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*LibNet is a newsletter published by the Library Network of Eastern University, Sri Lanka (EUSL) annually commencing from the year 2023. The LibNet serve as a bridge between the library and its community and keep them informed about the latest library news, events, resources, services and the contribution made by the library staff to the University and community.*



## Message from the Librarian



*We are thrilled to share with you the first issue of our official library newsletter, a platform for us to celebrate the rich diversity of literature and express our passion for knowledge.*

*Our library acts as the repository of knowledge and a center for intellectual development, and it is an essential component of university academic life.*

*Our library has developed over the course of this fascinating journey to accommodate the changing needs of our students, staff and researchers. We have made an effort to create an atmosphere that encourages intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and a strong love of learning. We stay steadfast in our dedication to offering first-rate materials, cutting-edge tools, and high-standard services.*

*Through this newsletter, we aim to showcase the intellectual achievements of our library, highlight notable milestones we stepped in, share captivating learning experiences, and offer insights into the various programs and events that make our library a vibrant space of scholarly engagement.*

*I urge each one of you to contribute actively to our library initiatives. Share your insights, suggest worthwhile new services, and let us know how we can make your library experience even better. Together, we can build an academic community that is more cohesive and driven by a thirst for knowledge.*

*I want to thank you for being an important part of our academic journey and express my gratitude to our hardworking library personnel as well as everyone else who helps to make our library a top-notch learning facility.*

*Further I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the Chief Editor Mr.M.N.Ravikumar and the Asst. Editor Mrs. Lavanya Jegatheesparan for their exceptional skills, dedication, and hard work in producing this inaugural issue of our Library's official newsletter.*

*Warm Regards*

**Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj**  
**Librarian,**  
**Eastern University, Sri Lanka**

**Libraries provide not only information but inspiration, literature and companionship that support all of our lives.**



## Establishment of Library Quality Assurance Cell

Library Quality Assurance Cell of Eastern University, Sri Lanka was established with the aim of ensuring quality services to the customers. The first meeting of Library Quality Assurance Cell was held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Dr. P. Elango, Director, Center for Quality Assurance of EUSL had been invited to the first meeting and presented a brief introduction on Quality Assurance in Libraries. Mrs. J. Lavanya, Senior Assistant Librarian was appointed as coordinator of the Library Quality Assurance Cell.

## SWOT Analysis for Library Network of EUSL

A special meeting was held on the 11th of September 2023, at 9.30 a.m. at the Library, Faculty of Health Care Sciences to discuss SWOT before revisiting Library's Vision and Mission statements. Librarian and all Senior Assistant Librarians of both Main Library and Health- Care Sciences Library were actively participated in the meeting. The meeting extensively covered the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of the library. Another meeting with the Non-Academic staff of library was held on 14th September, 2023, to discuss the same matter.



"The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library."

- Albert Einstein



## Enhancing Library Excellence: A Knowledge-Sharing Journey between South Eastern University of Sri Lanka and Eastern University, Sri Lanka

In a collaborative effort to foster knowledge exchange and enhance library services, the Library Staff members of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, under the leadership of Mr. M.M. Rifaudeen, Librarian, embarked on a study tour to the Main Library, Eastern University, Sri Lanka on 19th July, 2023. The purpose of the visit was to observe and learn from the exemplary practices employed at Eastern University Libraries.

The day commenced with a warm welcome from Dr. W.J. Jeyaraj, the Librarian of Eastern University of Sri Lanka, and the dedicated Staff Members. During the inaugural meeting, Dr. Jeyaraj emphasized the critical importance of collaborative actions in advancing library services for the benefit of end-users. Mr. M.M. Rifaudeen, the Librarian of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, outlined the objectives of their visit and highlighted the outstanding practices implemented at their institution.



Library academic professionals of EUSL served as resource persons and shared their experiences and knowledge with SEUSL library staff. Librarian Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj, delivered a motivational session that includes exceptional customer service, and self-enthusiasm. Mr. M.N. Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian provided hands-on training on KOHA Library Management System especially on MARC cataloguing, standard practices in library digitization and overview of the total library systems. Mr. S. Santharoban, Senior Assistant Librarian, explained the services offered by Health-Care Science Library. Ms. Gayathri Navirathan, Senior Assistant Librarian briefed on management of periodicals, conservation and preservation of library materials and Ms. Lavanya Jegatheesparan, Senior Assistant Librarian, explained about the Library Quality Assurance Cell and its activities in the library.



The fruitful exchange of ideas and experiences was encapsulated by Mr. V. Pragash, the Acting Assistant Registrar for Library Services, who extended gratitude and delivered the Vote of Thanks to the visiting team, fostering stronger bonds and future collaborative endeavors between the two esteemed institutions.





## Empowering Knowledge Access through the Platform of National Science Foundation



The Library Network of Eastern University, Sri Lanka (EUSL), in collaboration with the National Science Library & Resource Centre (NSLRC) of the National Science Foundation (NSF), organized an enlightening Awareness Session on "Electronic Resources and Services provided by NSF" on August 9, 2023.

In the Inaugural Session, Mr. M.N. Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr I), the In-Charge Librarian for Electronic Resources at EUSL, delivered the welcome address. Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj, the Librarian of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, highlighted the significance of research-driven innovations and underscored the immense potential of exploring the extensive information retrieval avenues offered by the NSF.



Mr. M. P. W. Karunaratne, the Head of the Division and the Principal Information Officer at NSLRC, along with his team, conducted insightful sessions focusing on the various Information Access Facilities provided by the NSF. The event provided a valuable platform for attendees to enhance their awareness of electronic resources and services, further promoting knowledge sharing and collaboration within the academic community. At the end of the sessions vote thanks was proposed by Mr. V. Pragash, the Acting Assistant Registrar for Library Services.





## Comprehensive Institutional Review at Eastern University, Sri Lanka: Emphasizing Library Excellence

The Institution Review Processes took place over a span of 5 days, from May 8th to May 12th, 2023 at the Eastern University, Sri Lanka. Led by Prof. N. Shanmugalingam of the University of Jaffna as the Chairman, the esteemed review team included Prof. M.M.M. Najim from the University of Kelaniya, Prof. Vajira P. Bulugahapitiya from the University of Ruhuna, Prof. G. Mikunthan from the University of Jaffna, and Prof. Hema M.K.K. Pathirana from the University of Ruhuna.



Notably, the Review Team dedicated their first day to a comprehensive visit to the university's Library on the 08th of May, 2023. They engaged in insightful discussions with Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj, the Librarian, along with Senior Assistant Librarians Mr. M.N. Ravikumar, Mrs. Gayathiri Navirathan, Mr. S. Santharooban, Mrs. Lavanya Jegatheesparan, and Mr. V. Pragash, the Acting Assistant Registrar for Library Services. The entire non-academic staff was also part of this informative interaction.

During the visit, the review team had the opportunity to peruse the library's documents and functions, gaining valuable insights. They were highly appreciative of the library's existing services, commending the efforts put forth in ensuring an exceptional academic environment.

## The Librarian Discusses Collaborative Library Developments with IFLA President

Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj, the Librarian at Eastern University, Sri Lanka, and the President of the University Librarians Association (2021/22), had the privilege of engaging with Ms. Barbara Lison, the President of IFLA, during the global gathering of library professionals in Dublin, Ireland in the latter part of July 2022. The discussion focused on fostering collaboration and formulating strategic partnerships to enhance library services and resources across Sri Lanka. Dr. Jeyaraj and Ms. Lison explored innovative ideas and potential opportunities to elevate the standard of libraries, promote literacy, and provide a conducive learning environment for the community.



## New Building for Health-Care Sciences Library

Health-Care Sciences Library of Eastern University, Sri Lanka has been shifted to new premises, which is situated at Pillayaradi, Batticaloa. The library is a two-story building with fully air-conditioned reading spaces on both floors. Further, there are Group Learning Rooms, E-Resource unit, Research Cubicle, Leisure reading area and Learning Commons. The Group Learning Rooms are heavily utilized by medical and nursing students for group discussion and collaborative working. The library has achieved its long-term goal and eventually ended up with a pleasant environment with more facilities.



## The Launching Ceremony of the Digital Wall

The official unveiling of the digital wall of the Library, Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University, Sri Lanka was declared on Tuesday, the 7th of March, 2023 at 2.30 pm at the Library, Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University, Sri Lanka. The inaugural ceremony of the digital wall launching was graced by Professor. V. Kanagasigam, the Vice-Chancellor, EUSL, as the Chief Guest. Professor (Mrs.) Chandravathany G Devadasan, Rector, Trincomalee Campus, EUSL, Dr.W.J.Jeyaraj, Librarian, EUSL, Mr. Orlando Edwards, Country Director, British Council, Sri Lanka also graced the occasion as Guests of Honour.

The Launching Ceremony of the Digital Library wall, a revolutionary addition to the Eastern University's library services. This initiative has been made possible with the invaluable support and guidance of the British Council of Sri Lanka. This digital wall provides our students and staff with the opportunity to access the digital collections of the British Council with ease, by simply scanning the QR codes corresponding to each thumbnail on the screen. This facility will transform the university library services to be on par with the international library experience.





## Research Support Services - Workshops / Seminars

### Workshop on “Grammarly online writing Assistant”

Ms. Gayathiri Navirathan, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I), served as a resource person for the awareness programme on Grammarly online Writing Assistant held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 for the staff of Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies (SVIAS), Eastern University, Sri Lanka. Another training programme also organized on the same for Staff of Trincomalee campus, Eastern University, Sri Lanka on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.



### Workshop on “Modern Tools & Technologies in Digitization of Traditional Knowledge Resources and Heritage”

Mr. M N Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) was served as a resource person for the workshop on “Modern Tools & Technologies in Digitization of Traditional Knowledge Resources and Heritage” for the staff of Department of Tamil Studies of Faculty of Arts and Couture , Eastern University Sri Lanka on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

### Workshop on “Proposal Development”

Mr.S.Santharooban, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) of Health- Care Sciences Library served as a resource person for the workshop on “Proposal Development” for 11th Batch Nursing students held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

### Workshop on “Literature Searching and Writing Literature Review”

Mrs.Lavanya Jegatheesparan, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.II) of Health- Care Sciences Library served as a resource person for the workshop titled “Literature Searching and Writing Literature Review” for 11<sup>th</sup> Batch Nursing students of Faculty of Health- Care Sciences on 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2022.

### Workshop on “NVivo for Data Analysis and Literature Review”

Mr.S.Santharooban, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) of Health- Care Sciences Library of Eastern University, Sri Lanka served as resource person for the workshop on NVivo for data analysis and literature review, organized by Faculty Research Committee of Faculty of Health-Care Sciences (FHCS) of Eastern University, Sri Lanka. The target audience for the workshop was all academic staff of FHCS.



## Research Support Services - Workshops / Seminars cont. ...

### Workshop on “Writing Literature Review”

Mrs.Lavanya Jegatheesparan, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.II) of Health- Care Sciences Library conducted a workshop on “Writing Literature Review” for 14<sup>th</sup> Batch MBBS students of Faculty of Health- Care Sciences on 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2023.

### Workshop on “Quality of the Journals, ORCID Id & Google Scholar”

A workshop on “Quality of the Journals, ORCID Id & Google Scholar” was organized by the Faculty Research Committee, FHCS on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 at Board Room of Department of Medical Education, FHCS, EUSL. Mr.S.Santharooban, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) of Health- Care Sciences Library of EUSL served as resource person for the workshop.

### workshop on "Referencing Style for Research Report Writing"

Mr. B. Prashanthan, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) at the Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, served as a resource person for the workshop on "Referencing Style for Research Report Writing" for undergraduate students in the discipline of Carnatic Music held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.

### Workshop on “ChatGPT: Opportunity or Threat !”

The Faculty Research Committee, FHCS has organized a discussion focusing on the Opportunities and Threats related to the usage of ChatGPT for the academic members of the faculty on 06<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Mr.S.Santharooban, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) of Health- Care Sciences Library of Eastern University, Sri Lanka served as resource person for this workshop.

### Workshop on “Literature Searching “

Mrs. Lavanya Jegatheesparan, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.II) of Health- Care Sciences Library conducted a workshop on “Literature Searching “for 15th Batch MBBS students of Faculty of Health- Care Sciences on 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2023.

## In house training for Library Information Assistants

A training programme was organized on “Creating MARC records using Koha Library Management System” for the Library Information Assistants at the Main Library, EUSL on 14th June 2023. The training programme was undertaken by Mr. M. N. Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr I) with the aim of providing comprehensive understanding of MARC and electronic cataloguing methods for Library Information Assistants at the main library.

## Library Orientation Programmes

### Orientation programmes conducted by Main Library

The main library conducted following orientation programmes for newly admitted undergraduates at EUSL.

- Orientation for 2021/2022 Batch Students of Faculty of Science held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023
- Orientation for freshers of the Faculty of Commerce & Management, EUSL, held on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.
- Orientation for freshers of the Faculty of Arts & Culture, held on 26<sup>th</sup> of June, 2023, via online mode.

During these programmes following topics were covered by the academic professionals of Main Library, Eastern University, Sri Lanka

- "Introduction and the Importance of Information Resources of the University Library and the Regulations of Reader Services" by Dr. W.J. Jeyaraj, Librarian.
- "Organization of Information Materials (Classification System), Electronic Resources available at the main library, information retrieval methods, Research Support Services" by Mr. M.N. Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr I).
- "Scholarly Journals related to Commerce & Management, Magazines, Rare Collections, and the Library Museum" - Mrs. Gayathiri Navirathan, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr I).



### Orientation programmes conducted by Health Care Sciences Library

Health- Care Sciences Library of Eastern University, Sri Lanka had conducted orientation programmes for the following batches of students. Mr.S.Santharooban, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) and Mrs. Lavanya Jegatheesparan, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr. II) were conducted these programmes.

- Orientation for 15<sup>th</sup> Batch Nursing students held on 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2023
- Orientation for 17<sup>th</sup> Batch MBBS students held on 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2023
- Phase II orientation for 15<sup>th</sup> Batch MBBS students

*"I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of a Library."*

*- Jorge Luis Borges*



## New Horizons

### Higher Diploma in Library and Information Science Course

The first time in the history of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, the Library Network has introduced the Higher Diploma in Library and Information Science course as an external programme through Centre for External Degrees and Extension Courses (CEDEC) at Eastern University, Sri Lanka. At present, the call for applications has been advertised and students were selected for the course. Mr.S.Santharooban, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) of the Health- Care Sciences Library has been appointed as the coordinator of the aforementioned programme.

### Initiation of New Service “Individual Research Consultation”

The Library of Eastern University, Sri Lanka had launched ‘Research Support Service’ in 2014 and continuously provided the service successfully at Health-Care Sciences Library. As an extension of the Research Support Service, the Health-Care Sciences Library started a new service called ‘Individual Research Consultation.’ The service was officially announced at the Faculty Board of Faculty of Health-Care Sciences of Eastern University, Sri Lanka. This service mainly targets the undergraduate researchers of the faculty. During their research project, the undergraduate can meet the library professionals as individuals or groups to get research-related advice. Since the faculty has group research projects, students prefer to meet the library professionals as a research group. Students get advice and assistance from librarians, especially for literature searching, literature reviewing, using reference/troubleshooting reference managers, questionnaire designing and data analysis. The students’ feedback after every consultation is maintained in a separate record. The faculty undergraduates highly appreciated this service, through their feedback. This service was initiated by Mr.S.Santharooban, Senior Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Health-Care Sciences, Eastern University, Sri Lanka.

### Progress Towards Establishing a Branch Library for Faculties of Technology and Agriculture



To fulfil the long-term vision of establishing a dedicated Branch Library catering to the Faculties of Technology and Agriculture, the academic team from the library, led by Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj, the Librarian, alongside Senior Assistant Librarians Mr. M. N. Ravikumar and Mr. S. Santharooban, recently visited both faculties to engage in fruitful discussions.

During these visits, the academic team had the opportunity to meet with the Deans of the Faculties of Technology and Agriculture, Dr. T. Mathiventhan and Prof. Punitha Premanantharajah. The primary objective of these meetings was to assess the feasibility and gather valuable insights into the establishment of a branch library. The discussions were marked by a collaborative spirit, with a focus on understanding the unique needs and requirements of the faculties. This initiative aims to enhance access to academic resources, facilitate research endeavors, and create an enriching learning environment for students and faculty members.

## Professional Contributions of Library Staff

### Annual Research Session of Faculty of Health- Care Sciences – 2023

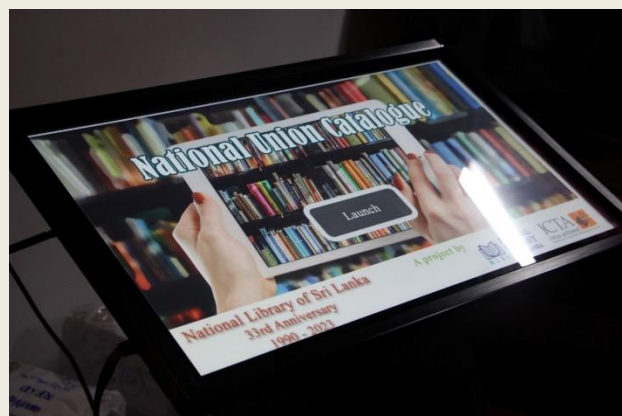
The Faculty of Health- Care Sciences conducted Annual Research Session 2023 on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Mr.S.Santharrooban, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) of Health- Care Sciences Library served as a member of Editorial committee of Annual Research Session and Mrs.Lavanya Jegatheesparan, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.II) of Health- Care Sciences Library has served as Treasurer of the same conference committee.


### National Union Catalogue of Sri Lanka

Mr. M. N. Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr I) of Main Library Eastern University, Sri Lanka, has developed the online National Union Catalogue of Sri Lanka using the VuFind open-source software. This portal does more than simply search; it also shows the location of the book and the libraries where it is currently located with the live status (availability) of the book. So, any user could use this Union Catalogue to find their required book without visiting several library catalogues (OPACs) which will save time of user and they can visit the nearest library to refer the book.

National Union Catalogue of Sri Lanka was officially launched by the National Library and Documentation Services Board on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. So far Online Catalogues (OPACs) of 25 Public libraries are incorporated into this Union Catalogue as the initial step and other libraries such as University libraries and special libraries in Sri Lanka will be incorporated in near future. National Union Catalogue of Sri Lanka could be accessed via <http://unioncatalogue.dlp.gov.lk/vufind/>.


Mr. Ravikumar was honoured by National Library and Documentation Services Board for his significant contribution to the development of the National Union Catalogue of Sri Lanka.





## National Union Catalogue of Sri Lanka

National Union Catalogue of Sri Lanka provides a common portal to search and browse bibliographic records throughout all public libraries in Sri Lanka including National Library. In the near future, the discovery site will incorporate all other libraries in Sri Lanka, including academic libraries and special libraries. Users could use this search interface to find their required book details with the availability of the particular book in the libraries in Sri Lanka. National Union catalogue of Sri Lanka is developed under the 'Digital Libraries Project' which is a joint effort of the National Library and Documentation Board and the Information Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA)



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## Professional Contributions of Library Staff cont....

### Staff Induction Programme for Academic Staff

Staff Development Centre of EUSL has invited Mr. M N Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) of Main Library , Eastern University, Sri Lanka to serve as a resource person for the module – Referencing Style in the Staff Induction Programme for Academic Staff members.

### Consultation Service Provided for other Universities

Mr. M N Ravikumar Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) of Main Library , Eastern University, Sri Lanka was served as a Consultant for developing digital research repository for University of Vavuniya [available at <http://drr.vau.ac.lk>] and developing digital repository for water related literature under WASPAR Project of Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Jaffna. [available at <http://drw.jfn.ac.lk>].

## Community Outreach Programmes

### Webinar on 'Citing & Referencing for Researchers'

Academic Group of Sri Lanka Library Association has organized webinar series and Mr. M N Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) of Main Library , Eastern University, Sri Lanka was served as a Resource person for the webinar on the topic 'Citing & Referencing' on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2022.

### Hands on training on Koha Library Management System for Public Librarians

Mr. M N Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) of Main Library , Eastern University, Sri Lanka was served as a Resource person for 03 days residential hands on training programme on Koha ILMS (Advanced) for Public Librarians in Eastern province organized by Management Development Training Unit (MDTU), Trincomalee on 07<sup>th</sup> -09<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

### Awareness Programme on SDGs for Librarians

Research Division of National Library and Documentation Services Board organized an Awareness Programme on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for Librarians on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Mr. M N Ravikumar Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) of Main Library , Eastern University, Sri Lanka was served as one of the Resource person and conducted a seminar on "Introduction to SDGs"

### Workshop on "Data Analysis through SPSS"

Mr.S.Santharooban, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) of Health- Care Sciences Library of Eastern University, Sri Lanka served as resource person for the workshop on Data Analysis through SPSS which was organized by Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) for 3 days in April and May 2023.

### Experience shared about KOHA Library Management System

Mr. M N Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) was delivered a lecture on the experience of KOHA Library Management System at academic libraries in Sri Lanka at the seminar organized by National Library and Documentation and Services Board on Koha Database Management on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## Community Outreach Programmes cont...

### Workshop on “School Library development and role of teachers in promoting reading habits of students”

Mr.S.Santharooban, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) of Health- Care Sciences Library of Eastern University, Sri Lanka served as resource person for the workshop on “School Library development and role of teachers in promoting reading habits of students”. The workshop was organized by the Government Teacher’s College, Batticaloa for teacher trainees and library staff.

### Short course on Koha Library Management Software

Mr. M N Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) was served as resource person for a Short course on Koha Library Management Software organized by Academic Group of Sri Lanka Library Association from 12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.

### Workshop for Library Professionals

Mr. B. Prashanthan, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) of Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies, Eastern University, Sri Lanka served as a resource person of the workshop for Library Professionals organized by Pradeshiya Sabha, Addalaichenai on 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2023 for enhancing the library administration.

## Important Events

### Practical Training Programme for DLIS Students

The Library of Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, concluded a ten-day practical training programme for students who are following the Diploma in Library Information Science at the Sri Lanka Library Association. The training was conducted from the 07<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 to the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2023



### Meeting on Collaborative Research Sharing Mechanism Held at the Parliament of the Republic of Sri Lanka

A meeting was held at the Sri Lankan Parliament to promote collaborative research sharing for the country's development. Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj, the Librarian, and Prof. J. Kennedy, Professor of English, were among the distinguished participants. Former Parliamentarian Mr. Thilakar played a key role in organizing the event. The meeting aimed to integrate research findings and patents from universities into Sri Lanka's development initiatives. Discussions focused on sharing research nationally and internationally.





## Meeting on Collaborative Research Sharing Mechanism .....cont.

Dr. Jeyaraj delivered a comprehensive presentation on the initiatives and outcomes of research carried out by Eastern University. He highlighted the mechanisms by which eRepositories can be leveraged to reach international retrieval platforms, thereby amplifying the impact and visibility of research conducted within the country. The meeting facilitated fruitful discussions, promoting ideas and best practices for effective research sharing. Participants recognized the need for a collaborative research framework aligned with national development goals. By merging research with development processes, Sri Lanka can drive innovation and address societal challenges. The outcomes of the meeting will enhance research collaboration, knowledge dissemination, and contribute to sustainable development.

## Appointments

- Mr. M N Ravikumar appointed as site administrator for the Sri Lanka Journal of Multidisciplinary Research 2023 by the Vice Chancellor of Eastern University, Sri Lanka.
- Mr. M N Ravikumar appointed as member of Advisory Committee for the Information Technology and Digital Library of National Library, Sri Lanka.
- Mr. M N Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) was appointed as a Visiting lecturer for Diploma in Library and Information Services conducted by Center for Distance & Continuing Education, University of Peradeniya. (2022 - 2023)
- Mr. M N Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) was appointed as a Visiting lecturer for Higher Diploma in Library and Information Management (HDLIM) Course conducted by the National Institute of Library and Information Science (NILIS), University of Colombo.
- Mr. M N Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) was appointed as a Visiting lecturer for Postgraduate Diploma in Library & Information Science - 2022/2023 conducted by the National Institute of Library and Information Science (NILIS), University of Colombo.
- Mr. M N Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) was appointed as a Visiting lecturer for BA (Hons) degree in Library and Information Science (BALIS) conducted by the Open University of Sri Lanka
- Mr.S.Santharooban, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) of Health- Care Sciences Library was assigned as Student counselor of Faculty of Health- Care Sciences for the year 2023 by Vice Chancellor of Eastern University, Sri Lanka.
- Mr.S.Santharooban, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) of Health- Care Sciences Library was elected as the Secretary of the Teachers' Association of Eastern University for the period 2023-2024.

## Appointments cont....

- Mr.S.Santharooban, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) was elected as Vice-President of University Librarians Associations of Sri Lanka.
- Mr.S.Santharooban, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) was appointed as council member of Sri Lanka Library Association for the fourth time.
- Mr.S.Santharooban, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) was selected as Treasurer of "Eahai", Welfare Association of Faculty of Health- Care Sciences, Eastern University, Sri Lanka.
- Mr.S.Santharooban, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) was appointed as Co-Secretary of International Conference of University Librarians Associations of Sri Lanka for the year 2023.

## Promotions & Awards



Mrs. Gayathiri Navirathan, Senior Assistant Librarian at the Main Library, EUSL has been promoted as Senior Assistant Librarian Grade I with effect from 1st of July 2020.



Mrs. Lavanya Jegatheesparan, Assistant Librarian of Health- Care Sciences Library of Eastern University, Sri Lanka was promoted as Senior Assistant Librarian Grade II with effect from 1st of December 2021.

## Academic Excellence Celebrated: Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj Honored for 25 Years of Outstanding Service

Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj, the Librarian of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, was honored and presented with a Certificate, Gold Medal, Engraved Trophy, and Cash Award at the Meritorious Award Ceremony held at the Eastern University, Sri Lanka on the 03rd of October, 2022. This prestigious recognition was bestowed upon Dr. Jeyaraj in acknowledgment of his dedicated and meritorious service within the University System for an impressive span of 25 years.





## Research Publications of Library Academics

### Presentations at Conferences / Symposiums

- Mrs. Lavanya Jegatheesparan, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr. II) of Health- Care Sciences Library of Eastern University, Sri Lanka has presented a research paper titled "Educational qualifications, training needs and challenges faced in HRM by the public library employees in Ampara district, Sri Lanka" at the 13th International Conference of University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka (ICULA2022).
- Mr. M N Ravikumar Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr. I) of Main Library of Eastern University, Sri Lanka has presented a paper titled "Developing National Union Catalogue using VuFind and Koha Rest API: A Technical Solution for Sri Lankan Libraries". In the 5th National Library Symposium (NATLIBSYSMPO) 2022 organized by National Library and Documentation Services Board.
- Mrs. Lavanya Jegatheesparan, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr. II) of Health- Care Sciences Library of Eastern University, Sri Lanka has Presented a research paper titled at "Open Educational Resources in Sri Lankan Education: a Review" at the International Conference on Library & Information Science ICLIS-2023, Organized by Sri Lanka Library Association, and held virtually on 27th June, 2023.
- Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj, the Librarian at Eastern University, Sri Lanka, actively participated in the 87th IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) , held in person in Dublin, Ireland, from July 26th to July 29th, 2023. Dr. Jeyaraj made a notable contribution by presenting his research output on the topic 'Enthusiasm in Information Retrieval Skills of Visually Challenged Undergraduates in Sri Lanka.'



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## Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj's Exemplary Leadership as President of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka (2021/22)

In a testament to dedicated leadership and exceptional service, Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj, the Librarian of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, held the esteemed position of President of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka during the period of 2021/22. With a steadfast Executive Committee by his side, Dr. Jeyaraj led the association to great heights, achieving significant milestones throughout his tenure.

During his tenure, Dr. Jeyaraj and his efficient Executive Committee organized and orchestrated a grand International Conference in the vibrant city of Colombo, attracting professionals and scholars from around the world. This conference served as a platform for collaboration, knowledge sharing, and the exchange of innovative ideas in the realm of library and information sciences.



## Vice Presidency of the Sri Lanka Library Association

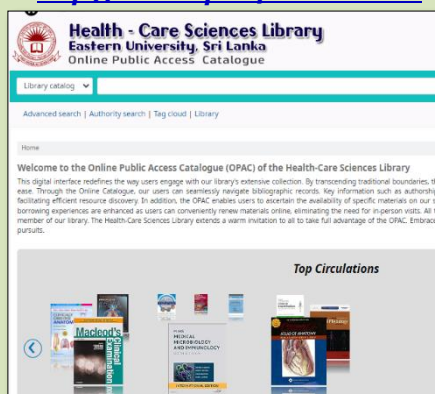
The Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) serves as a professional body that represents all kinds of librarians in Sri Lanka. Mr. M N Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr.I) at Eastern University Sri Lanka, has been elected as the Vice President of the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) for two consecutive terms, respectively 2021/2022 and 2022/2023. During his period, he made significant contributions to the SLLA in various capacities. These include serving as the Convener for the Vijita de Silva Research Committee, Convener for the committee responsible for incorporating Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Diploma in Library & Information Science program, and being a member of the Education Committee and Fellowship Committee, among others.



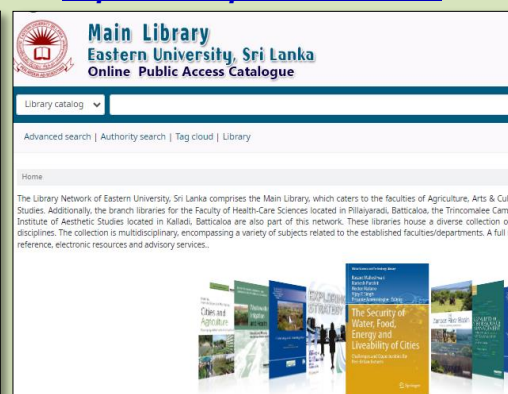
## Library Automation System updated

The library automation system (KOHA) of the Main Library and Health Care Library of Faculty of Health Care Sciences, EUSL are updated and OPACs are redesigned with new features by Mr M N Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian (Gr I) of Main Library, EUSL.

<http://www.opac.fhcs.esn.ac.lk>



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## மட்டை கட்டும் செயன்முறை

நீண்டநாள்களாக பயன்படுத்திய காரணத்தால் பக்கங்கள் கிழிந்தும் நசுங்கியும் இஓரங்கள் வளைந்தும் இ அட்டைகளே இல்லாமல் இ தையல்கள் எல்லாம் பிரிந்தும் காணப்படும் சில பழைய புத்தகங்களை மீண்டும் எப்படி மட்டை கட்டலாம் என்பதைக் கவனிப்போம்.

பழைய புத்தகங்களைப் புதியதாக மீண்டும் மட்டை கட்டி புதுப்பிப்பது அப்புத்தகத்தின் மதிப்பின் காரணமாகவே ஆகும். பழைய புத்தகத்தில் கிழிந்து போன ஒற்றைகள் மற்றும் இடம் மாறிய ஒற்றைகள் ஆகியவற்றால் தொல்லைப்படும் வாசகர்களுக்கு பயிற்சி பெற்ற மட்டை கட்டுனர் அத்தகைய புத்தகத்தை மீண்டும் மட்டை கட்டி கொடுப்பது உதவியாக அமையும்.

- முதவாவதாக பழைய புத்தகத்தின் மேலட்டைகளைக் கவனமாக பிரித்து எடுக்க வேண்டும்.
- இரண்டாவதாக அப்புத்தகத்தின் முதுகுப்பகுதியில் உள்ள மல்துணியையும் காகிதங்கையையும் அகற்ற வேண்டும்.
- மூன்றாவதாக அப்புத்தகத்தின் முதுகுப்பகுதியில் இயந்திரத்தினாலோ அல்லது ஊசியினாலோ தைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் நூல்களை கவனமாக துண்டிக்க வேண்டும்.
- நான்காவது நூல் துண்டிக்கப்பட்ட பகுதிகளை தனித்தனியாக பிரிக்க வேண்டும்.
- ஐந்தாவது பகுதிகளாக பிரிக்கப்பட்டவற்றை துப்பரவு செய்து கொள்ள வேண்டும். பின்னர் ஒவ்வொன்றாக எடுத்து அதில் ஏதேனும் பக்கங்கள் கிழிந்திருக்கின்றனவா பக்கங்கள் காணாமல் போயிருக்கின்றனவா என கவனமாக பார்த்துக் கொள்ள வேண்டும்.
- ஆறாவதாக பக்கங்கள் காணாமல் போயிருந்தால் அதே தலைப்பில் உள்ள புத்தகத்தை எடுத்து போட்டோ பிரதி எடுத்து ஒற்றைகளை இணைக்கலாம்.. ஒற்றைகள் கிழிந்து இருந்தால் மெல்லிய கண்ணாடிக் காகிதத்தை ஒட்டி இணைக்கலாம்.
- இதன் பின்னர் பகுதிகளாக பிரிக்கப்பட்ட புத்தகத்தை தையல் ஊசி கொண்டு மீண்டும் இணைக்கலாம். இணைக்கப்பட்ட புத்தகத்தை அழுத்தியில் 30 நிமிடங்கள் வைத்திருக்க வேண்டும்.
- பின்னர் புத்தகத்தின் அளவுக்கு ஏற்றபடி லேஜர் காகிதத்தை இரண்டாக மடித்து புத்தகத்தின் மேல் புறமாகவும் கீழ் புறமாகவும் ஒட்டியதன் பின் புத்தகத்தின் விளிம்புகளில் ஒட்டப்பட்ட காகிதம் நீளமாக இருந்தால் துண்டிக்க வேண்டும் .புத்தகத்தின் முதுகு பகுதியில் மல்துணி போட பட வேண்டும்.
- ஒட்டப்பட்ட லேஜர் காகிதத்தின் மேல் பசை பூசி வோக்ஸ்வோட் மட்டையினை ஒட்ட வேண்டும். புத்தகத்தின் விளிம்புகளை பேப்பர் கட்டறினால் வெட்ட வேண்டும்
- பழைய முகப்பு அட்டையினை சுத்தம் செய்து புத்தகத்தின் மேல் ஒட்டி புத்தகத்தை மீள்கட்டுமானம் செய்து கொள்ள முடியும்.



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## From Editors...

*We delighted to welcome you to the inaugural issue of "LibNet EUSL" the official newsletter of the Library Network of Eastern University of Sri Lanka. As Editors it is honour and privilege to introduce this platform, which aims to serve as a vital bridge connecting our vibrant community of students, academics, and staff to the wealth of resources, knowledge, and events that the library offers.*

*Libraries are not just repositories of books and information; they are hubs of learning, culture, and discovery. LibNet EUSL is envisioned as a conduit that will showcase the dynamic life of our university libraries. The pages of "LibNet EUSL" will unveil stories of innovation, research, and collaboration, demonstrating how our libraries are evolving to meet the ever-changing needs of our academic community.*

*We encourage you to actively engage with us by sharing your feedback, suggestions, and contributions. "LibNet EUSL" is a collaborative venture, and your input is invaluable in shaping the future of this newsletter.*

*As we embark on this exciting journey, we would like to extend our gratitude to the dedicated library staff and contributors who have poured their enthusiasm and expertise into making this newsletter a reality. Together, we look forward to nurturing a deeper connection with our library network and enhancing the academic experience for everyone at the Eastern University of Sri Lanka.*

*Thank you for your support, and we hope you enjoy reading the first issue of "LibNet EUSL." We look forward to inspiring and engaging with you in the world of knowledge that our libraries have to offer.*



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