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President Note



I am delighted to write this note for "The Librarian; Quarterly Newsletter of Pakistan Librarians Welfare Organization (PLWO)". I am happy that the newsletter has become a regular feature of the organization. The efforts of the new editorial team, in this regard, are worth praising.

This gives me pleasure to announce that Pakistan Librarians Welfare Organization is holding an international conference. The dates and venue along with other details will be announced shortly. We are also making some changes in our teams of PLA Punjab and soon it will be announced.

Recently, the call for paper for International Journal of Information Management Sciences (IJIMS) has been circulated through various means. I urge all the professionals and researchers in the field to submit their papers to enable us publish the electronic journal. The endeavours made by the editorial team under the headship of Dr. Muhammad Tariq Najmi, to revive and publish the first issue are commendable. Now, we are also planning to develop and launch a new system for the journal, which will assist authors in submitting the abstracts and full text papers through an automated publishing system.

I want to congratulate the new team of PLA Punjab on taking oath. The new team is an excellent combination of academicians and practitioners. I hope that new PLA Punjab, in the presidency of Prof. Dr. Khalid Mehmood, Chairman Department of Information Management, University of the Punjab, Lahore, will work for uplifting the standards of library science profession and professional through its multi faced approach. Moreover, the new team will work in synergy with other related organizations. I am privileged that new PLA Punjab co-opted me as an executive council member. The other co-option of Dr. Muhammad Haroon Usmani, Chief Librarian, University of the Punjab Lahore as executive council member will also strengthen the association.

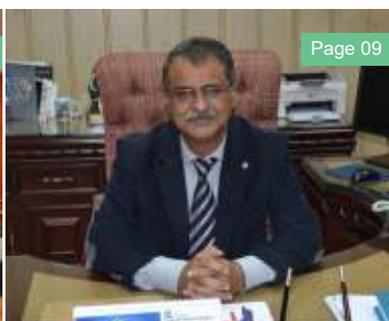
We invite volunteers to come forward and work for the benefit of their own profession. I believe that there is no substitute of hard work. People who work hard for the well-being of others will achieve success not only in this world but also in the world hereafter.

I always feel honoured to express that PLWO team is the wonderful team. Everyone has its own place and they are doing tremendous jobs. I especially pay my appreciation for Mr. Masum Ali, Mr. Ansar, and Ms. Nadia for their efforts for this issue of the newsletter.

Muhammad Asif Munir
President



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Editorial Note



Dear Readers,

Welcome to the April – June issue of The Librarian Newsletter; the second issue of 2018!

It is an immense pleasure to launch this issue.

I take this opportunity to thank those of you who contributed to it as these contribution are essential to the newsletter's success, without which there wouldn't have been this newsletter issue.

We aim to provide a good balance of the captivating content, fresh perspective and a visual treat through images. We hope the array of articles and features in this issue will exhibit the seasonal glow of renewal and enrichment.

In the special column check-out the interview of one of the most renowned personality in the field of Library Sciences. This issue contains report of workshop on citation management, reading habits and personality development of children, research impact and assessment and seminar on world book and copyright day. This issue also contains a report of PLWO 6th Annual dinner and musical night. I hope that you will enjoy reading this issue and find it informative and above all useful.

If you have feedback or constructive criticism, I welcome your input.

Last but not least, I would like to thank my editorial team for their everlasting support throughout the creation of this issue.

With Regards

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Seminar on “Zindagi Kitaab Say Hai”



World Book & Copyright Day celebrated in FAST-NU Lahore

Reported by Zaheer Ahmad, Director, Read & Write Pakistan

Read & Write Pakistan (R&RP), Pakistan Librarians Welfare Organization (PLWO) and FAST National University jointly organized a seminar on World Book & Copyright Day on the theme “Zindagi Kitaab Say Hai” at National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences, Lahore on April 23, 2018.

World Book and Copyright Day is celebrated on 23rd April each year to recognize the power of books and to promote the enjoyment of books and reading. This festive and participative event is an opportunity to raise public awareness and encourage everyone to access books and to pay tribute to books and authors from the book industry.

Dr. Muhammad Shahid Soroya, Director General, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) while speaking on the occasion said that as global symbols of social progress books-learning and reading have become targets for those who denigrate culture and education and those who reject

dialogue and tolerance. Dr. Arifa Sobh Khan, senior journalist said that the government should prioritize this neglected area to make Pakistan an intellectual and peaceful place. She appreciated the role of R&RP in organizing the seminar to highlight the importance of book in one's life.

cultures. We must recognize the magical power of books.

Mr. Zaheer Ahmad, Director Read & Write Pakistan while addressing the participants said that it is dire need of the time to promote a culture of reading in our society, which will not only lead our future generations in the right direction but will also ensure the development of a nation that can tackle the violent fundamentalism and uncivilized behavior that currently prevails in our society.

He was of the view that by working together we can play our result oriented role to promote the reading culture in Pakistan.

Dr. Amjad Hussain, Director FAST-NU, Lahore Campus and Dr. Muhammad Ramzan, Director also spoke on the occasion. In the closing remarks, Mr. Muhammad Asif Munir, President, PLWO thanked the participants for attending the seminar and said that by working together we can play our result oriented role to promote the reading culture in Pakistan.

Book is the best
weapon against
all types of
society's evil

Syed Badar Saeed, president of Pakistan Council of Media Writers said that books are a link between the past and the future, a bridge between generations and across

Informational professionals, relevant government officials, members of the academia, public and private sector, policy makers,

media representatives and general public attended the seminar. During the interactive session, participants emphasized the promotion of book

culture which is a great weapon against all social evils and diseases.

Media coverage and pictures of the event



Reading Habits and Personality Development of the Children

Mr Khurram Shahzad, Manager, Literacy Initiative of Read & Write Pakistan (R&RP) conducted a special informative session on “Reading Habits and Personality Development of the Children” at Oxford Group of Schools on April 03, 2018. The purpose of the session was to develop reading habits, language skills and to groom personality of the children for making them a valuable asset of the

society and country, so that they may lead from the front in upcoming times and become matchless through quality work, unique skills and ideal character, which are required traits of the highly competitive present age of ICTs.

Promotion of book reading culture is one of the core missions of Read & Write Pakistan and if roots are

strengthened at school level, the same will enable us to manage burning issues of the country, as it is only the book that can change lives and may be used to reform the nation. Books leave a lasting impact and make people lifelong learners. Special thanks to PLWO, R&RP for flourishing reading culture in Pakistan.





Report of Citation Management Workshop

Reported by Mr. Khurram Shahzad (GC University Lahore)

GC University Library, Lahore in collaboration with Pakistan Scientific and Technological Information Center (PASTIC) and Pakistan Librarians Welfare Organization (PLWO) conducted a training workshop on Citation Management using Mendeley for the faculty members of the university. Mendeley is one of the frequently used and the most popular open source free computer applications for citing and doing referencing. It is a free research tool that assists at every stage of the research process, from gathering research and annotating PDFs to organizing citations and creating bibliographies.

Mr. Muhammad Naeem, In-Charge, GCU Library, Lahore welcomed the participants and thanked resource persons for sparing their valuable time for the workshop. Ms. Iram Sohail, Director, Quality Enhancement Cell, GC University Lahore was the Chief Guest at the Inaugural Ceremony of the workshop. She said such training workshops are very necessary for capacity building of the researchers. She appreciated the role of GCU Library in facilitating the university's community. Mr. Ali Raza

Khan, Deputy Director (STI), PASTIC shed light on the objectives and achievements of PASTIC. He highly appreciated the arrangements of the workshop done by collaborators and organizers. He stated that PASTIC will continue working with GCU to conduct such innovative workshops in order to cultivate requisite skills among the students, researchers and faculty members of the university.

Dr. Saira Hanif Soroya, Assistant Professor, Department of Information Management (DOIM), University of the Punjab and Mr. Zaheer Ahmad, E-Library Expert, Planning and Development Department were the resource persons of the workshop. Dr. Saira Hanif said that creating references and citing published work in research writing is one of the most critical areas in producing a well-rounded piece of writing. Adopting a specific style of creating references is increasingly being required by publishers. She said that Mendeley was frequently used by the researchers for citation management. Mr. Zaheer briefed the participants about the features of Mendeley. He conducted hands on practice session for the participants.



Prof. Dr. Tahir Kamran, Dean of Arts and Social Sciences was the Chief Guest at the closing ceremony of the workshop. In his closing remarks, he said that libraries are important cornerstones of a healthy community. He acknowledged the role of GCU Library staff in serving the users remarkably. He was of the view that students should spend maximum time in libraries to increase their knowledge and understanding on various subjects. Dr. Kamran appreciated the role of library administration in conducting a well-managed workshop. He distributed certificates of participation to each of the participants and souvenirs to the resource persons of the workshop.

Mr. Muhammad Naeem, In-Charge, GCU Libraries Lahore, thanked the participants, resource persons and the Chief Guest for sparing their precious time for the workshop. He remarked that this workshop was lead off for the faculty members in

which representatives of all the departments participated as per desire of the worthy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah Sb. who is a bibliophile and takes keen interest in strengthening the GCU Libraries through encouragement,

cooperation, financial and moral support. He said that many more such innovative workshops will be held for the university's students, researchers and faculty members covering different themes.



Research Impact and Assessment Training Session on Scopus: Effective Use as an Expert

A hands-on training session on SCOPUS database was arranged at Main Library, University of Punjab in collaboration with the Office of Research Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) on May 03, 2018. Head of ORIC PU chaired the session and shared her experience about the database. She emphasized the importance of the database for researchers and practitioners. Head of ORIC shed

light on the database and said that it is the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature, scientific journals, books and conference proceedings.. The session also demonstrated methods to explore how bibliographical data might be analyzed and retrieved using SCOPUS. Dr. Muhammad Haroon Usmani welcomed all participants and thanked resource person Mr. Qaiser Iqbal, Assistant

Manager, Electronic Resource & Serials Librarian LUMS. He also discussed the importance of SCOPUS. He acknowledged the role of PLWO in promoting research culture and support towards the community. Around 60 faculty members, researchers, librarians and student participated in the session.



The session then continued with Mr. Qaiser Iqbal presenting the importance of SCOPUS database for researchers, faculty, institutions and library professionals. He spoke about how to make use of SCOPUS in identifying H-Index and other citation-based metrics, high-quality journals in a particular field using journal impact factors and increasing research visibility and discoverability with tools like ORCID. He also elucidated the

importance of the database to learn about holistic assessment frameworks and non-citation-based metrics and also to be able to understand strengths and limitations of quantitative metrics and to learn visualization tools and techniques for representing those metrics.

This session lasted for five hours and participants got benefitted from it. The researchers and faculty

members admired the efforts and teaching methods of the speaker. Concluding the session Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warrich, Associate Professor, Department of Information Management, P U, L a h o r e highlighted the issues and presented her opinions about the database and its importance for a researcher. She also shared her experience of the session.

Glimpses of the Workshop





Zaheer Ahmad, Secretary General, PLWO

Report of PLWO 6th Annual Dinner & Musical Night 2018

The 6th Annual Dinner of the Pakistan Librarians Welfare Organization (PLWO) took place on Saturday May 05, 2018 at the Hospitality Inn, Egerton Road, Lahore. More than 150 librarians, luminaries of Library and Information Science, academicians, representatives of different universities and dignitaries across Pakistan attended the event, which is the highlight of the organization's annual programme. Dr. Muhammad Shahid Soroya, Director General, Punjab Higher Education Commission, Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen, Prof. Dr. Khalid Mehmood, Dr. Muhammad Ramzan, Specially Dr. Safdar, Director General, Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) attended the event as guest of honor. Among other distinguished guests were Mr. Syed Ghyour Hussain, Director, National Library of Pakistan, Dr. Zaheer Ahmad Baber, Director General, Directorate of Public Libraries, Punjab and Mr. Rehman Asif, Deputy Director, Punjab Library Foundation.

The evening Commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Mr. Asif Bilal. Mr. Ashfaq Hussain

performed the responsibility of stage secretary. Mr. Muhammad Asif Munir, President of PLWO welcomed the participants. In his welcome remarks, he said, PLWO is the national representative body of LIS professionals across Pakistan and is striving hard to meet its overall objectives. He shared the achievements and future plans of the organization.

He said, PLWO is spreading happiness and jubilation among the library community of Pakistan through its multifaceted approach. Director Read & Write Pakistan and Secretary General PLWO briefly shared the outcomes of Read & Write Pakistan, which is proactively working to promote reading culture in Pakistan. He also shared some praiseworthy programs started by Read & Write to promote book culture in Pakistan. Dr. Muhammad Tariq Najmi, Editor-in-chief, International Journal of Information Management Sciences (IJIMS) also spoke on the occasion and invited the professional community to scholarly contribute to PLWO research journal.

Mumtaz Rafi and Ustad Shafqat Ali

Khan, the renowned Classical Singers performed at the musical night. Guests were happy and overjoyed by the stunning performance from these legends. Both the legends received a lot of appreciation from the audience.

Dr. Shahid Soroya, DG, Punjab Higher Education Commission shared his views about the overall journey of this august organization and appreciated the efforts of PLWO team in establishing the organization and thanked every individual who contributed towards development of the organization. Other prominent luminaries of LIS field, Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen, Dr. Khalid Mehmood and Dr. Muhammad Ramzan were of the view that such gathering provides opportunities to reconnect with friends, network with colleagues and thus must be continued. A delicious dinner was served soon after the end of formal session.

Participants, in the informal discussion with PLWO representatives, were amazed to hear about the achievements of Pakistan Librarians Welfare Organization.

They wished their professional associations to be as dynamic, vibrant and effective as PLWO. Participants also appreciated the role of Read & Write Pakistan to promote

of reading culture in Pakistan. Keeping the tradition alive, PLWO truly acknowledged its members, distributed shields and certificates among them in order to acknowledge

their volunteer services for the profession. PLWO presented Life Time Achievement Award to Dr. Muhammad Ramzan for his remarkable service to the profession.



Mr. Asif Munir thanked and congratulated all organizers including Mr. Ashfaq Hussain, Mr. Sher Afzal Malik, Mr. Yasin Malik, Mr. Qaiser Iqbal, Mr. Nadeem Sohail, Mr. Asif Bilal, Mr. Waris Ali Arslan, Mr. Masum Ali, Ms. Amna Asad, Ms. Humaira Majeed, Mr. Hafiz Hussain Tahir, Ms. Shaista Kanwal, Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad,

Mr. Ali Aamer Javed, Mr. Shahzad Abbas and Mr. Muhammad Ansar for their effective team work and sincere efforts in organizing the 6th Annual Dinner & Musical Night 2018 which provided an opportunity to the professional community for a get-together. He specially thanked Mr. Kazim Ali Syed and Dr. Muhammad

Haroon Usmani for their unconditional support to the organization. Mr. Munir also thanked all dignitaries and participants from Lahore, Faisalabad, Multan, Islamabad, AJK, Sindh and KPK who came all the way to attend the event.

Glimpses of the PLWO Dinner



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An Interview With

Dr. Muhammad Haroon Usmani

Chief Librarian
Main Library
University of the Punjab

1. Can you please brief us about your early education and Life?

Dr. Haroon Usmani: I was born at Lahore. I accomplished my early ten years (Matriculation) education from Government Center Model High school, Lahore that used to be a good institution till mid 1980-90. I received two years technical course certificate from Ali Industrial Technical Institute as well as passed my intermediate examination in 1986. I joined Directorate of Public Libraries as caretaker side by side as private candidate did my graduation with 1st division. I passed my Masters degree (diploma) from Islamia University Bahawalpur with (distinction) top position. Before the announcement of result I got selected in PPSC as librarian on the basis of diploma course at Government Polytechnic Institute, Laiyya. After few months I joined Quaid-e-Azam Public Library, Lahore.

Basically, I hail from an educational and religious family. My grandfather received education from Darul Uloom Deoband and was an Arabic teacher at Government School Jalandhar. In 1947 we migrated to Lahore from India. My father was also a government servant in Irrigation Department. So, I was brought up in a good educational and religious environment.

2. How did you come to librarianship? Was it by chance or by choice?

Dr. Haroon Usmani: The field of library science was my personal choice. I was well aware of the fact that this profession will provide an early job opportunity to me as compared to other professions. I was a book worm also, I enjoyed and loved reading books when I was in school. Although I got admission in Mass communication and

English at Punjab University, Lahore but I preferred to join Library Science at Islamia University Bahawalpur.

3. What else you would have been if you were not a librarian?

Dr. Haroon Usmani: I would have been a teacher if not librarian. Beside Library profession, I am teaching English and Urdu subject at intermediate and graduation level and Urdu literature to students pursuing M.Phil.

4. What are some of your favourite books?

Dr. Haroon Usmani: There are so many books which I love, but the Holy Quran, Dewane-e-Ghalib, Books of Mushtaq Ahmad Yousafi and Saadat Hassan Manto are my favourite.

5. Your favorite personality?

Dr. Haroon Usmani: My favourite personality is our PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH). During my service at Quaid-e-Azam Library a pleasant great literature lover and true academician, Air Commodore Inaam ul haq inspired and motivated me. The other favourite figure is my Uncle Syed Maqsood Ali kazmi first ever Chief Librarian of Quaid-e-Azam Library.

6. Tell us about the memorable moment of your life: a time you will never forget?

Dr. Haroon Usmani: Securing first position in Diploma in Library Science was the most memorable moment of my life but I was very gloomy at that time as my father had passed away. The other one was when I secured silver medal in Masters & then getting PhD was most memorable.

7. Would you please like to share an event or issue when you got hurt during your professional career?

Dr. Haroon Usmani: There is no such event or issue, but there was an occasion where I felt a bit hurt, when I was not selected in PPSC examination despite of my particulars and good interview.

8. Which quality of young professionals makes you happy?

Dr. Haroon Usmani: Enthusiasm, passion, competence, commitment and technically equipped. They are very creative in their work but are to be guided in the right direction.

9. How do you spend your time after the office hours?

Dr. Haroon Usmani: Reading, travelling, and sightseeing.

10. From which institution you started your career?

Dr. Haroon Usmani: I started my career as librarian at Government Polytechnic College, Laiyya, and then worked at Quaid-e-Azam Public Library. That was the institution which really put an everlasting impact on my professional career. I had wonderful colleagues there.

13. Where do you see Pakistan in LIS Research as compare to other countries?

Dr. Haroon Usmani: I see researchers, Scholars, Professors serving at Punjab University Lahore. Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood, Prof Dr. Kanwal Ameen and other fellows are nationally and internationally recognized researchers of Library and Information Science Department. I feel proud of them as they are doing creative and intellectual work. The young professionals are equally good trying to explore new horizons in the field.

14. What are your major professional achievements?

Dr. Haroon Usmani: My major achievement is that I am serving as chief librarian of Pakistan's most reputed University's biggest Library and also my PhD. I thank Allah for bestowing his blessings upon me.

15. Sir, you have been associated with DOIM, PU since so long, what are the major improvements or changes made by you and your team?

Dr. Haroon Usmani: I have taught at DOIM only for one semester and have professional affiliations with department, but I have never directly worked or been attached with Information Management Department.

“I think every country, region, place has diverse needs and requirements according to its spectrum, though our curriculum is already good but there is a need to revise it frequently as per the changing trends of Library & Information Science Schools and field”



11. Sir, you have experience both in teaching and librarianship, which is better in your opinion?

Dr. Haroon Usmani: I love both the professions as I enjoyed both.

12. What do you think how successfully current LIS curriculum in Pakistan meets with the International library School?

Dr. Haroon Usmani: I think every country, region, place has diverse needs and requirements according to its spectrum, though our curriculum is already good but there is a need to revise it frequently as per the changing trends of Library & Information Science Schools and field.

15. What kind of role should library associations play for the betterment of profession and professionals?

Dr. Haroon Usmani: PLA is already doing great efforts and work. It has designed the service structure of college librarians and got it approved by the Government of Punjab to be implemented. I suggest that PLA & other professional Associations must work for public libraries and the much neglected sector-school librarianship and should highlight the grave issues to higher authorities to cater for librarians/information professionals. We have very few public libraries in Pakistan. I visited Germany in 2006, they have established huge public libraries in each community sector. There are only 4 to 5 big public libraries in Lahore.



“PLA should arrange training sessions, workshops, seminars for the improvements and development of school and public libraries and librarians”

17. Any Message for PLWO team?

PLWO, welfare organization for Pakistani librarians is working commendably parallel to PLA and continuously arranges training sessions, seminars, workshops, developmental capacity building programs across the country and take steps to bring professional concerns to higher authorities. PLWO is a true organization and it should continue its work for the betterment of librarians.

Training Session on Scopus: Effective Use as an Expert

Main Library, University of Punjab arranged a training session on April 12, 2018 on SCOPUS; the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature, scientific journals, books and conference proceedings for the library professionals. Mr. Qaiser Iqbal, Assistant Manager, Electronic Resource & Serials Librarian, LUMS was the resource person. More than 20 information professionals attended the workshop.

Dr. Muhammad Haroon Usmani, Chief Librarian, University of Punjab briefed about the objective of the session. He thanked PLWO collaborations with PU Library for conducting the session successfully. He affirmed guest speaker, that PU, PLWO and LUMS library will continue working to promote the research culture in Pakistan.

Elucidating the importance of SCOPUS for library professionals and researchers, Mr. Qaiser Iqbal explained that SCOPUS is an electronic database which contains bibliographic data from 21000 scientific journal titles of more than 5000 publishers, over 50 entries in total. Users can determine, analyze and visually represent citation/H-index of a concrete author/article by employing diverse tools. The mentioned database helps to constantly control the tendencies of the on-going research process around the world in the field of science, technology, medicine, humanities and social science. Mr. Qaiser Iqbal gave a comprehensive presentation on the features and services of SCOPUS. After the presentation, a hands-on training session was conducted successfully. He briefed the participants about

various techniques and methods for efficient use of the database. After four hour presentation and hands-on training session, he also conducted an interactive session to answer different questions raised by the participants.

Participants were very happy and satisfied with the training. They said this session will be of great help to them in their routine work. In the end, Dr. Muhammad Haroon Usmani conducted a feedback session wherein he received feedback from the participants. He extended his gratitude to the training session speaker for his sincere efforts and fruitful interactive sessions that contributed towards the success of the workshop. A group photo was also clicked by the organizers.



Report of One Day Seminar “Reading It's My Right”

Huma Khan (Executive Member PLWO-FB)

PLWO-FB in collaboration with Islamabad Public Library H-9 organized a very informative and successful seminar on “Reading-It's My Right” on the eve of World Book and Copyright Day. Dr. Shahid Hameed well known author, poet, and critical writer (awarded Tamgha-e-Imtiaz by The President of Pakistan) was the chief guest of the seminar. Mr. Shahzad Abbas, President, PLWO-Federal Branch, opened the session by sharing his experience and achievements of PLWO. He conveyed that the basic purpose of the seminar is to encourage the reading culture among the people as it has been declined due to internet, smart phones and other electronic gadgets. He also said that we provide training about latest technology to our traditional librarians to help them meet the challenges of new era. Ms. Huma Khan, Secretary PLWO Federal Branch gave a thanking note to Mr. Ch. Azam, Director General,

Department of Public Libraries, Islamabad.

Mr. Abdul Abdul Raziq, Assistant Director, Islamabad public Library worked really hard to organize the session. He said that we have initiated the cause and will achieve our goals by arranging such programs. He stated that we want to make people realize the importance of reading and visiting libraries. Mr. Saleem Ahmad presented a very useful and detailed presentation about copyright and history of World Book Day.

Dr. Midrar Ullah, Chief Librarian, NUST shared his experience. Dr. Pervaiz Ahmad HOD. Department of information and Library Science, AIOU, gave a short speech on book reading mediums.

A well renowned Journalist and editor of Daily Azkar and Pakistan in the world Magazine also shared his experience about reading,

publishing, editing etc. He said that unfortunately most of us don't love books and never bother to purchase them rather we love to spend on other luxuries. He said that we should select and purchase good books for our libraries and those books must meet the standards so as to enhance the collection of our libraries.

The Chief Guest, Mr. Shahid Hameed said that books are the most authentic source of knowledge. Internet is only a medium to get information. He also admired the efforts of PLWO-FB, Mr. Shahid Amin, Miss Ishrat and the team for organizing such an informative event for general public and students.

Shields and certificates were distributed among Speakers and Organizers.



Professional Stories

Reported by: Muhammad Ansar

Appointments/Promotions:

1. **Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood** has been appointed as Chairman, Department of Information Management, University of the Punjab, Lahore.
2. **Ms. Abera Sial** has been appointed as Librarian in The Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department, Lahore.

M.Phil./Ph.D. degree Awarded:

1. **Mr. Fayyaz Ahmed Shah Bukhari** has successfully defended his M Phil thesis.
2. **Mr. Sajjad Ahmad**, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Peshawar, successfully defended his PhD viva on the study of "Status of soft skills and need for their development: Perceptions of university information professionals in Pakistan"

Trainings/Workshops/Seminars/Conferences:

1. The Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services (PIPS) organized one month extensive workshop on "**Koha & DSpace**" for the IT and other personnel of National Assembly's staff from February 21, 2018 to March 21, 2018 at Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services (PIPS), Islamabad.
2. A free Information Literacy session on "**Managing and Citing References with Open Source Software ZOTERO**" was arranged on April 3-4, 2018 at Library Seminar Hall, FAST National University of Computer and Emerging Science, Lahore.
3. Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad arranged 3-day training for librarians across Pakistan on "**Capacity Building of Law Librarians**" on April 4-6, 2018 at Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad.
4. H.E.J. Research Institute of Chemistry, International Center for Chemical and Biological Sciences, University of Karachi in collaboration with Pakistan Library Club (PLC) and Pakistan Scientific and Technological Information Center (PASTIC), Islamabad organized 5-day training workshop on "**Librarians Personal Branding through Soft Skills Development**" from April 09-13, 2018 at L.E.J National Science and Information Center, University of Karachi.
5. Higher Education Commission Islamabad and Mehran University of Engineering & Technology, Jamshoro jointly organized 3-day workshop on "**Institutional Repository Management (DSpace) IRM-2018**" on April 11-13, 2018 at Mehran University of Engineering & Technology, Jamshoro.
6. Quaid Public Library F-9 Park, Islamabad in collaboration with Nazria Pakistan Council organized a seminar on "**Promotion of Reading Culture in Information Era**" on April 12, 2018 at F-9 Park, Nazria Pakistan Council building, Islamabad.
7. PASTIC (Pakistan Scientific & Technological Information Centre) a subsidiary of Pakistan Science Foundation under the umbrella of Ministry of Science & Technology organized 6-weeks Short Term & Attachment Training Courses for LIS Professionals at PASTIC National Centre, QAU Campus, Islamabad from April 19, 2018 to May 31, 2018 under its project entitled "**Modernization of PASTIC National Science Reference Library for Effective Resource Sharing among S&T libraries in Pakistan**".
8. The Department of Information Management and Punjab University Library jointly organized an awareness seminar on **World Book & Copyright Day** on April 20, 2018.
9. The Fullstack solutions (with its co-partners) organized "**Pakistan Open Source Summit 2018**" on April 20-21, 2018 at Islamabad.

Trainings/Workshops/Seminars/Conferences:

10. Read & Write Pakistan (R&RP), Pakistan Librarians Welfare Organization (PLWO) and FAST National University jointly organized a seminar themed **“Zindagi Kitaab Say Hai”** on World Book & Copyright Day on April 23, 2018 at National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences, Lahore.
11. Department of Library and Information Science, University of Karachi organized a seminar on **“Discovering World through Reading”** on the occasion of World Book & Copyright Day on April 23, 2018 at Arts Auditorium, University of Karachi.
12. Department of Libraries, Islamabad and Pakistan Librarians Welfare Organization Federal Branch (PLWO-FB) jointly organized a seminar on World Book & Copyright Day on the theme **“Reading- It's My Right”** on April 25, 2018 at Islamabad Public Library, H-9, Islamabad.
14. A workshop was arranged on **“Nvivo: Qualitative Data Analysis”** for PhD students of Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS), University of the Punjab, Lahore on April 25, 2018.
15. E-Library, Sargodha, and Department of Library & Information Sciences, University of Sargodha jointly organized an **“Awareness Walk”** on the eve of World Book Day and & Copyright Day on April 26, 2018.
16. One-day workshop on **“Use of Emerging Technologies for Research (Google Apps)”** was jointly organized by Lahore Medical and Dental College and Pakistan Scientific & Technical Information Center on April 27, 2018 at Lahore Medical and Dental College, Lahore.
18. A 2-day workshop on **“Communication and Interpersonal Relationship Skills at the Workplace”** was organized on May 8-9, 2018 at the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Peshawar.
19. A 2-day workshop on **“Transforming Libraries: Tools for Librarians”** was organized by Pakistan Library Club (KP Chapter) and Central Library, University of Peshawar (UOP) for Librarians, fresh LIS Graduates, and Students on May 09-10, 2018 at Central Library, University of Peshawar.
20. GCU Library, Lahore in collaboration with Pakistan Scientific and Technological Information Center (PASTIC) and Pakistan Librarians Welfare Organization (PLWO) organized a hands-on training workshop on **“Citation Management using Mendeley Software”** on May 15, 2018 at Government College University, Lahore.
21. COMSATS University Islamabad, Lahore Campus in collaboration with Pakistan Scientific & Technological Information Center (PASTIC) organized one-day seminar on **“Resource Sharing, Networking and Consortium: Challenges, Prospects and Way Forward”** on June 28, 2018.
22. Pakistan Library Club, in collaboration with Goethe Institute Pakistan and NED university of Engineering & Technology arranged a seminar on **“Literature is the Mirror of the Society”** on World Book Day at Abulkalam Library, NED University, Karachi.
23. One-day seminar on **“The Role of Libraries in the Promotion of Journalism”** was jointly organized by e-Library Rawalpindi and National Press Club, Islamabad at e-Library Rawalpindi.

Upcoming Events:

1. Central Library, University of Peshawar is going to organize the 3rd National Training Workshop on **“Capacity Building of Librarians Using Research Tools”** on July 19-22, 2018 at University of Peshawar, Summer Campus, Baragali.
2. Pakistan Scientific & Technological Information Centre (PASTIC) and Pakistan Librarians Welfare Organization will be jointly organizing 2-day training workshop on **“Open Source in Libraries”** on July 27-28, 2018 at PASTIC National Center, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.

Upcoming Events:

3. Pakistan Library Club (PLC) in collaboration with IFLA Asia & Oceania and Special Libraries Association (SLA) is organizing an international Conference **“A Journey from UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Proactive Role of Libraries”** on August 2-4, at Karachi,
4. The Department of Information Management (DoIM), University of the Punjab, Lahore is going to organise 2nd International Conference on Information Management and Libraries (ICIML) on the theme **“Leading for Transformation: Preparing Reflective Information and Library Professionals”** on October 10-12, 2018 at New Campus, University of the Punjab, Lahore.
5. Special Libraries Association, Asian Chapter in collaboration with Institute of Economic Growth, Ambedkar University, Delhi and Society for Library Professionals are organizing 6th International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL 2019) on **“Libraries and Librarianship in Digital Plus Era”** on February 14-16, 2019 in New Delhi, India.

Professional (Library and Information Science) News:

1. National Library of Pakistan and Pakistan Library Association (PLA) organized a "Book Walk" on April 6, 2018 on the eve of 9th National Book Fair at Pak-China Friendship Center, Islamabad.
2. Pakistan Library Club, Young thinkers Team, and Read Pakistan jointly organized an awareness walk (on importance of books and reading) and distributed books among people on the eve of World Book and Copyright Day on April 20, 2018.
3. GC University Library Society, Lahore in collaboration with Iqbal Academy Pakistan and Allama Iqbal Stamps Society celebrated World Book Day and Iqbal Day on April 23, 2018.
4. Habib University Library and Information commons in collaboration with ARZU Center organized a public event titled “Read to Lead” on April 23, 2018 at Habib University, Karachi.
5. Pakistan Librarians Welfare Organization arranged its 6th annual Dinner on May 5, 2018 at Holiday Inn Hotel, Lahore.
6. A PhD convention was organized to discuss the progress and issues of scholars (who have successfully completed their coursework and working on their synopsis or thesis) on May 15, 2018 at Department of Information Management, University of the Punjab, Lahore
7. University of Peshawar Library and Information Science Alumni Association UPLISAA (Federal Branch) arranged an Iftaar cum Dinner on May 30, 2018 in Islamabad.
8. A library Consortium is going to be developed by PASTIC to access research work on science and technology.
9. The project of Digitization of National Library of Pakistan is being initiated and will be completed in 2020.
10. Sindh College Library Association organized an “Awareness Walk” on the eve of National Book Day at Hyderabad.
11. E-Libraries established in 20 districts of the Punjab have started their services and are playing vital role as a community center and promoting reading culture in society.

Obituaries:

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1. **Elder Brother of Sultan Mahmood**, Senior Librarian, died on April 30, 2018.

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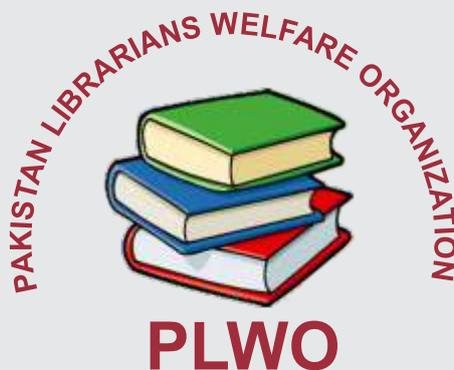
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