On this occasion, as our Association opens a new one-year cycle in the 60 years of its legendary life, I take this opportunity to greet all of you as I assume the post of Presidency. It was your decision which has bestowed this role on me and I feel deep gratitude for your trust and at the same time I feel the grave responsibility that comes along with the requirements of fulfilling this job.

SLLA will mark its 60th anniversary in 2020. With regard to this, we are planning to organize an international conference; making it a fabulous forum to exchange new concepts, ideas and research across the borders. It will also be beneficial in expanding our professional networks. I am pleased to report that the Conference Committee is already hard at work developing a strong program.

While aiming to increase the number of memberships, it is high time to streamline the existing educational programs. I believe that there is no “I” in the success of SLLA, the word that should matter to us is “TEAM”. Therefore, it is a journey of support from each and every individual engaged in fulfilling the tasks given to us. Expect your reward as the feeling of satisfaction for a job well done, no matter what the outcome would be. Do your best and have fun doing it! Be proud, but be humble as well!

Dr.(Mrs.) Nayana Wijayasundara
President - SLLA

New Project Proposals for 2019/20

SLLA Council and COMAISP have decided to accept a limited number of project proposals for the year 2019/20 from the SLLA strategic Plan 2016-22. The SLLA Professional Groups and other members of the SLLA are kindly requested to submit only those most essential project proposals this year. The deadline for submission of proposals is 8th November 2019. The main focus of COMAISP for the current year is to complete the projects commenced in the last 3 year period. SLLA Council has decided to submit 7 completed projects to the authorities for information and necessary action. So far 18 projects have been completed out of 64 projects initiated in last 3 year period from the Strategic Plan, under the guidance of COMAISP.
Sri Lanka Library Association organized National Conference on Library and Information Science (NACLIS 2019) on 27th of June 2019 at Sri Lanka Foundation, Colombo. NACLIS 2019 is the fifteenth of its series which is annually organized by SLLA since 2003 to bring together members of the LIS profession of this nation. The objective of the conference is to encourage our libraries and librarians to assert their core values by way of a conversation and research and technical paper presentations. The theme of this year’s conference “Revaluing Libraries: National Conversation on Value of Libraries”, was chosen to address many aspects of growing importance of the Value of Libraries in the country. The conference focused on hot issues, the latest research achievements, innovative ideas, and latest developments related to the theme.

SLLA President Ms. S. Arulanantham, Librarian, University of Jaffna chaired the conference. Prof. S. Pathmanathan, the Chancellor of the University of Jaffna, was the chief guest for the conference and Prof. A. Atputharajah, Dean, Faculty of Engineering from University of Jaffna delivered the keynote address. The efforts of the NACLIS convener Mr. S. Navaneethakrishnan, Senior Asst. Librarian, University of Jaffna had brought together a wide variety of participants from different library sectors such as public, academic, school and special libraries. Conference cherished with presentations of about twenty two carefully selected papers (Seven full papers and fifteen abstracts) covering a wide range of subjects within the theme of the conference with a Keynote Address. Papers were mostly written in all three languages fourteen papers in English, four in Tamil and four in Sinhala. They were presented in five technical sessions. Valedictory address delivered by Dr. Ruwan Gamage, Senior Lecturer, National Institute of Library and Information Science. Members of the SLLA Council and Exco, SLLA office staff, presenters, authors, reviewers, sponsors and many others participated in this event.
Value of libraries and responsibilities of the librarian in digital era in the context of transformation of society.
A. P. Wickramarachchi

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Usefulness of library orientation programs to newcomers: University of Sri Jayewardenepura
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Setting up a Home Library: special reference to users with children section in Athurugiriya Public Library
K. R. N. Harshani

Beyond journal usage statistics: using citation analysis for evidence based collection management
A. M. S. Angammana, G. D. M. N. Samaradiwakara
59th Annual General Meeting of Sri Lanka Library Association was held on 28th of June 2019 at Sri Lanka Foundation, Colombo 07. After the spectacular ceremonial procession the AGM was inaugurated with lighting traditional oil lamp by the Chief Guest, Prof. P. Balasuntharampillai (Former Vice Chancellor, University of Jaffna), Guest of Honour, Mr. H.M. Gamini Wijesinghe (Former Auditor General), Mrs S. Arulanandhan (President, SLLA ), Dr. (Mrs) Nayana Wijayasundara (President-Elect, SLLA), Dr. (Mrs) Pradeepa Wijetunge (Immediate Past President, SLLA) and Mrs. Sevwandi Jayasinghe (General Secretary, SLLA) and other dignitaries of the event. SLLA members and other LIS professionals participated in the event. In addition to the inspiring addresses delivered by the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour, presentation of awards and certificates were also held at the inauguration ceremony.

After the inauguration ceremony new council members and professional group conveners were selected for the year 2019/2020. Finally Dr. (Mrs) Nayana Wijayasundara (Librarian, University of Sri Jayewardenepura) was honoured as new president of SLLA.
Fellowship Award - 2019

At the 59th AGM of SLLA held on 28th June 2019, Dr.(Mrs.) C. N. K. Alahakoon, Mr. M.N. Ravikumar and Mrs. Komathy Murugadhas received the “Fellowship” of the Sri Lanka Library Association for their significant contributions made to the association and Library & Information Science field in the country.

Associateship Award - 2019

Following SLLA members received their “Associateship” of the Sri Lanka Library Association at the 59th AGM of SLLA held on 28th June 2019.

- Ms. A.L.G.R. Nelanthi
- Mr. S.D.S.P. Rathnayake
- Ms. B. Saumya Upamalika
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- Ms. S.A.Sandya Kanthi
- Ms. N.A.T.K. Jayasena
- Mr. U.M.Fowsh
- Ms. P.D. Wickramasinghe

Awarding DIPLIS 2019

At the AGM of SLLA certificates were distributed to 70 students who have successfully completed the Diploma in Library & Information Science (DIPLIS) conducted by Sri Lanka Library Association.
Scholarships and awards were distributed to the students for their best achievements in the Diploma in Library & Information Science (DIPLIS) course at 59th AGM of SLLA.

**S.C. Block Memorial scholarships for the best performance in DIPLIS – Level I (2018/19)**

Awarded to Ms.K.H.M.S Pushpakakumari (Sinhala medium) & Ms.E.Darshini (Tamil medium)

**Best performance Award in DIPLIS – Level II (2017/18)**

Awarded to Ms.H.A.D.D. Jayasekara (Sinhala medium) & Ms. K. Kirushnapiriya (Tamil medium)

**Srikanthaluxmy Arulanantham Award for the overall best performance in DIPLIS -2019**

Awarded to Mr. V.G.U.D. Priyalal (Sinhala medium) & Ms. Luxana Balabaskaran (Tamil medium)

**Gold Medal for the Best Achievement in DIPLIS - Level III final examination (2017/18)**

Awarded to Ms. S.R.M.S Zoysa

Special Awards in DIPLIS

- **Best performance Award in DIPLIS – Level II (2017/18)**
  - Ms. H.A.D.D. Jayasekara (Sinhala medium)
  - Ms. K. Kirushnapiriya (Tamil medium)

- **S.C. Block Memorial scholarships for the best performance in DIPLIS – Level I (2018/19)**
  - Ms. K.H.M.S Pushpakakumari (Sinhala medium)
  - Ms. E. Darshini (Tamil medium)

- **Srikanthaluxmy Arulanantham Award for the overall best performance in DIPLIS -2019**
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Study Tour to the NSLRC Library

A group of 13 students who are following DIPLIS - level I programme at Galle Centre made a visit to the National Science Library and Resource Centre (NSLRC) of National Science Foundation on 21st August 2019. Mr. Manuja Karunaratna, Principal Information Officer, NSLRC briefed the students on the functions and activities of the NSLRC. After the introduction, the students were given the opportunity to observe the library collection and the activities of the library. Ms. H. K. Padma Center Coordinator of Galle center coordinated the programme.

Another group of 17 students who are following DIPLIS - level I programme at Kandy centre also made a visit to the National Science Library and Resource Centre (NSLRC) on 29th August 2019. Officers of the NSLRC briefed the students on the functions and activities of the NSLRC. After the introduction, the students were given the opportunity to observe the library collection and the activities of the library. Ms. H.M.P.K. Herath, Center Coordinator of Kandy centre coordinated the programme.

SLSTINET Conference 2019

SLSTINET Conference 2019 was held at Sri Lanka Foundation, Colombo on 9th August 2019 on the theme “The Evolving Roles of the Librarians as Information Professionals in the Digital Era”. The conference aimed promoting professional and academic experiences among SLSTINET librarians and information professionals of Sri Lanka.

The Chairman of the National Science Foundation Dr. A.M. Mubarak delivered welcome speech and he emphasized the essential of national level e-resource consortia for the economic and social benefits of the scientific community in the country. Prof. P.S.M. Gunaratne, Vice Chairman of the UGC was the Chief Guest of the conference and he highlighted the importance of references in local & international scientific literature for the development of research in the country in his guest speech.

Mr. Manuja Karunarathne Head, National Science Library and Resource Center introduced the SLSTINET Conference and explained the role of the SLSTINET in the country. Mr. Poojitha Hewawasam, Information Officer of the NSLRC delivered vote of thanks. There were eight speeches delivered at the conference by the professionals in Library and Information Science field.

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Batticaloa Public Library is now automated and equipped with digital devices under the Digital Libraries Project which is jointly implemented by Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA) in close collaboration with National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB). Mr. M. Norman Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian, Eastern University Sri Lanka has provided consultancy to automate the library in this project. The project provided many facilities to patrons as well as library staff by giving library services through Koha integrated library management system and every patron receives an electronic membership card. The library users can experience the new technology from modern computers and tablets to access latest educational materials via internet. Kids section is developed by introducing learning apps which enhance the knowledge and skills of children to use new methods of learning. These digital library facilities were officially launched by Hon. Ajith P Perera, Minister of Digital Infrastructure and Information Technology with the presence of honourable parliamentarians of Tamil National Alliance and Hon. Thiagarajarajah Saravanapavan, Mayor of Batticaloa on 13th of August, 2019. Mr. Waruna Sri Dhanapala, Senior Assistant Secretary from Ministry of Digital Infrastructure and Information Technology, Mr.P.M. Deepal Chandraratne, the Chairman of NLDSB and officials from Batticaloa Municipal Council, NLDSB and ICTA graced the event. Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) of Batticaloa Public Library is available at http://dpl.batticaloa.mc.gov.lk/

Announcements

Call for articles – Sri Lanka Library Review (SLLR) Vol: 34 Iss: 01
Publication committee of SLLA wishes to receive articles from members and scholars to be published in SLLR. This year onwards SLLR will be published as a double blind peer reviewed open access journal with two issues per year. The first issue (Vol: 34, Iss:01) will be published in February 2020. Articles will be accepted till 31st November, 2019. You may submit articles written in Sinhala or Tamil or English. Please send your manuscripts in MS Word file to Publication Officer via email- ravimnr@mail.com or sllapublicationofficer@gmail.com. Guidelines and other details available at SLLA website - www.slla.org.lk

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