

BOSLA Infoline

A Newsletter from Bombay Science Librarians' Association

Vol. 14 (2) Jul – Dec 2016

For restricted circulation only

Contents

Editorial:

Relevance of Ranganathan's laws in Internet age.....1

News & Events:

Padmashree Dr. S. R. Ranganathan's 124th Birth Anniversary 2

BOSLA – NIFT Annual Lecture Series 2016..4

Felicitation to superannuated LIS Professionals4

Obituary.....5

Upcoming Events6

Editorial:

Relevance of Ranganathan's laws in Internet age

Dr. S. R. Ranganathan proposed principles and theories of library science and touched upon every facet of Library in 1930s and five laws of library sciences are the most distinct contributions of the time. These laws are still taught in every library science school in the present internet age. Are these five laws relevant in present internet age! Since their publications, several variants have been suggested. Let us revisit these laws and compare them with the present age.

Ranganathan's first law "Books are for use," meaning collection should not be shut away from users. This concept covers all forms of knowledge, within and outside the physical library to serve humanity is as relevant and important as ever. The second law, "Every reader his/her book" means librarians serve different types of users, build collection as per the needs. It may be in physical or electronic format. The absence of a physical format doesn't dilute the power of Ranganathan's second principle; it is certainly relevant to media in all forms. The third law, "Every book his/her reader," can be interpreted in a way that every knowledge resource is useful to one or the other individual irrespective of the

Managing Committee:

Dr. B. S. Kademani, Chairman
Ms. Trupti Shah, Vice Chairman
Dr. R. Prabakaran, General Secretary
Dr. Mallikarjun Angadi, Joint Secretary
Dr. K. Praveen Kumar, Treasurer

Editorial Committee

Dr. Satish S. Munnolli, Chairman
Dr. A.N. Bandi, Member
Ms. Savita Rao, Member
Dr. J. Shivarama, Member
Mr. Puttaraj Choukimath, Member

specialization of the user. The fourth law, "Save the time of the reader," speaks that users should be enabled to locate the source they need easily, quickly and efficiently. Search engines and semantic web of the present generation are greatly assisting this law. Ranganathan's fifth law, "Library is a growing organism". The changing needs of users, challenge the librarians to reorient the system to accommodate all formats of resources. It leads continuous expansion of its collection in multi formats. The change is, it is updating its collection, its systems and services and ensures access to all including electronic by being its virtual presence. The smart libraries are repositories of knowledge in multi formats. The emergence of technologies and internet environment has assisted and strengthened these laws. The concepts embodied in these laws still apply in all spheres of library science practices.

Satish Munnoli

Padmashree Dr. S. R. Ranganathan's 124th Birth Anniversary



To commemorate Librarian's Day and 124th Birth Anniversary of legendary and father of Indian Library Science, Padmashree Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, BOSLA has organised Annual Lecture Series on 20th August 2016. The event was organised to memorise the classic contributions of great visionary.

The days' celebrations started with lighting-up of the lamp, *Saraswati Vandana* and floral tribute to Dr. S. R. Ranganathan's portrait by all the dignitaries on the dais.



Dr. A. N. Bandi, Organising Secretary and Head, Resource Centre, NIFT, Mumbai, introduced Chief Guest – Dr. M. M. Koganuramath, Dr Neelima Singh, Director, NIFT, Chairman - BOSLA, Guest of Honours, and invited speakers to the audience. He briefed on the academic activities carried out at the centre and prime space and high importance given to the Resource Centre by the NIFT authority. He mentioned, because of the commitment and dedication of the Director, NIFT, Mumbai has become number one Design Institute in the country. He also briefed the services rendered digital and electronic resources available and facilities initiated at the Resource Centre.



On the occasion, Chairman, BOSLA, Dr. B. S. Kademani, remembered the works of great Library Scientist of the 20th century. In his

speech he said, 'Prologomena to Library Classification' and 'Five Laws of Library Science' are the eternal classics and ever green epics like *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata* and his five Laws, delineate the entire philosophy of Library management and compared them in five lines as 'Mission Statement', 'Vision Statement', 'Marketing Strategy', 'Customer orientation', 'Customer satisfaction and Planning', and 'Organizing, Collection Management Weeding, Expansion etc'. He further articulated that five laws continue to give us a blueprint for our professional values that are relevant even now in digital era as they were in 1930s and 40s.

Prof. M. M. Koganuramath, Head, Centre for Library and Information Sciences, of Central University, Gujarat, expressed that the works of Dr. Ranganathan are inspirations for the generations to come. He mentioned that the classification of universe of subjects with analytico-synthetic scheme is the distinct and unique contribution of the time. The library and information management theories developed in those years are even afresh and applicable in the present digital era of this technology savvy user community.



Prof. Laxman Rao, Head (Retd), LIS, Osmania University, Hyderabad, enlightened on the fact that many stalwarts in LIS around the world have written several books and most of

their works focused on one or two areas of LIS, but, Dr. Ranganathan is the only professional who touched upon every facet of library and the services rendered by the noble profession.



He also succinctly narrated the classic works of the great legend.

Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Director, National Resource Centre, NIFT, New Delhi in his brief talk compared Google v/s Libraries in the present technology driven society and smart user scenario.



He emphasized on the fact that, evolution of hybrid libraries, technology, new computer applications, dynamic nature of internet and smart users, it demands more capacity building programs for professionals to gear up to meet the users expectations with proactive strategies.

Dr. Neelima Singh, Director, TIFR, Navi Mumbai welcomed all the participants and narrated her memories of Khudha Baksha

Oriental Library, Patna as a student. She compared the library as DNA for the growth of a profession in any sphere of life of an individual and visit to library itself is an enriching experience.



Dr. Neelima Singh covered the libraries of ancient era to the state of art libraries in the developed world in the present age. Her passion towards development of NIFT library, contributions of Dr. A. N. Bandi in developing NIFT library in modern lines and making the library one of the best libraries of NIFT in India were lauded by the Director.

The dignitaries on the dais gave a tribute to Dr. S. R. Ranganathan by offering flowers to the portrait of great legend. All the dignitaries on the dais were honored with shawl, memento and fruit-basket. On the occasion, Prof. Koganuramath released the latest issue of BOSLA newsletter.

BOSLA – NIFT Annual Lecture Series 2016

Prof. G. Nagarjuna, Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, Mumbai gave the keynote speech on "Rights, Restrictions and Responsibilities in the context of Digital Library". He enlightened the audience on nature of various copyrights and copy restrictions of various contents generated in digital environment with respect to books, audio or video recordings, rights of authors and how best these legal bindings should be interpreted and used judiciously. He

mentioned the kinds of future libraries in the internet age, nature of digital libraries, semantic web, evolvement of relation and collaborations between two or more research in different regions in this network environment. The role of librarians in development of open educational resources like NROER project, expansion of infrastructure and digital libraries in rural areas to empower school children were informed.



The policy of W3C and inclusion of DRM to the internet protocols to overcome the barriers of knowledge sharing discussed in one of the recent international conference was shared. The fight between the knowledge creators and imposing the restrictions on use of contents of source with copyright clause by the publishers' community were informed.



Mr. Pranaw Kumar, CDAC, Mumbai gave a speech on "Attitude is everything" to improve the overall personality of professionals, specially the younger generation. Various

internal and external factors those act as roadblocks on personality development were highlighted and how to overcome these factors at work places were discussed with real life experiences. The talk on change of thinking process, tips and techniques on information gathering for effective proposals or presentation for right outcome and self motivation factors were presented by Pranaw Kumar. The presentation was informative, useful and inspiring for young professionals.



Felicitations to superannuated LIS Professionals



On the occasion of BOSLA-NIFT Annual lecture series, BOSLA felicitated Prof. Hindurao S. Waydande, Deputy Librarian, who superannuated from IIT, Mumbai. Prof. Waydande retired in October 2015, was honored with a citation and memento for his tireless contributions for serving IIT library for over 35 years and working in various capacities. Presently he is shouldering the responsibilities of setting up of library at IIT, Goa.

Obituary

Sad demise of Mr Anil Sagar

BOSLA deeply mourns the sad demise of Mr. Anil Sagar who passed away on 1st of December 2016 after a brief illness at Mumbai Hospital.



Mr. Anil Sagar, born in 1967 at Sagar, MP, completed his science graduation in 1989 and post graduation in Library and Information Science in 1997 from Sagar University, Sagar. He started his career as Scientific Assistant 'B' in the year 1996 at SIRD, BARC, Mumbai. In a period of over 20 years with several contributions, and promotions he was serving as Technical Officer - D at SIRD and served in several sections. He had over 50 collaborative papers on scientometric studies to his credit. He served as an Executive Member of BOSLA for a few years and actively participated in all activities of the association. It is a great loss to

BOSLA and to the LIS profession. BOSLA deeply mourns the sad demise of Mr. Anil Sagar and conveys heartfelt condolences to his family members to bear this irreparable loss.

Upcoming Events

Life 2017: National Conference on Library Innovations for Excellence

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune is organizing **National Conference on Library Innovations for Excellence on February 16 to 17, 2016** at the **CV Raman Auditorium, Lecture Hall Complex, IISER, Pune**. The objective of the conference is to provide knowledge on how libraries translating ideas into innovative services of excellence to continue success of libraries and to create value for users. Organizers call for papers and poster presentations which is needed online submissions at life2017@iiserpune.ac.in. For more, visit:

<http://www.iiserpune.ac.in/~library/life2017/>

2nd National KOHA conclave

Informatics is organizing National Koha Conclave-2017, a two days event on Koha and Indian Libraries. The event this year is organized in collaboration with Tata Consultancy Services, Pune on 21st & 22nd February 2017, in the Hinjewadi campus of TCS, Pune. Chris Cormack (New Zealand), the original developer of Koha, will be the key resource person and present an advanced level half-a-day workshop on Koha during this two day event. The event will witness several eminent speakers from the Indian Library landscape and Koha experts through plenaries, panel discussions, case studies and future development needs and opportunities on Koha. For more, visit:

<http://informindia.centralindia.cloudapp.azure.com/kohameet/>

BOSLA – KJSCE Seminar on IoT and Research Communication

BOSLA is organizing a one day seminar on 'Internet of Things (IoT) and Research communications' on Saturday, 18th February 2017, at K. J. Somaiya College of Engineering, Vidyavihar, Mumbai. The objective of the one day seminar is to abreast on the concept IoT and how best the ideas surrounding on this concept can be embedded in library environment. The one day seminar will have talks by well known speakers, technical sessions and demonstration of products and services. Technical sessions will cover 'IoT for Libraries', 'Mobile Applications' and 'Mendeley – The reference management tool'.

<http://bosla2013.wixsite.com/>

CLSTL 2017 at IIT Gandhinagar

The IIT, Gandhinagar is organizing an International Conference on 'Changing Landscape of Science & Technology Libraries' (CLSTL 2017) at IIT, Gandhinagar during 2 - 4th March, 2017.

The objective of the conference is to bring together library professionals and researchers working in Science & Technology Libraries in India and abroad on one platform and facilitate the exchange of innovative ideas, new initiatives, experiences, research work, best practices etc. The event also intends to initiate and aid discussions on current issues, recent developments and their impact, and future challenges to prepare the libraries for future. The conference subthemes & topics under each sub-theme, invitation and instructions for presentation, registration, important deadlines and other related details are given on the conference website.

<http://events.iitgn.ac.in/2017/CLSTL/>



Dear BOSLA Members,

Internet of Things (IoT) is a new wave created by Information and Communication Technologies is a reality today and continue to create unprecedented opportunities. IoT, the smart concept empowers next-generation workforce to manage smart cities, hospitals, transportation, academic institutions, production plants, administration, waste management and including libraries with efficiency and accuracy. It is a network of physical devices through embedded sensors, electronics, softwares, actuators in these devices to collect and exchange the data for accomplishing the tasks with or without human intervention. Ever changing dimensions of technological trends along with changing users' preferences influence service sectors. This includes Libraries too resulting in improved system and enhanced services with efficiency. Though the professionals in Indian libraries are acquainted with the use several software, RFIDs, Sensors, QRCS, Barcode Technology, Magnetic tags in circulation, the concept IoT is new for many LIS professionals. Considering the potentials of IoT in libraries, it is envisaged keeping in mind the growing interest on IoT, to conduct one day event to discuss and deliberate on how these changes be favorably adapted to LIS activities.

The one day seminar will have talks by well known speakers in the domain, technical sessions on subthemes and demonstration of products and services.

Technical Sessions:

1. IOT for Libraries
2. Mobile Applications
3. Mendeley – The reference management tool

Technical Sessions:

The registration fee for this one day event is **Rs.300/-** (Rupees three hundred only) for **BOSLA members**, **Rs.500/-** (Rupees five hundred only) for **Non-BOSLA members** and **Rs.200/-** (Rupees two hundred only) for **current BLIS & MLIS students**. The cheque/DD drawn in favour of **Bombay Science Librarians' Association (BOSLA)** payable at **Mumbai** may be sent to the following address.

The registration covers seminar kit, breakfast/tea and working lunch. Accommodation can be arranged at additional cost. Individuals interested in accommodation should communicate through email to organizing secretary.

All payments must be made by **Cheque/Bank Draft** in favour of "**Bombay Science Librarians' Association**" payable at Mumbai. Filled-in registration form and the payment should be sent to the following address:

You can also confirm your participation by [registering online](#) and sending the registration fees to the following address:

The detailed programme schedule will be updated on the BOSLA website soon.

Ms. Deepali Kuberkar
Organising Secretary &
Librarian
K. J. Somaiya College of Engineering
Vidyavihar
Mumbai - 400077