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President's Message



Dear Members of SLLA Family,

It is my great pleasure and privilege to give this message for the newsletter as the newly elected President of SLLA family for 2017-2018. I was thrilled to see many of our members during NACLIS 2017 and at the AGM. I want to express my gratitude to the leadership of our Past President and the hard work of all the members of Council, Executive Committee, other professional groups, committees, and our Office staff who helped to make the event a successful one. SLLA can really be proud of its achievements, even though we have not explored some critical areas at all. Changing gears or emphasis in particular areas are essential.

I am glad to see an increased number of corporate as well as non corporate members and want it to grow bigger and stronger every year. In this coming year, SLLA'S teams will strive to better serve our members and will continue to open arms to welcome new members to join the family. The SLLA Newsletters and the official website are effective and efficient ways to inform members about news and events. This year we are planning to send Newsletters via e-mail provided you have an active e-mail address.

We need to remember that this is our association and as your President, and your Council, we are your agents. So if there is something you think needs to be done, you may suggest but also be willing to be on that committee or taskforce to make sure that it gets done. Also we want you to remember that each of you is uniquely qualified to offer something that no one else can offer in this association and that is you. I am sure you have the ability to drive this association towards its goal.

SLLA's contributions in Library and Information Science Education and Training, Research and publication and the major issues in the LIS field are legendary. As we can see from the Annual Report, a lot of hard work has been done by the Council and the many other groups, sections in terms of how we manage ourselves. It means that now the structures are in place and the foundation stones have been laid to allow us to face the challenges in the forthcoming year.

SLLA has started to implement the five-year Strategic Plan as a path maker to improve the quality of SLLA with the ability to input new mechanism, new ideas and new people. The plan has facilitated the members to join the Council, work in professional groups, involve themselves in special interest groups, etc. Our council has a free hand to select what to implement from the Strategic Plan. It should act in close collaboration with the professional groups and committees of SLLA.

This is the time to think about how to implement the plans in papers for the development of LIS profession. Second, we have to focus on the LIS sector in the marginalized areas, which need our immediate attention as well. Certain areas specially public and school libraries are surviving with the need to reading promotion, information literacy, access to information, expanding ICT facilities, funding of libraries and rebuild the library network. It is our duty to develop these areas with the continuous support of our members. Library professionals have a responsibility to improve professional skills of their society to sustain with this information era. It is proud to say many young professionals are in our profession today and we look forward to your greater involvements and enthusiastic cooperation in this professional association.

We would like to welcome you all for our new journey and I look forward much to working with you to make our goals success.

Ms. S. Arulanantham
President/SLLA

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SLLA COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017/2018.

President: Mrs. S. Arulanantham*

President Elect: Dr. (Mrs.) N.D. Wijayasundara*

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Ms. K.N.Samanthi*

Nominated Members for Council:

Dr. (Mrs.) W. Seneviratne

Mr. P.B. Gallaba

Conveners of the Professional Groups:

Academic Libraries: Dr. (Ms.) C.N.K. Alahakoon

Government Libraries: Ms. Urika Munasinghe

National Library: Mr. U. Amarasiri

Public Libraries: Mrs. V. Gangabadaarachchi

School Libraries: Mrs. Y. Geeganagamage

Special Libraries: Ms. S. Weerakoon

NACLIS Group: Dr. (Mrs.) N.D. Wijayasundara

* Executive Committee Members

Nominated Members for Executive Committee:

Mrs. D. Warnasuriya*

Mrs. S. Weerasinghe*

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16 and 2016/17

S.C. Blok Memorial Scholarships

Diploma in Library and Information Science Level I – 2016/2017

Sinhala Medium	-	Ms. A.G.L. Anosika
English Medium	-	Ms. S.M.S. Zakeeya
Tamil Medium	-	Ms. N. Sahana

Diploma in Library and Information Science Level II – 2015 /2016

Sinhala Medium	-	Ms. R.A.L.Y. Ranasinghe
Tamil Medium	-	Ms. Kobitha Kandaiya

A. L. B. Pethiyagoda Memorial Award – Level I – 2016/2017

Kandy Centre; Presented by Ms. Nanda P. Wanasundera

Ms. P.B.M.N.K. Basnayake

Gold Medal for Best Achievement

Diploma in Library and Information Science Level III – 2015/2016 (Final Examination)



Mr. H.D.P.M. Hadunpathirana

Annual Research Awards

Dr. (Mrs.) Nayana Wijayasundara, President Elect of SLLA and Dr. (Mrs.) Manoja Samaradiwakara, received awards at the Annual Research

Awards Ceremony – 2016 of the University of Sri Jayawadenepura held

on 29th September 2017 at Golden Rose, Boraesgamuwa



Vijita De Silva Research Award

Dr. (Mrs.) Wathmanel Seneviratne and Mr. R.M. Gunasekera won the **Vijita De Silva Research Award - 2017** based on the research titled '*Status of information delivered through community radio and its impact over the community development in Sri Lanka*'. It was awarded at the SLLA Annual General Meeting held on 30th June 2017. The award comprises of Rs. 50,000 and a certificate.



Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Sri Lanka Library Association

57th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Sri Lanka Library Association was held on 30th June 2017 at the Sri Lanka Foundation (SLF), Colombo 07. Chief Guest His Excellency Robert Hilton, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the United States of America for Sri Lanka and Keynote Speaker Mr. R. Prithi Perera, Former Secretary General of the Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO addressed the gathering at the inauguration ceremony.



Fellowship of SLLA

At the AGM, Mrs. T. Sridharan (Senior Asst. Librarian, PGIM, University of Colombo), and Mrs. D. Gunsekara (Senior Asst. Librarian, Open University of Sri Lanka) were awarded the Fellowship of the Sri Lanka Library Association.



Mrs. T. Sridharan received the Fellowship of Sri Lanka Library Association at the AGM 2017

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National Conference on Library and Information Science (NACLIS) 2017

Thirteenth National Conference on Library & Information Science (NACLIS) 2017 was held at Grand Oriental Hotel, Colombo on 29th June 2017 on the theme “*Social Impact of Librarianship: Scholarship Towards Sustainable Development Goals*”. NACLIS is an annual event aimed at promoting professional and academic experiences among librarians and information professionals of Sri Lanka. Chief Guest Prof. A. Ariyadurai, Vice-Chancellor of Open University of Sri Lanka and Keynote Speaker, Prof. Eduardo da Silva Alentejo, Dean of Library & Information Science School, UNIRO, Brazil addressed the gathering. The President of the SLLA, Dr. (Mrs.) P. Wijetunge welcomed the guests and Conference Chair, Mr. T. Ramanan delivered vote of thanks. Eleven (11) papers were presented by Library professionals at the conference.

Papers Presented at the National Conference on Library and Information Science (NACLIS) 2017

- **Keynote Address**
Brazilian Public Libraries in the Context of UN Agenda 2030: An Overview
Prof. Eduardo da Silva Alentejo
- Responses of Health Sciences Faculties to Open Access Publishing: a Survey Conducted in the University of Peradeniya
Chamani Gunasekera
- A Study on the Use of Social Media Web Sites by University Students: With Special Reference to Social Science, Science and Commerce & Management Faculties of University of Kelaniya
Rev. Bopeththe Somananda
- Use of Journals Among the Multigenerational Academics of the Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies
B. Prashanthan
- Study on Provincial Library Services Boards of Sri Lanka
Wijeya Premadharshana
- A Study of Problems Faced by the University Students, Using Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC): With Special Reference to University of Kelaniya
B.G.U. Nayani Wimalawansa



- Use of Censorship to Restrict Freedom of Expression
Nayana Suraweera
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Universities: Role of Library, University of Moratuwa
Thushari M. Seneviratne and Prasad Botejue
- Education and Literacy for Sustainable Development: A Case Study in Anaiwasala Village, Sri Lanka.
M.D.K.L. Gunathilaka
- Building Relationships through Outreach Activities in Academic Libraries; Examples from University of Moratuwa
Thushari M. Seneviratne, Upeksha Kodithuwakku and C.N.D. Punchihewa
- Sharing Responsibility and Avoiding Competition: The Way Forward for LIS Education in Sri Lanka
Dr. Ruwan Gamage
- Contribution of and Challenges Faced by Chenkalady Public Library in the Context of Social Responsibility
Thavarajah Sivarani

Implementation of the SLLA Strategic Plan (2016-22)

New Projects for 2017/18

As of mid-September 2017 the Committee of Monitoring and Assisting in Implementation of the Strategic Plan (COMAISP) has received the following new project proposals from SLLA professional groups and the membership in connection with the implementation of the SLLA Strategic Plan. These proposals will be scrutinized by the COMAISP and its recommendations will be submitted to the SLLA Council for approval. COMAISP invites other members of the SLLA who are keen to join the project to submit their project proposals early.

❖ National Library Group (3 Projects)

Convener: Upali Amarasiri, **Project Coordinator:** Padma Bandaranayake

- ✓ Formulation of a new (draft) NLDSB Act
- ✓ Developing National Library Standards for Sri Lanka
- ✓ Identifying the best practices of National Libraries

❖ Public Library Group (2 Projects)

Convener: Varuni Gangabadaarachchi

- ✓ Formulation of a Common Service Minute for public librarians of all Provincial Councils
- ✓ Formulation of a Collection Development Policy for public libraries in Sri Lanka

❖ Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Group (1 Project)

Convener: Chamani Gunasekara

- ✓ Conduct a CPD need assessment with special emphasis on academic and special library sectors in Sri Lanka

❖ Special Committee on improving collaboration among LIS Educational Organizations in Sri Lanka (3 Projects)

Convener: R. D. Ananda Tissa

- ✓ Developing common standards for the major library education programmes conducted by the library educational institutions and organizations in Sri Lanka
- ✓ Compiling a database on the subject expertise needed for major LIS education Programmes in Sri Lanka Including the available subject expertise among the members of the teaching faculties of the organizations and visiting faculties
- ✓ An index to the professional publications of main LIS educational institutions in Sri Lanka published during last 25 year period (1992-2017)

❖ Special Committee on Digital Library Environment (2 Projects)

Convener: Nadeeka Rathnabahu

- ✓ Formulation of guidelines and a framework in developing the National Digital Library of Sri Lanka
- ✓ An introduction to library software useful for Sri Lankan libraries and information services (in Sinhala/Tamil)

❖ Special Committee on Institute Libraries in Higher Education Sector (1 Project)

Convener: Sujeewa Ratnayaka

- ✓ A Guide to resources and services of libraries of the institutions coming under the UGC in Sri Lanka with recommendations for further improvements

❖ Special Committee on improving the bibliographic coverage of national publication output in Sri Lanka (1 Project)

Conveners: D. Daniel and C. Wadasinghe

- ✓ Report on identifying the gaps in the coverage of the Sri Lanka National Bibliography (SLNB) with recommendations to improve the coverage

It has been observed that the above project proposals are based not only on the Strategic Plan but also the responsibilities placed on the SLLA by the SLLA Acts of 1976 and 2004, which has not been adequately fulfilled hitherto. In addition a **Fund Raising Committee** has been appointed at the July 2017 Council meeting with Mr Anton Nallathamby as the Convener of the Committee.

Progress of the projects already commenced

Steady progress has been reported from most of the projects commenced earlier (2016/17) under the Strategic Plan. Evidently the Academic, Government, Public, School and Provincial Library groups and Publication Committee are progressing satisfactorily with their projects. Also the work of Special Committees on Membership Development, Preparing job descriptions for SLLA Council members and Terms of Reference for SLLA Professional Groups and Committees, Developing SLLA digital archives, Preparation of Operational Manual for SLLA Office, Studying the expansion of non-corporate membership of SLLA and Simplification of Application and Acceptance Procedure of SLLA Membership and Advocacy are progressing reasonably well.

On the recommendation of the COMAISP, the new SLLA Council has approved an Expert Assistance Service for the above projects. Under the new scheme Conveners can obtain the advisory service of identified experts of the field to evaluate the progress of the projects and to get advice on how to overcome challenges and proceed.

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Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Sri Lanka Library Association.....

At the SLLA AGM-2017 Scholarships and awards were distributed for the academic years 2015/2016 & 2016/2017 to students who followed the Diploma in Library & Information Science (DIPLIS) offered by SLLA (*List of names stated in page no 02*).



Associateships & Certificates for diploma holders of Diploma in Library & Information Science course (DIPLIS) offered by SLLA were also awarded at the AGM



Kandy Centre Visit of SLLA Council Members

SLLA Council Members, Mrs. S. Arulanatham (President of SLLA), Dr. (Mrs.) P. Wijetunge (Immediate past president of SLLA) and Mrs. K.R.N. Harshani (Education Officer, SLLA) visited the Kandy Centre on 24th September 2017. The main aim of this visit was to meet the students who are following Diploma in Library & Information Science (DIPLIS) offered by SLLA and meet the teaching staff of the DIPLIS course of Kandy Centre. Mr. Sunil Premarathne (Coordinator, Kandy Centre) organized this event. Students and the staff actively participated in the discussions.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sri Lanka Library Review

The Publication Committee wishes to receive articles from the members, to be published in the next issue in June 2018. Articles will be accepted till **31st of January 2018**. Please follow the SLLA website (<http://www.slla.org.lk>) for guidelines on submitting articles. You may submit articles written in Sinhala, Tamil or English. Please send your manuscript to the Publication Officer (pubofficer.slla1617@gmail.com) in electronic format.

The New SLLA Membership Rates (effective from 1st July 2017)

Membership Category	Previous (Rs.)	Current (Rs.)
Non Corporate		
Registration Fee	1,000	1,500
Annual Fee	500	1,000
Corporate		
Registration Fee	1,500	2,000
Annual Fee	750	1,250
Fellowship		
Registration Fee	5,000	7,500
Annual Fee	1,000	2,000
Life Membership Fees	-	-
Will remain unchanged		

Preparation of SLLA Membership Directory

Sri Lanka Library Association is planning to prepare a membership directory of all members of SLLA.

If you are a member of SLLA, please send in your details (including field of interest, email address and telephone no etc.) with passport size coloured photograph to the following address.

Sri Lanka Library Association
OPA Centre
275/75, Stanley Wijesundara Mawatha
Colombo 07

SLLA Fellowship by Research

Sri Lanka Library Association is calling applications from suitable LIS professionals to teach Research Methodology and supervise research projects of the candidates of Fellowship by Research until **1st November**. Application and eligibility criteria can be downloaded from the SLLA website <http://www.slla.org.lk>

நூலக விழிப்புணர்வு நிறுவகத்தினால் நூற்தொகுதிகள் அன்பளிப்பு

இயற்கைப் பேரிடர்களாலும் போர்அனர்த்தங்களாலும் பாதிக்கப்பட்ட கிழக்கு மாகாணத்தைச் சேர்ந்த தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்ட பொது நூலகங்களுக்கு நூலக விழிப்புணர்வு நிறுவகத்தின் அறிதூண்டல் மையம் தலா பத்தாயிரம் ரூபா (10,000/=) பெறுமதியான நூற்தொகுதிகளை அன்பளிப்பாக வழங்கியுள்ளது.

மட்டக்களப்பு மாவட்டத்திலிருந்து 14 நூலகங்களும், அம்பாறை மாவட்டத்திலிருந்து 06 நூலகங்களும் திருகோணமலை மாவட்டத்திலிருந்து 05 நூலகங்களும் தெரிவுசெய்யப்பட்டு 13.09.2017 புதன்கிழமை மட்டக்களப்பு மாவட்ட பிராந்திய உள்நூராட்சி உதவிஆணையாளர் கே.சித்திரவேல் தலைமையில் மட்டக்களப்பில் நடைபெற்ற விசேட நிகழ்வில் நூற்தொகுதிகள் அன்பளிப்பாக வழங்கப்பட்டன. இந்நிகழ்வில் யாழ் பொதுநூலகத்தின் ஓய்வு பெற்ற நூலகரும் நூலக விழிப்புணர்வு நிறுவகத்தின் செயலாளருமான எஸ்.தனபாலசிங்கம், கிழக்கு மாகாண நூலக அணைப்பாளர் அன்வர் சதாத், மட்டக்களப்பு மாவட்ட நூலக இணைப்பாளர் தி.சரவணபவன் உட்பட பல அலுவலர்களும் நூலகர்களும் கலந்துகொண்டனர்.



වර්ෂ 1920 ඔක්තෝබර් 01 වන දින ආරම්භය සනිටුහන් කෙරෙන මහනුවර ඩී.එස්.සේනානායක අනුස්මරණ මහජන පුස්තකාලය දිවයිනේ ප්‍රථම මහජන පුස්තකාලය වන අතර, මධ්‍යම පළාතේ ඇති විශාලතම ග්‍රන්ථ එකතුව සහිත ප්‍රධාන මහජන පුස්තකාලය ද වේ. මහනුවර මහනගර සභාව යටතේ පාලනය වන මෙම මහජන පුස්තකාලය මගින් මහනුවර නගරයේ පදිංචි සහ නගරයෙන් බැහැර මෙන්ම පළාතේ සියලු ජනතාවගේ, පාසල් දරුවන්ගේ, උසස් අධ්‍යාපනයේ නිරත සිසුන්ගේ සහ වෘත්තිකයන්ගේ තොරතුරු අවශ්‍යතා සපුරාලන අතර එහි සම්පත් එකතුව දෙලක්ෂ හත්තැ දහසකට ආසන්න මුද්‍රිත පොත්, වාර සඟරා, පුවත් පත් සහ ඉලෙක්ට්‍රොනික මාධ්‍යවලින් සමන්විත වේ.



මහනුවර මහජන පුස්තකාලය යටතේ පාලනය වන ප්‍රධාන ළමා පුස්තකාලයක් සහ ශාඛා පුස්තකාල අටක් පිහිටුවා ඇත. පුස්තකාලයේ ප්‍රධාන තොරතුරු සේවා සපයන අංශ ලෙස බැහැරදෙන අංශය, විමර්ශන අංශය, කියවීම් අංශය හැඳින්විය හැකි අතර විශේෂ සේවා අංශ ලෙස ජංගම අංශය, අධ්‍යයන අංශය, බ්‍රේල් අංශය සහ ඇමරිකානු තොරතුරු අංශය පිහිටුවා ඇත. දිවයිනේ ස්වයංක්‍රීයකරණය කරන ලද ප්‍රථම මහජන පුස්තකාලය මහනුවර මහජන පුස්තකාලය වන අතර දෙලක්ෂ හත්තැ දහසකට ආසන්න මුද්‍රිත පොත් සියල්ලම කොභා පුස්තකාල මෘදුකාංගය යටතේ, දත්ත පදනමකට ඇතුළත් කොට ඇත.

පුස්තකාලයේ සාමාජික සංඛ්‍යාව 125,315ක් වන අතර දෛනිකව තොරතුරු සේවා ලබා ගැනීම සඳහා පැමිණෙන පාඨක සංඛ්‍යාව 1900 ක් පමණ වේ. තොරතුරු සේවා සැපයීමේදී සාම්ප්‍රදායික තොරතුරු සේවාවෙන් ඔබ්බට ගොස් නවීන තාක්ෂණය ඔස්සේ, අන්තර්ජාල සේවා පහසුකම්, දත්ත පදනම්වලට පිවිසීමේ පහසුකම් සහ විවිධ ඉලෙක්ට්‍රොනික මාධ්‍යවලින් තොරතුරු ලබා දීම සිදුකරනු ලබන අතර, කඩිනමින් පාඨකයාගේ තොරතුරු අවශ්‍යතාව සපුරාලීමට පහසුකම් සලසා ඇත.

ඩී.එස්.සේනානායක අනුස්මරණ මහජන පුස්තකාලය තොරතුරු සේවාව සැපයීම තුළ පළාතේ මෙන්ම, දිවයිනේදී විවිධ අංශයන්හි විශිෂ්ට ඇගයීමට ලක්ව ඇත. ඒ අනුව වර්ෂ 2013 සිට 2016 දක්වා අඛණ්ඩව වසර 4 ක් මධ්‍යම පළාතේ හොඳම මහජන පුස්තකාලය ලෙස "මැදරට අභිමානී" සම්මානයෙන් පිදුම් ලබන ලදී. වර්ෂ 2013 දී දිවයිනේ විශිෂ්ටතම මහජන පුස්තකාල සඳහා පිරිනැමෙන ස්වර්ණ පුරවර සම්මානයේ දෙවන ස්ථානය ලබා ගැනීමට අප මහජන පුස්තකාලය සමත් වූ අතර මධ්‍යම පළාත් කාර්යසාධන තරඟවලි සහ පළාත් පාලන වැඩසටහන්වලින් වර්ෂ ගණනාවක සිට විශිෂ්ට ජයග්‍රහණ අත්පත් කර

විවිධ ව්‍යාප්ත සේවා තුළින් පළාතේ සිටින ජනතාවගේ, පාසල් දරුවන්ගේ, උසස් අධ්‍යාපන සිසුන්ගේ, සහ වෘත්තිකයන්ගේ දැනුම සංවර්ධනය අරමුණු කොට ගෙන විවිධ වැඩසටහන් රාශියක් අප මහජන පුස්තකාලය මගින් ක්‍රියාත්මක කරනු ලබයි. ඒ අතර කාලීන මාතෘකා යටතේ පවත්වනු ලබන මහජන දේශන, විශේෂ පිරිස් ඉලක්ක කොට පවත්වනු ලබන දේශන, ආගමික වැඩසටහන්, ව්‍යවසායකත්ව සංවර්ධන හා පුහුණු වැඩසටහන්, ඉංග්‍රීසි හා පරිගණක පාඨමාලා, නායකත්ව පුහුණු වැඩසටහන්, සිනමා ප්‍රදර්ශන, පාරිසරික වැඩසටහන් ආදිය විශේෂ වේ.



වරලත් පුස්තකාලයාධිපතිවරයෙකු යටතේ පාලනය වන මහනුවර මහජන පුස්තකාලයේ දැනට පුස්තකාලයාධිපතිවරු 29ක් සහ අනෙකුත් කාර්ය මණ්ඩලය 32ක් සේවය කරනු ලබන අතර කාර්යක්ෂම මහජන සේවාවක් සැපයීමට දායකත්වය සපයනු ලබයි.



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