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## Editorial,

Dear Members,

It's almost a year now the *BOSLA newsletter* has come out. Nevertheless, efforts will be made to bring out the newsletter regularly twice a year from this issue onwards. In this issue an attempt has been made to understand what exactly Library 2.0 is all about and what the upcoming trends that are on our way.

The word 'Web 2.0' has amused many of us when first time it came into existence. Now it is the time for Library 2.0. Even conferences and workshops are being held on this concept. Wikipedia briefs Library 2.0 as a loosely defined model for a modernized form of library service that reflects a transition within the library world in the way that services are delivered to users. With Library 2.0, library services are constantly updated and re-evaluated to serve library users. It attempts to harness the library user in the design and implementation of library services by encouraging feedback and participation.

Its way back when Dr S R Ranganathan introduced the first law of library science - 'Books are for Use'. The word 'Books' has been reinvented with terms such as Document, Information, Web and so on. It's a change or transformation of a concept into ongoing or upcoming concepts that are supported by new technologies such as web applications.

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Similarly Libraries too need to accept, adopt and reposition their presence in this changing environment by implementing these transformed concepts into their everyday practices to face the most dynamic young generation of information consumers.

The days are gone where the user used to visit the library for desired information. Now the desired information is on their way by various tools and technologies that are easily and freely available on the Web. It is very clear from the technologies listed in Web 2.0 viz.,- RSS, Wikis, blogging, personalization, podcasting, streaming media, ratings, alerts, folksonomies, tagging, social networking software, and the rest - could be useful in an institute or community environment and could be introduced into the library system. It is a fact that many of these are already under use by individuals.

The Library 2.0 is nothing but, the level of integration and interoperability that is designed into the interface through library portal or intranet. There lies the real power to enhance the user experience. In order to take advantage of the new concept inherent in Library 2.0 is the imperative to not shy away from adding advanced functionality and features directly into the content. This would provide the context and workflow-oriented features that users will demand or are demanding already.

### **Web 2.0 vs. Library 2.0?**

Identifying, procuring, organizing and disseminating conventional sources in which libraries involved since decades find themselves in challenging phase, probably because of the dramatic change in availability of various forms and formats of information in the recent past. These changes offer great opportunities for libraries to reach out far beyond the boundaries of their buildings and premises, and to engage with an increasingly literate body of information consumers at large in the network environment. It is the libraries and management who need to accept and adopt the changing technologies and to cope up with the user needs and demands. Now it is the libraries need to take proactive step to feed the customized information to the end user in anticipation by using web technologies.

In simple terms Library 2.0 is a concept of a new library service that is more towards information centric, geared towards the needs and expectations of today's library user irrespective of his location by using advanced web technologies and applications. In this vision, the library makes information available wherever and whenever the user requires it, and seeks to ensure that barriers to use and reuse are removed.

### **What are RSS, Wikis, Blogs, and Folksonomies?**

**RSS** means "Real Simple Syndication" or "Rich Site Summary" an XML format for easily sharing content among different Web sites such as news headlines. RSS feeds are replacement tools of email alerts. It offers patrons library RSS feeds that gather alerts from databases and free websites to one platform that is accessible and available anytime, anywhere. RSS aggregators also support sharing and collaboration. One can share feeds with subscribe community and allow others to add their feeds. In this manner one can create a dynamic and participatory knowledge base rather than a "push" technology.

**Wikis** is a type of website that allows the visitors to add, remove, and sometimes edit the available content. It is a collaborative web page that enables users to edit its contents. A wiki can be used for collaborative projects such as research or teaching. Wiki platforms provide interfaces that make editing easy and support file uploading and sharing. One can use wiki to deliver library education classes or create communities of interest. There are many free wiki platforms are available ([www.pbwiki.com](http://www.pbwiki.com)). Depending on the purpose of wiki one can make it fully editable or provide viewing privileges only.

**Blogs** are Personal web pages which are regularly updated by their creators. They tend to look like diaries and are in reverse chronological order. In a blog one can instantly publish news, articles or any item of interest and receive feedback from the readers. One can use a library blog to discuss the latest innovations in the field, exchange comments about events or share project updates. There are many freely available blogging platforms today, ([www.blogspot.com](http://www.blogspot.com)). To create a blog

visit the site and follow the simple steps to have your own Blog.

**Folksonomies** are collaboratively generated, open-ended labeling systems that enable Internet users to categorize content such as Web pages, online photographs and others. Typically, folksonomies are **Internet**-based, although they are also used in other contexts. Aggregating the tags of many users creates a folksonomy. As folksonomies develop in Internet-mediated social environments, users can discover who used a given tag and see the other tags that this person has used. In this way, folksonomy users can discover the tag sets of another user who tends to interpret and tag content in a way that makes sense to them. The result can be a rewarding gain in the user's capacity to find related content.

#### **What do the Librarians really need to do?**

The Library 2.0 label reflects revolution more than evolution, which is believed that the new opportunities and the impending challenges. The library domain has repeatedly evolved to embrace new technologies and to adapt in line with changing expectations to survive with strong roots. However, it is our view that the current challenges are more subtle, more significant, and thus more disruptive than in the past.

For instance, Google provides an index to the web with free search facility. The search results are listed with links with a free full text access where ever available and applicable. It has series of similar tools and online services viz., Alerts, Blog search, Scholar, News and so on. The list is increasing continuously. All of them are free and designed as per the taste of end user. The service speed is so high that the information that is in process is delivered to the end users in anticipation.

Amazon provides a global catalogue of in print and out of print books; Flickr has enabled anyone to 'tag' their photos and use this 'metadata' to better enable sharing or personal rediscovery of resources. Netflix is effectively an online borrowing service for DVDs. Thus user expectations have moved far from imagination.

Some librarians may perceive a threat from these commercial services providing, as they do, a more enticing user experience than the traditional library OPAC. In short, there is a sense that they can provide all the resources the user requires plus super slick fulfillment mechanisms.

However, in reality the growth of participation and the ability of people to find, and be enriched by, a wealth of experiences is to be welcomed. There is no reason why some of these ideas cannot be adopted by those libraries and librarians that are prepared to engage with these trends, and to deliver upon their historical core values in innovative new ways

Library 2.0 facilitates, invites and encourages a culture of participation from end users, drawing upon the perspectives and contributions of library staff, technology partners and the wider community by sharing their views on new sources they used elsewhere and the new ones to which they wish to access.

Professionals in Library and Information Science need to take lead role and proactive step to understand these new concepts and technologies to adopt in library systems and services so as to keep the user community always on their toes to attract their attention towards libraries.

*Satish S Munnolli*

#### **News:**

#### **Asiatic Library is India's first ISO-certified library, Industrialists pitch in for 204-yr-old society**

The Asiatic Society of Mumbai has been awarded ISO certification - the first library in India to get it. Although the library is 204 years old, its managing committee felt the need to get international standardization to meet growing competition from the Internet.

"We want more young faces to come and use this historic library. It is free of cost and we have the best old and new books," said Arun Tikekar, president of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai.

To get the new ISO 9001 certification under the American National Accreditation Board, every

employee underwent training under the Toyota Production System method, which helps streamlining processes - from better organizing the catalogue with colored tags to creating a calendar for housekeeping.

It was the idea of Sharad Gadgil, finance secretary of the society, to get the certification. "We approached the Narottam Saxena Foundation and they willingly funded the audit process, which cost around Rs 1 Lakh," he said. The process, carried out by Ace Management Consultants, took nine months to train every employee from the base level to the core group. Keen to assess what change the ISO certification has brought about, honorary secretary of the Asiatic Society, Vidya Venkatesan has decided carry out a survey to get feedback from everyday visitors. Ariandra Riera, a Spanish tourist, said, "This library has beautiful architecture and is exceptionally large as compared to the ones in Spain. An ISO certification will help get more people to use it, especially foreigners like me."

For now, the future of the library looks bright with the Tatas, Godrej's and Rajya Sabha MPs coming forward with funds. Rajya Sabha members Dr Alexandra and Shyaam Benegal have already sanctioned Rs 25 Lakhs and Rs 11 Lakhs for a fire fighting system and research centre respectively." (Source: DNA Mumbai, October 12, 2008)

#### **Annual General Body Meeting and Elections for BOSLA Office Bearers**

The General Body Meeting of BOSLA was held at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai on 10th May 2008. Dr. Mallikarjun Angadi, TISS was the Election Officer. The following Office bearers were elected unanimously for the period 2008-2010:

#### **Managing Committee:**

**Dr. M. M. Koganuramath, TISS, Chairman**  
**Dr. B. S. Kademani, BARC, Vice-Chairman**  
**Shri. R. Prabhakaran, TIFR, General Secretary**  
**Shri. M. N. Jadhav, IIT, Joint Secretary**  
**Shri. Omprakash Bendigeri, IIT, Treasurer**

#### **Executive Committee:**

**Shri. G. P. Murshillin, IIT, Member**

**Shri. A. S. Bhorade, BARC, Member**  
**Dr. Satish Kanamadi, TISS, Member**  
**Shri. B. R. Thorat, VASC College, Member**  
**Smt. Nita Bhaskar, BARC, Member**  
**Shri. Praveen Kumar, IIPS, Member**  
**Ms. Savita Rao, CDAC, Member**  
**Ms. Trupti Shah, CDAC, Member**  
**Dr. (Mrs.) Vidya Hanchinal, Member**  
**Mr. Satish Munnolli, ACTREC, Member**  
**Mr. Ishwar Bandi, Tata Power, Member**  
**Dr. (Mrs.) Medha Joshi, TMC, Member**  
**Mr. Kavi, AERB, Member**  
**Mrs. Kholekar, KEM, Member**  
**Mr. N. D. Raut, TIFR, Member**

BOSLA Joint Consultative Committee meeting was held on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at Sir Dorabji Tata Memorial Library, TISS and the following **Sub-Committees** have been constituted to carryout various BOSLA activities:

**ICT Committee:** Responsible for hosting BOSLA website and related activities:

Chairperson: Ms Trupti Shah

Members:

Dr. Mallikarjun Angadi

Mr. Mahendra Jadhav

**Newsletter Committee:** Responsible for BOSLA Newsletter related activities.

Chairperson: Shri Satish Munnolli

Members:

Dr. B.S. Kademani

Ms. Sunita Kolekar

Dr. Veeresh Hanchinal

**Events Committee:** Responsible for BOSLA events related activities

Chairperson: Dr Satish Kanamadi.

Members:

Ms. Savita Rao

Mr. Praveen Kumar

Dr. Medha Joshi

#### **Events:**

A special lecture on "Future of Librarianship: The Road Ahead" was organized on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at TISS, Mumbai. Dr. M M Koganuramath,

Chairman, BOSLA welcomed the gathering and introduced the guests. Mr K Venkatakeshavan, Chief Manager, Times Archives and Knowledge Centre, Mumbai delivered a talk on changing

role of librarians from the post industrial era to knowledge based economy. Prof. A. C. Tikekar, former Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Mumbai presided over the function. He shared his past experiences and emphasized on the skills required from the present generation.



There was also a product demonstration by RDG Microsystems Pvt. Ltd., 3M Library Security Systems. Dr. Satish Kanamadi proposed vote of thanks.

### **Celebration of Librarian' Day**

On the occasion of birth anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, Librarian's Day was celebrated by lighting a lamp on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2008 at Sir Dorabji Tata Memorial Library, Tata Institute of Social Sciences. In the inaugural address Dr. B S.Kademani, Vice Chariman, BOSLA, lauded the



contributions of Dr S R Ranganathan in the field of LIS in national and international level. Chief

Guest, Mr B P Prakash, Global Head, LIS, Tata Consultancy Services, Mumbai, briefed his experiences on how he has applied the laws of library sciences in the modern corporate librarianship. Dr Harsha Parikh, former Professor and University Librarian, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai shared her experiences about her first meet with Dr. S R Ranganathan in Chennai.



### **Felicitation to BOSLA Members**

On the auspicious occasion, BOSLA felicitated its superannuated members - Mr. A.S. Borhade, Training School, BARC and Mrs. Bamne, IIT Library. It was an experience for all participants to hear the careers of two senior professionals.



Both the professionals were felicitated with a bouquet of flowers a citation and shawl as a token of love and affection from BOSLA.





### ILA - TISS International Conference 2008

Indian Library Association celebrated its Platinum Jubilee year by organizing an International Conference on “Knowledge for All: The Role of Libraries and Information Centres” in association with Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai during 12-15 November, 2008. The international mega event was well attended by more than 400 delegates from all over the world. All the ILA past presidents - Prof P.B Mangala, Prof. C.P Vashisht, Prof. PSG Kumar, Dr. Kalpana Dasgupta, Prof. C.R Karisiddappa and Dr M. Koganuramath were felicitated on the occasion.

**Dr M M Koganuramath - Chairman, BOSLA was felicitated during ILA - TISS conference 2008**



### TISS Launches MA in Library and Information Management Course

On the first day of ILA Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2008, TISS launched two unique programs and first of its

kind in Library and Information Science in the country. One is two year MA in Library and Information Management course and another is one year PG Diploma in Digital Library Management. These courses were inaugurated by Prof C.R. Karisiddappa, UGC Emeritus Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Karnataka University, Dharwad. The course details may be obtained from TISS library.

### TISS signed MoU with Maharakham University, Thailand

Prof. S. Parasuraman, Director, TISS signed MoU with the delegation from Thailand led by Dr Sujin Butdisuwana, Dean, Faculty of Informatics, Maharakham University, Thailand for exchange programs with TISS Library.



### Cyber Library at TISS

Dr. Leena Kashyap, Deputy Director, TISS inaugurated Cyber Library at Sir Dorabji Tata Memorial Library on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2008 that has excellent new facilities with 100 workstations available to the user's round the clock 24 X 7. 11



## Achievements and Awards:

### Doctorates Awarded

Following BOSLA Members were awarded PhD in Library and Information Science:

1. **Mr Veeresh Hanchinal**, Librarian, G J Advani Law College, Bandra (W), Mumbai has been awarded PhD from Shivaji University, Kolhapur. His research topic was 'Curriculum design and strategy formulation for user education in the electronic environment with special reference to academic libraries in Mumbai'. Dr. C R Karisiddappa, UGC Emeritus Professor, Karnatak University, Dharwad was his research guide.

2. **Mrs Vidya V Hanchinal**, Librarian, J M Patel Commerce College, Goregoan (W), Mumbai has been awarded PhD from Shivaji University, Kolhapur. Her research topic was 'Impact of emerging enabling technologies on academic library and information centers: Assessment of the state-of-the-art in the selected colleges of Mumbai. Dr. C R Karisiddappa, UGC Emeritus Professor, Karnatak University, Dharwad was her research guide.

3. **Mr Basavaarj S Kademani**, Scientific Officer-F, BARC, Mumbai has been awarded PhD from Karnatak University, Dharwad. His research topic was 'Life and works of Dr. Raja Ramanna: A scientometric Study'. Dr. B. D. Kumbhar, Prof. and Chairman, DLIS, Karnatak University, Dharwad was his research guide.

4. **Mrs Sangeeta C Deokattey**, Scientific Officer-E, BARC, Mumbai has been awarded PhD from University of Mumbai. Her research topic was 'Development of methodology for domain ontology in the area of accelerator driven systems in nuclear physics: A study'. She was guided by Dr. (Mrs). Pratibha Gokhale, DLIS, University of Mumbai, Mumbai.

5. **Mr Mallikarjun Angadi**, Information Scientist, TISS, has been awarded PhD from Gulbarga University, Gulbarga. His research topic was 'Library websites of deemed universities in India: An evaluative study'. Prof. (Mrs). Lalita K.Sami, DLIS, Gulbarga University was his research guide.

## Awards to BOSLA Members

### Dr S. S. Shirurmath received 'Best Archivist' Award

Osian's Connoisseurs of Art Pvt., Ltd. awarded Dr. Sangayya S Shirurmath, Vice President, Library, Center for Archive, Research and Development Mumbai as **Best Archivist-2007**.



The award of Rs.30,000 cash prize, certificate and memento was conferred on him at Visual Art Gallery, India Hebetate Center, New Delhi for his contributions in archiving, research and documentation of the collection at the centre.

### Dr. B. S. Kademani, Vice Chairman, BOSLA has been conferred 'ILA-KAULA Best Librarian Award-2008'

Dr. B. S. Kademani, Scientific Officer-F, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai and Vice Chairman, BOSLA has been awarded the 'ILA-KAULA Best Librarian Award' for the year 2008



in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the library and Information Science Profession for the last 25 years. This award has been conferred on him by Dr. Kiran Bedi on 12<sup>th</sup>

November,2008 at the ILA-TISS-2008 International Conference on Knowledge for All: Role of Libraries and Information Centers held at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai during 12-15 November 2008.

**Dr. Mallikarjun Angadi has been conferred SIS-Raizada Memorial Young Information Scientist Award 2008**

Dr Mallikarjun Anagadi, Information Scientist, TISS, Mumbai has been conferred SIS - Raizada Memorial Young Information Scientist Award on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at the Indian Institute of Management, Indore during the Silver Jubilee years National Convention and Conference of Society for Information Science (SIS) in recognition of his outstanding contributions for the profession for the past 10 years.

**Sir Dorabji Tata Memorial Library, TISS, Mumbai bags ILA-Dr. L. M. Padhya Best University Library Award**

ILA-Dr. L. M. Padhya Best University Library Award was given to Sir Dorabji Tata Memorial Library, TISS, Mumbai in recognition to the modernization and multifarious activities provided to the user community. Mrs Shamala Subramanian, Deputy Librarian, TISS received the award on behalf of Dr. M. Koganuramath, University Librarian, TISS, Mumabi during ILA-TISS International Conference 2008.

The Managing Committee on behalf of BOSLA congratulates all new Doctorates and Awardees for their successful academic achievements.

**New Life Members:**

BOSLA welcomes the following new life members:

1. J.P.L.Ahirwar, CMP Homeopathic Madical College, Mumbai
2. Nirmala P. Reddy, SES's Yadavrao Tasgaonkar Inst of Engg and Tech, Karjat
3. Aarati D.Sangle, C-DAC, Navi Mumbai
4. Shilpa Lokhande,C-DAC, Navi Mumbai
5. Banalata Das, TCS, Mumbai
6. Varsha Kadam, TCS, Mumbai
7. Rajshekhar Devrai, Akruiti Foundation for Knowledge and Research, Mumbai
8. Namdev M.Kale,TCS, Mumbai

9. Yogesh Dusankar, Akruiti Foundation for Knowledge and Research, Mumbai
10. Shivmohan Kahar,TCS, Mumbai
11. Iranna Shetter, TCS, Mumbai
12. Sanjay Munavalli, MES Pillai's College of Arts and Commerce, New Panvel
13. Satish S.K, Terna Eng. College, Nerul
14. Gaurang Dhamdhere, TIFR, Mumbai
15. Rekha Dabholkar,TIFR, Mumbai
16. Ramesh Paloti, Bhavan's College, Mumbai
17. Manju Naik, Mumbai
18. Girish Kunkur, QMed, Mumbai
19. Kuljeet Kahlon, Guru Nanak Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai
20. Harish Bardhan Arya, TIFR, Mumbai
21. S S Shirurmah, Osians Connoisseurs Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
22. Sujata Bansode, Osians Connoisseurs Pvt.,Ltd., Mumbai
23. Veena Bandi, Osians Connoisseurs Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
24. Himanshu Aggarwal, Mumbai
25. Nagwang Tenzin, Ecole Mondiale World School, Mumbai
26. Nalini Raja, University of Mumbai, Mumbai
27. Priya Dhalwale, Dr.K.M.Vasudevan Pillai's Campus, New Panvel, Navi Mumbai
28. Sunita S Jadhav, D.Y. Patil Institute of Bio Technology and Bio Informatics, Navi Mumbai
29. Suresh A.Bothe, D.Y.Patil Institute of Bio Technology and Bio Informatics, Navi Mumbai
30. Shalini Tewari, SIRD, Bhabha Atomic Research center, Mumbai
31. Sushama Karnik, RIL, Patalganga
32. Kanchan Juikar, RIL, Patalganga
33. Leena Dani, RIL, Patalganga
34. Dipti Bhagwat, Dombivli (East)
35. Vinita D Jain, Maharshi Dayanand College, Mumbai
36. Bhitre, Mangesh R, MGM College of Engineering, Navi Mumbai
37. Kamlesh Ghadi, Thakur Institute, Mumbai
38. Prahlad R, Khaitan and CO., Mumbai
39. Manoj Sonawane, Mastek Ltd, Mumbai
40. R.Venkata Kesavan, Times Archives and Knowledge Centre, Mumbai
41. Baban Kisan More, Terna Dental College, Navi Mumbai
42. Ajaykumar Chandanshive, Training School Hostel Library, Mumbai
43. Lata Patil, Essar Group, Essar Techno Park II, LBS Marg, Mumbai
44. Prabhu Gaddimani, TISS, Mumbai