "Fellowship" of Sri Lanka Library Association at the AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016.*

*Received Gold Medal & Certificate for the Best Student in Level III of DIP LIS*



*Awards Received for the Best Performances in the Diploma in Library & Information Science (DIP LIS) and Course on Library Automation (COLA)*



## National Conference on Library Information Science (NACLIS) 2016

Twelfth National Conference on Library & Information Science (NACLIS) 2016 was held at Sri Lanka Foundation, Colombo 07, on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 on the theme of **"Marching towards excellence: Contributions of LIS professionals in building a better society"**. NACLIS is an annual event aimed at promoting professional and academic experiences among librarians and information professionals in Sri Lanka, organized by the Sri Lanka Library Association. Chief Guest, Prof. Gunapala Nanayakkara, HRD Consultant, Ministry of Education delivered keynote address on **"Towards a cultured knowledge society"**. Eleven (11) papers were presented by Library professionals at the conference and Mrs. Deepali Talagala was the convener of NACLIS 2016.



### Papers Presented at National Conference on Library & Information Science (NACLIS) 2016

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- පන්ති කාමර සමාජයන්හි හානිකර හැසිරීම් පාලනය කිරීම. - බී.ඒ. ප්‍රියානි බාලසූරිය
- The impact of libraries in international schools in the effective delivery of curricula and student performance – M. A. N. Sarojini
- ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ විශ්වවිද්‍යාල ආචාර්යවරුන් සහ විද්‍යාර්ථීන් ශාස්ත්‍රීය තොරතුරු ගවේෂණයේදී සංඛ්‍යාංක පුස්තකාල භාවිතය පිළිබඳ අධ්‍යයනයක්. (කැලණිය විශ්වවිද්‍යාලයේ සාමාජීය විද්‍යා හා මානව ශාස්ත්‍ර පීඨ ඇසුරෙන්) - පුජ්‍ය බෝපැන්නේ සෝමානන්ද හිමි
- Faculty awareness and knowledge about open access and institutional repositories: a case study at University of Peradeniya – Chamani Gunasekera
- Information professionals for future library career in knowledge society – Rev. Bodagama Sumana
- බැංකු හා මූල්‍ය විද්‍යාලයේ විද්‍යාර්ථීන්ගේ තොරතුරු සෙවීමේ පුරුදු පිළිබඳ අධ්‍යයනයක්. ජී. ඩබ්. අයි. ගල්ගොඩවත්ත
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- Documentation of cultural heritage of Batticaloa District of Sri Lanka: With special reference to digitization of palm leaf manuscripts - a project . - S. Santharooban, T. Ramanan and M. N. Ravikumar
- A bibliometric assessment of research literature on Ebola virus disease based on Scopus database - Komathy Murugathas and S. Navaneethakrishnan
- Role of libraries in achieving the sustainable development goals in Sri Lanka – S.M.V.N.K. K.S. Wickramasinghe

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එහිදී ශ්‍රී ලංකා පුස්තකාල සංගමයේ කාර්යභාරය, ඉදිරි වර්ෂ දෙකෙහි ඉලක්ක, තිරසාර සංවර්ධන ඉලක්ක ලගා කර ගැනීම සඳහා පුස්තකාලවල දායකත්වය සහ ජනතාවගේ කියවීම් රුචිය හා නව ප්‍රවණතා පිළිබඳ සාකච්ඡා විය. පැය භාගයක් පුරා පැවැත්වූ මෙම වැඩසටහන මගින් ශ්‍රී ලංකා පුස්තකාල සංගමය සහ එහි කාර්යයන් පිළිබඳ ප්‍රචාරයක් ලබාදීමට හැකිවූ අතර, ඒ පිළිබඳව ස්වාධීන රූපවාහිනී සේවයට අපගේ කෘතඥතාව පිරිනැමේ.

Watch video at <<http://www.itn.lk/2016/07/03/coffee-table-2016-07-03/>>

## Adieu Professor Piyadasa Ranasinghe (1949-2016)

Ranasinghe Arachchige Piyadasa Ranasinghe, who died on 4 August, 2016, donned many a hat at the University of Kelaniya, namely Senior Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Director, Research Centre for Social Sciences, and Director, Palm Leaf Manuscript Research Centre. He had the distinction of being the first *de jure* Professor of Library and Information Science in Sri Lanka, and the first Emeritus professor in the Sri Lankan LIS profession. Apart from his expertise in his profession, he was one of the well-known scholars in Sri Lanka who started his career as a Lecturer in the Department of Sinhala, University of Kelaniya. Just before turning to librarianship, he had served as an Assistant Editor of the Sinhala Dictionary where he had the rare opportunity to work under Prof. D. E. Hettiarachchi, a renowned oriental scholar and lexicographer. His library career began in 1979 after being appointed as Assistant Librarian of the University of Sri Jayawardenepura. In 1990 he returned to the University of Kelaniya as a Senior Assistant Librarian and the Head, Department of Library and Information Science of the university. Thereafter there was no looking back on the cultivated path of professional fame and achievements. He won an Australian Government Scholarship in 1992 to join the School of Information, Library and Archival Studies of the University of New South Wales, Australia. There he earned M.Lib. Research Degree under the supervision of highly acclaimed scholars Prof. Boyd Rayward and Dr. Jack Nelson. His thesis "Sri Lanka National Bibliography and the Bibliographical Tradition of Sri Lanka" was accepted as the first serious research on bibliographical tradition and the bibliographic control of Sri Lanka. He came back to serve as the Acting Librarian of the University of Kelaniya from 1994 till he became the founder Librarian of the newly established Rajarata University of Sri Lanka in 1996. He developed the library system in the university from the scratch. University of Kelaniya invited him in 1998 to rejoin as the Head the Department of Library and Information Science, he had arrived at his *terra firma*. He nurtured the department as one of the best academic departments of the university and done of the highly recognized library education centre in the country. Soon he was elevated to the post of Professor and remained as the Head of the Department for more than 10 years to lead its destiny and groom his junior colleagues. He has left his indelible footprints for his successors.

His scholarship was multi-faceted. Apart from library and information science he had researched into the areas of indigenous knowledge, Buddhism, manuscripts, and intangible cultural heritage. In 2001-2002 he was the recipient of the most prestigious Japan Foundation Senior Fellowship for research on the Sources of Japanese Studies at Saga University, Japan in collaboration with Urata Yoshikazu, Professor of Humanities. In 2012 he served as a visiting Professor in the Digital Library Learning Programme at University of Parma, Italy. Also he served as an expert in developing the Curricula for the training course on Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA) of IFLA, The Hague, in 2009. After retirement from Kelaniya in 2014, he was invited to serve as the Library and Information Professor of the Nagananda International Buddhist Studies Centre, Sri Lanka, and also continued as director of the palm leaf research Centre at Kelaniya. Kelaniya was unwilling to let him go.

As a prolific writer more than 10 monographs, nearly 70 articles on Library and information science and related subjects are to his credit. He skillfully translated five literary works and four works on other subjects from different languages. Apart from membership of the UNESCO Memory of the World Project he chaired a number Committees in the National Library and Documentation Services Board of Sri Lanka. He brought laurels to the university as the Coordinator of the First International Conference on Social Sciences held in 2008 in the University of Kelaniya. For the services he rendered for success of this Conference he was awarded the "Most Outstanding Promoter of International Relations in the University". He served with distinction as President of Sri Lankan Library Association for the term 2007-2009. In nutshell his contributions for the advancement of library science in Sri Lanka are path breaking. Indeed all the respects and admiration of his students, colleagues and seniors, and his professional achievements were reflected in a voluminous festschrift\* presented to him in a highly attended function on his retirement in 2014.

His multidisciplinary and meritorious achievements in broader areas of education, culture, libraries and international cooperation were recognized in the Asian Library Leaders Life Time Achievement Award (ALL-LTAW)-2014. In his sudden demise the country has lost an outstanding scholar, Kelaniya an able teacher and education administrator, and we a warm friend, a wise counsel and an anecdotal conversationalist on how to live life well.

*By Prof. M. P. Satija, Guru Nanak Dev University, India.*

### Won Outstanding Paper Award

Ms. Gihani Rajapakse who was a student of DIPLS won the "**Outstanding paper award**" at the past "International Conference on Library and Information Science - 2016" which was held in Kyoto, Japan from July 12-14, 2016. She presented a paper titled "**Library manager's decision making in succession planning at Sri Lankan university libraries**"

We wish all the best for her future endeavors...



## ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ මහාචාර්ය පියදාස රණසිංහ මහතා පිළිබඳ සටහනක්

හොඳම ගුරුවරයා යනු දරුවා මෙන්ම ඔහුගේ පෞරුෂත්වය ගොඩනැගීමට උගන්වන්නාය. වචන පමණක් උගන්වා, එහි තේරුම නුගන්වන්නා වචනයෙන් පමණක් ගුරුවරයෙකි. විෂය නිර්දේශය උගන්වා එහි අන්තර්ගතය නුගන්වන්නා සාමාන්‍ය ගුරුවරයෙකි. පොත පමණක් උගන්වා එහි සාරය නුගන්වන්නා පොතට සීමා වූ ගුරුවරයෙකි. කාලච්ඡේද සඳහා උගන්වන්නා එහි වටිනාකම නොදන්නා වෙලාව ගරු කරන ගුරුවරයෙකි. ගුරුවරයා පිළිබඳව මෙවන් අර්ථ පූර්ණ සෙවීමට සිදු වන්නේ තබ්බෝ මහා ප්‍රාඥයා හෙවත් ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ මහාචාර්ය පියදාස රණසිංහ මහතා ගුරුවරයෙකු සතු විය යුතු සියලු යුතුකම් ඉටුකොට මෙලොවින් සමුගත් නිසාවෙනි.



ප්‍රවීණ හා කුසලතා පූර්ණ වෘත්තිකයෙකු, දක්ෂ පුහුණුකරුවෙකු, ප්‍රවීණ ආචාර්යවරයෙකු වූ පියදාස රණසිංහයන් කියා සිටියේ පුස්තකාල විද්‍යාවේ නීති තිබෙන්නේ පාඨකයින්ට උදව් කිරීමට මිස ඔවුන් පාලනය කිරීමට නොවන බවයි. කිවයුතු දෙය නිර්භයව ප්‍රකාශ කිරීමටත්, ලිවිය යුතු දෙය පැහැදිලිව ලිවීමත්, සෘජුව, කටයුතු කිරීමත් එතුමා සතු විශිෂ්ට ගුණාංගයන්ය. මහාචාර්යවරයෙකු, ප්‍රවීණ පුස්තකාලයාධිපතිවරයෙකු මානව සම්පත් ප්‍රවර්ධනයෙකු, දක්ෂ පරිපාලන නිලධාරියෙකු, ගත් කතුවරයකු, පරිවර්තකයෙකු, පර්යේෂකයෙකු මෙන්ම පුවත්පත් කලාවේදියෙකු වශයෙන් විවිධ වූ ක්ෂේත්‍ර හා බද්ධව ස්වකීය යුතුකම මනාව ඉටුකල ආචාර්යවරයෙකි. ස්වකීය රාජකාරිය මනාව ඉටුකළ මෙතුමා විටෙක කියා තිබෙන්නේ ගොවි පවුලක උපන් තමා ඉක්මනට පෝසන් විමට නොසිතූ බවත්, කිසි දිනක කීර්තිය සොයා නොගිය බවත්ය. මෙරට පුස්තකාල හා විද්‍යාපන විද්‍යා විෂය ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ ප්‍රථම ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ මහාචාර්යවරයා වන පියදාස රණසිංහයන් පුස්තකාල වෘත්තිකයන් වෙත කරුණු කිහිපයක් පිළිබඳව සැලකිලිමත් වන ලෙස දක්වා ඇත.

- තමාගේ වෘත්තිය ගැන නිරවුල් හා පැහැදිලි අවබෝධයක් තිබිය යුතුයි.
- වෘත්තියට කැපවිය යුතුයි.
- සමගිව කටයුතු කළ යුතුයි.
- දැනුම ලබන මාර්ග පාදාගෙන දැනුම ලැබිය යුතුයි.
- පුස්තකාලයාධිපතිවරුන් හොඳම පාඨකයින් විය යුතුය, අනුන්ට කියවීමට හුරු කිරීමට පෙර තමා ඊට හුරු වී සිටිය යුතුයි.
- ස්වකීය වෘත්තිකයන් ඇගයීමට ලක් කළ යුතුයි.
- උපයෝජකයන් හෙවත් පාඨකයින් ප්‍රමුඛස්ථානයේලා සැලකිය යුතුයි.

“ශ්‍රී ලාංකේය පුස්තකාල විද්‍යාවේ ලකුණ” ලෙස විරුදාවලියලත් එතුමන් වර්තමානයේ හෝ මතු අනාගතයේ බිහිවන පුස්තකාලයාධිපතින්හට දෙන එකම උපදේශනය වූයේ “අලස නොවී විවිධ විෂය ක්ෂේත්‍රවලට පිවිස දැනුම ලබන්න” යන්නයි. දයාබර ඇදුරුකුමනි, මහා පඬිවරයෙකු ලෙස ඔබ විසින් පුස්තකාල විද්‍යා විෂය ක්ෂේත්‍රය, සිංහල භාෂාව හා සාහිත්‍යය, පර්යේෂණ ක්ෂේත්‍රයන්ට මෙන්ම රටට ජාතියට ඉටු කළ අනුපමේය මෙහෙවර සදා අමරණීය වනු ඇත.

- කුසලා සජීවනී, සහකාර අධ්‍යක්ෂ, ජාතික පුස්තකාල හා ප්‍රලේඛන සේවා මණ්ඩලය -



**Inauguration of Japanese Corner at the Colombo Public Library**  
 As many Sri Lankans, especially the youth who are interested in studying the Japanese culture and language, do not have easy access to literature on Japan. In this context, embassy of Japan donated 500 books on Japanese literature and various subjects related to Japan to Colombo public library. This collection is arranged separately at the special reference section of the library. Japanese Solidarity Association and Lanka Japan Friendship Society facilitated this corner by donating book cupboards, reading tables and a computer. Inauguration ceremony of the Japanese corner was held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016 under the patronage of HE Kenichi Suganuma, ambassador of Japan to Sri Lanka and Mr. V.K.A. Anura, municipal commissioner.

### Paper Presented at IFLA by Mr. Prasanna Ranaweera

Mr. Prasanna Ranaweera, Director of National Institute of Library & information Sciences (NILIS) presented a paper on **“Impact of domestic information management on the students’ achievement level in the community of ‘Dodamgolla’ school, Sri Lanka”** at IFLA 2016 – Access to information for sustainable communities, Asia and Oceania Session, August 13-19, Columbus, USA, 2016.



## GROUP ACTIVITIES

### Guest Lecture on Metadata

The Academic and National Library Groups of SLLA jointly organized a guest lecture on *“Metadata in the linked open data environment – basic concepts and some metadata projects for non-traditional library resources”*. The guest speaker was Professor Shigeo Sugimoto attached to the Faculty of Library, Information and Media Science, University of Tsukuba, Japan. Professor Sugimoto is an expert in metadata related technologies and has been involved in the Dublin Core metadata initiative since late 1990s. He discussed about the findings learned in his metadata centric projects.



This guest lecture was held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 23, 2016 at the National Library and Documentation Services Board, Colombo. Mr. W. Sunil, Director General of the delivered the welcome remarks while Dr. (Mrs.) Pradeepa Wijetunge, President of the SLLA delivered the vote of thanks and presented a memento to the speaker as a token of appreciation.



**Human Library** is a novel concept in which some experts have a closer interaction with the participants and have a discussion on a specific subject. One or more experts will be invited to talk and there will be closer dialogue between the experts and the participants than in a conventional lecture. The main target group was those who do not usually come in to a library in search of information, yet who needs information.

### Human Library Program held at Athurugiriya

The first human library program was held at Athurugiriya, Thaldiyawala community center on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and 66 villagers actively participated. Six human books (resource persons) enriched with knowledge of cancer, diabetes and arthritis diseases were shared their information (knowledge) with readers (participants). This was a collaborative effort of the Public Libraries Group of the SLLA with support of Athurugiriya Public Library and the Deutsche Gesellschaft Fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). This programme was co-ordinated by Mrs. Sewwandi Jayasinghe, Convener of the Public Libraries Group.



### Regional Workshop on New Trends in Library Space Design: Library Design with Low Cost or No Budget, 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016.

National Institute of Library & Information Sciences (NILIS), University of Colombo in collaboration with Goethe Institut (German Cultural Institute) – Colombo, is organizing a Regional Workshop on *“New trends in library space design: library design with low cost or no budget”* to be held on **21-22 November, 2016**. Resource Person is Dr. Klaus Ulrich Werner, Library Director at the Freie Universitaet Berlin.

Target audience: University, Public, School and special library professionals from South Asia and South East Asia.

Registration: Rs 5000.00 (local) / USD 100 (overseas) – On first come first served basis Maximum no. of participants will be 40.

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## நூலக விழிப்புணர்வு நிறுவகம் පුස්තකාල පිළිබඳ දැනුවත් කිරීමේ පදනම FOUNDATION FOR LIBRARY AWARENESS

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நூலக விழிப்புணர்வு நிறுவகத்தின் தசாப்த நிறைவை முன்னிட்ட சிறப்பு நிகழ்வுகள் ஜூலை மாதம் 13ம் திகதிமுதல் 15ம் திகதிவரை யாழ் பொதுநூலக மாநாட்டு மண்டபத்தில் நிறுவகத் தலைவர் திரு ச. நவநீதகிருஷ்ணன் தலைமையில் நடைபெற்றன. ஆரம்பநாள் நிகழ்வில் பிரதம விருந்தினராக யாழ் மாவட்ட அரசாங்க அதிபர் திரு. நா. வேதநாயகன் அவர்களும், கௌரவ விருந்தினராக முன்னாள் துணைவேந்தர் பேராசிரியர் திரு.ச.மோகனதாஸ் அவர்களும் சிறப்பு விருந்தினர்களாக கொழும்பு மாநகரசபை நூலக பிரதம நூலகர் திருமதி.வருணி. கங்கப்பாராய்ச்சி, மட்டக்களப்பு பொது நூலக நூலகர் திரு. சரவணபவன், அட்டாளைச்சேனை பொதுநூலக நூலகர் திரு.அன்வர், கல்விக் காருண்யன் E.S.P. நாகரத்தினம் ஆகியோர் கலந்து கொண்டு சிறப்பித்தனர். 'சிரேஷ்ட நூலக சேவையாளர் கௌரவிப்பு' நிகழ்வில் ஓய்வு பெற்ற நூலகர்களாக திரு.எஸ்.பாஸ்கரன், திருமதி அன்னலக்ஷ்மி சர்வேஸ்வரன், திருமதி. ரட்ணேஸ்வரி பாஸ்கரன், திரு. கே.கணேஸ், திரு. எஸ்.தயாநாதன் ஆகியோர் கௌரவிக்கப்பட்டனர். தொடர்ந்து நூலக விழிப்புணர்வு நிறுவகத்தின் தசாப்த நிறைவை முன்னிட்ட "கருத்துாண்" சிறப்பு மலரின் வெளியீட்டு விழா நடைபெற்றது. நிகழ்வில் அறிதூண்டல் மையத்தினூடாக முல்லைத்தீவில் அமைந்த பதினைந்து பாடசாலைகளுக்கு தலா சுமார் ஆறாயிரம் பெறுமதியான நூல்கள் அன்பளிப்புச் செய்யப்பட்டன. ஆக்கத்திறன் போட்டிகளில் வெற்றியீட்டியவர்களுக்கான சான்றிதழ் வழங்கலுடன் முதலாம் நாள் நிகழ்வுகள் இனிதே நிறைவுற்றன.



இரண்டாம் நாள் விழாவில் மாற்று வலுவுள்ளோரின் பொது நூலக தரிசன நிகழ்வில் கைதடி நவீலப் பாடசாலையைச் சேர்ந்த 70 மாணவர்கள் கலந்து கொண்டதுடன் தமக்குரிய வாசகர் பதிவினை மேற்கொண்டு நூலகத்தில் அங்கத்துவம் பெற்றுக் கொண்டனர். மூன்றாம் நாளின் பிரதான நிகழ்வாக அமைந்திருந்த நூலகத் துறையினருக்கான ஒருநாள் தகவலறிதிறன் செயலமர்வில் யாழ்ப்பாண வலயப் பாடசாலைகளைச் சேர்ந்த ஆசிரிய நூலகர்கள், நூலகப் பொறுப்பாளர்கள், பொது நூலகர்கள் உள்ளடங்கலாக சுமார் 51 பேர் கலந்து கொண்டனர். செயலமர்வில் நிறுவகத்தின் காப்பாளர் திருமதி. ஸ்ரீகாந்தலக்ஷ்மி அருளானந்தம் அவர்கள் தகவலறிதிறனின் முதன்மை குறித்த கருத்துரையினை வழங்கினார். யாழ்ப்பாணப் பல்கலைக்கழக சிரேஷ்ட உதவி நூலகர்களான திரு.சி.கேதீஸ்வரன் கலாநிதி. (திருமதி). மை. விசாகருபன் மற்றும் யாழ்ப்பாணப் பல்கலைக்கழக முகாமெத்துவ பீட சந்தைப்படுத்தல் துறைத்தலைவர் திரு.இ.ரட்ணம் ஆகியோரும் நிகழ்வில் கருத்துரைகளை வழங்கினர்.

### Program on Grading of Public and School Libraries: New Trends and International Standards

A two day programme on "Grading of public and school libraries: new trends and international standards" was held by the National Library and Documentation Services Board on 12th and 13th July 2016 in collaboration with Uva Province Library Services Board. The programme was conducted at District Central Library, Badulla and District Central Library, Monaragala. About 380 participants including local government heads, public library officers, principals and school library staff attended. Mr. U. Alahakoon of the National Institute of Library and Information Science, Mr. A. S. Jayasooriya, Mr. M. Jayasundara and Mr. S. Liyanarachchi of the National Library and Documentation Services Board conducted the practical and theoretical sessions. A group of officials including Mrs. Manel Ratnayake, Chairman, Uva Provincial Library Services Board also participated for the occasion.



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