

SALIS NEWSLETTER

Society for Advancement of Library and Information Science

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Editorial

Library professional ethics guide librarians in providing fair, respectful, and responsible service to all users. At the core, these ethics emphasize intellectual freedom, ensuring that everyone has equal access to information without censorship or bias. Librarians are expected to protect users' privacy and confidentiality, maintaining trust and safeguarding personal data. They must also act with integrity, providing accurate and unbiased information while avoiding conflicts of interest or favoritism. Respect for diversity is central, as library professionals serve people from varied backgrounds, cultures, and beliefs.

Ethical librarians also have a responsibility to maintain professional competence by continually updating their skills and knowledge. They advocate for the rights of users and defend the principles of free inquiry and expression. Additionally, librarians must carefully manage resources, ensuring the fair and efficient use of public funds. Upholding these ethical principles strengthens public trust and reinforces the library's role in a democratic society.

Greeting from SALIS

I am pleased to inform you that over the past year, we have successfully organized a wide range of programmes, including: 1 International Conference, 2 National Conferences, 7 National/State-level Seminars and Workshops. In addition, we conducted several other events such as book releases, Librarians' Day celebrations, National Library Week celebrations, online book reviews, UGC-NET/SET workshops, student orientation programmes, guest lectures, and more.

We are also proud to announce that we have signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with the following institutions: K.S.R. College of Technology, Tiruchengode, Nirmala College for Women, Coimbatore, S.A. College of Arts and Science, Chennai,

KGiSK Institute of Technology, Coimbatore and Chikkanna Government Arts College, Tiruppur. During this period, we also released the SALIS Planner and E-Diary.

Furthermore, I am delighted to announce that SALIS, in collaboration with B. S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology (BSARCIST), Chennai, is organizing SALIS 2025: National Conference on Reimagining and Transforming Libraries into Active Learning Hubs to Accelerate Education. The conference will be held from 27th to 28th June 2025 at BSARCIST, Chennai. We warmly invite all members to actively participate and contribute to the grand success of SALIS 2025. A unique highlight of this conference is that it will be entirely coordinated and conducted by both senior and junior women members of SALIS.

I thank and congratulate all the TEAM SALIS members for conducting the above programmes successfully.

Our 20th Annual General Body Meeting will also be held on 27th June 2025 at 5:00 PM at BSARCIST. All members are requested to attend and share your valuable suggestions to help take SALIS to the next level.

Dr. A.Hariharan
Founder President

National Conference
on
Reimagining and Transforming Libraries into
Active Learning Hubs to Accelerate Global
Education
(SALIS 2025)

The National Conference on “Reimagining and Transforming Libraries into Active Learning Hubs to Accelerate Global Education” (SALIS 2025) focuses on a visionary initiative to redefine the role of libraries, especially in rural areas, to bridge the digital divide. With the aim of empowering professionals and learners alike, the conference highlights how libraries can be reimagined as dynamic environments that not only provide access to information but also foster active learning, creativity, and innovation. These transformed spaces are designed to be inclusive and supportive of both individual growth and community development, playing a vital role in democratizing education

Conference Website:

<https://crescentsalis2025.blogspot.com/>

Transport:

B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science & Technology is situated approximately 7 kms from Tambaram Railway Station, 12 Kms from Chennai International Airport and 30 Kms from Chennai Central Railway Station

Last Date of Registration: 20.06.2025

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PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY SALIS (2024–2025) – A REPORT

·International Conference on “Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Opportunities: Social Sciences, STEM and Information Science, jointly organised by Sankar Polytechnic College, Tirunelveli, SALIS and San Jose State University, CA, USA held on 28 th and 29 th February 2024. (A detailed report of the conference is given in the enclosed SALIS Newsletter)

National Workshop on Bibliometric Analysis: Tools and Practices

·SALIS and Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli organised a National Workshop on Bibliometric Analysis: Tools and Practices from 6-8th March 2024 at DLIS, M.S. University, Tirunelveli. About 60 members participated and benefited from the workshop.

Book and Copyright Day Celebrations

·SALIS and KSRCT, Tiruchengodu celebrated the Book and Copyright Day on 3rd May 2024 at KSR College of Technology, Tiruchengodu
·Marathon of Library Voices, 3rd May 2024, KSR College of Technology, Tiruchengodu.

SALIS and KSRCT, Tiruchengodu organized programme on Marathon of Library Voices on 3.5.2025 at KRCT. Many students participated and spoke in the programme.

· 10th UGC – NET Preparatory Programme For LIS Professionals and Faculty of Education. The programme was organized by SALIS Tirunelveli Chapter and Fr. Utarid Library of St. Xavier’s College of Education (Autonomous), Palayamkottai from 29 th May – 1 st June (4 Days) 2024.

·NCAAIL 2024: National Conference on Application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Libraries, 4th May 2024

·National Conference on Application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Libraries on 4th May 2024 at Nanda College of Technology, Erode. More than 150 professionals participated in the National Conference.

Sharing of Reading Habits Experience, Book Review

SALIS organized an online programme on Sharing of Reading Habit and Experience. In this programme members reviewed each chapter of the book on Noolagalogy written by Dr. Ayisha Natarajan on 29th June 2024. After the review, a formal discussion was held with the author.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

·SALIS signed a MOU with the following institutions to organise Information Literacy programmes and research support service programmes for the benefit of the students and faculty members.

·SALIS signed a MOU with KSR College of Technology, Tiruchengodu on 4th April 2024, Tiruchengodu

·SALIS and Nirmala College for Women(Autonomous), Coimbatore signed a MOU on 15th July 2024 at Nirmala College for Women at Coimbatore.

·SALIS (Society for the Advancement of Library Information Science) Signed an MoU with S.A. College of Arts and Science, Chennai on 24th July 2024.

·Signing of MOU with KGiSK Institute of Technology, Coimbatore, 28th August 2024, Coimbatore

·SALIS and Chikkanna Govt Arts College, Tiruppur signed a MOU on 28th August 2024, Tiruppur

Orientation Programme Effective Utilisation of Library Resources

SALIS organised an orientation programme for the effective utilisation of library resources for the first-year students of S.A. Arts and Science College, Chennai on 24.7.2024. Dr. Malathi Selvakkumar, Principal, S.A.Arts and Science College delivered the inaugural address. Dr. A. Hariharan delivered the keynote address. Dr. T. Senthil Kumar, Librarian, Gurunanak College, Chennai, and Chairman, SALIS, Chennai Chapter, and Dr. Sri Lakshmi, Secretary, SALIS Chennai chapters, conducted two sessions about the effective use of library resources and interacted with the students. More than 700 students actively participated in the orientation programmes. Dr. G. Muruganandham, Librarian, proposed the vote of thanks.

Felicitation Programme

A felicitation programme was organised to honour Dr. I. Ravi Kumar Kennedy, NTS (Rtd), St. John's College, Palayamkottai and Treasurer, SALIS Tirunelveli Chapter at St. Xavier's College of Education (Autonomous), Palayamkottai held on 03.08.2024.

Librarian's Day Celebration

SALIS and KSRCT, Tiruchengoud organised the Librarian's Day Celebration on 12th August 2024, KSR College of Technology, Tiruchengodu and honoured the library professionals who contributed for the growth of SALIS.

Lecture on Learning

SALIS and Chikkanna Govt Arts College, Tirupur organized a programme on Lecture on Learning 28th August 2024 at Chikkanna Govt Arts College, Tirupur Tiruppur to promote reading habits among students.

SALIS 2024 National Conference on Connecting Users to Library Resources through Innovative Technologies, 4-5th Oct 2024, Nirmala College for Women, Coimbatore

(A detailed report of the conference is given in the enclosed SALIS Newsletter)

Library Week celebrations

The SALIS Nellore Chapter organized Library Week celebrations at D.K.Government College for Women with great enthusiasm. The chief guest of the occasion, Dr. O. Seshaiyah, Librarian at PBR VITS, delivered an insightful guest lecture on "Transformation in Libraries," highlighting the evolving role of libraries in the digital era. Following the lecture, prizes were distributed to students who excelled in various competitions conducted as part of the celebrations. The event was graced by the presence of Principal Dr. D. Giri, Vice Principal A.V. Ramana Rao, and Librarian Dr. Ch. Narayana Reddy, who actively participated and encouraged the students. The celebrations provided a platform to promote library awareness and foster a Nellore Chapter also organized Library Week celebrations at Sunku Changanna Shetty Cyclone Orphanage High School, Nellore. On November 16, 2024, as part of the celebrations, a guest lecture was delivered by Mr. Ramana Rao, History Lecturer at PR and VS Government Degree College, Vidavaluru, on the topic "The Importance of Libraries and the Necessity of Reading Books.

Additionally, a quiz and various competitions were conducted, with winners receiving prizes and certificates. The event was attended by Dr. Kiran Kumar, Chairman of SALIS Nellore Chapter, Dr. Vijay Mahesh, Secretary, and Dr. O. Seshaiyah advisor from SALIS Nellore Chapter, who shared their experiences as librarians and emphasized the importance of reading books.

·2025

·SALIS Planner 2025

·SALIS Tirunelveli Chapter Annual planner 2025 releasing function held on 4th January at St. Xavier's College of Education, Palayamkottai. Dr.R. R. Saravanakumar , Vice Chairman of the Chapter and Librarian of Sadakathullah Appa College welcomed the gathering. Dr. A. Muthukrishnan, Chairman of the Chapter delivered the presidential address. He highlighted to give the opportunity to young people in the Executive council in the next time. Dr. T. Raja , vice president of SALIS and Librarian of St. Xavier's College of Education delivered the special address and he thanked all members who contributed a lot in the planner. He also mentioned about the forthcoming events in the chapter. Dr. P. Balasubramanian ,University Librarian, M. S. University felicitated the gathering. Dr. M. Antony Raj, Principal, St. Xavier's College of Education released the Planner 2025 and got the first copy by Dr. P. Balasubramanian. Dr. M. Antony Raj , Principal, St. Xavier's College of Education delivered the chief guest address. He spoke about the importance of reading habits and down the reading habits among the student community. Dr. R. Chellappa, EC member and Librarian of Arignar Anna Arts college proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. I. Ravi Kumar Kennedy, treasurer of the chapter. About 50 members attend the event.

SALIS E-Dairy Released

The Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS) released its e-diary on January 17, 2025. This e-diary serves as a convenient tool for professionals to organize their schedules, track meetings, and record key daily events seamlessly. The E-Dairy has been sent to all the members

State-Level Seminar on ‘Smart Tools for Smarter Research: AI-Driven Innovations’.

The State-Level Seminar on "Smart Tools for Smarter Research: AI-Driven Innovations" was organized on 1st February 2025 at Annammal College of Education for Women, Thoothukudi jointly with Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS), Tirunelveli Chapter. The event witnessed participation from 80 delegates including academicians, librarians, researchers, and students, and served as a significant platform for knowledge exchange on AI-driven research innovations. Dr.A.Joycilin Shermila, Principal of the college welcomed the gathering. Dr.J.Poongodi, Principal, Kamaraj College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi delivered the inaugural address and she emphasized the role of Artificial Intelligence in research. The first technical session was handled by Dr. J. Arumugam, Librarian, PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore on the topic ‘Leveraging Smart AI Tools for E-Resource Management in Research’. Dr. T. Raja, Librarian (S.G), St. Xavier's College of Education (Autonomous), Palayamkottai conducted the second session on the topic ‘Enhancing Research Visibility through AI-Driven Tools’. The third session on ‘Implications of AI on Publication Ethics and Plagiarism’ was handled by Mr.A.Subaveerapandiyan, Manager (Planning & Coordination) - Library, Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation, Salem. Dr. K. Vinitha, Librarian, St.Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi gave the valedictory address followed by the distribution of certificate to the participants. The event was ended with a vote of thanks by Mrs.R.Ponselvi, Organizing Secretary & Librarian of the college

Workshop on Research Methodology and Data Analysis Using Statistical Software

The Department of Library and Information Science, the Department of Mathematics, VET Institute of Arts and Science College, Erode and the Society For the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS) – Erode Chapter jointly organized a Workshop on “Research Methodology & Data Analysis Using Statistical Software on 3.2.2025. The workshop commenced with a warm welcome by Ms. Preethi V, a student of IMBA. Dr. VP. Nallaswamy, Principal, presided over the workshop, extending his cordial greetings to the participants. Ms. Gobika M, a student of I MBA, introduced the resource person, Dr. S.Sathivel Murugan BO, Librarian, Government IRT College of Engineering, Erode.

Dr. Sathivel Murugan BO, Librarian explained fundamental knowledge on research methodology, research design, hypothesis formulation, sampling techniques, and data collection methods. He also explained the various features of the SPSS and how it can be used for research analysis. The afternoon session focused on data analysis using SPS software, where he guided students in understanding statistical outputs, drawing meaningful conclusions, and effectively visualizing data. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Pavishya, student of I MBA, expressing gratitude to the organizers, resource person, and students.

National Workshop on AI Driven Tools, Plagiarism and Ethics: Balancing Innovation and Integrity in Research

SALIS Tirunelveli Chapter organized a National Workshop on AI Driven Tools, Plagiarism and Ethics: Balancing Innovation and Integrity in Research at N.V.K.S.D. College of Education on 1.3.2025 jointly NVKSD College of Education and Kerala Library Association (KLA). The workshop was formally inaugurated at 09.30 am in the College Auditorium. It commenced with the lighting of lamp. Dr. Prasobh Madhavan, IQAC

·Co Ordinator and Assistant Professor of English N.V.K.S.D ,College of Education welcomed the august body. Dr R.Mukundan, Vice president, N.V.K.S.Educational Society presided over the session and delivered the presidential address .Dr S.Sreelatha ,Principal, N.V.K.S.D. College of Education gavethe introductory speech and in her speech she highlighted the importance of AI integration that is revolutionizing the way we work, live, and innovate. Dr. A.Muthukrishnan expounded the role of SALIS in enhancing the quality of learning. Dr K.Elavazhagan, librarian and Chief Knowledge Officer, Indian Institute of Management ,Thirichirappalli, inaugurated the workshop and in his inaugural address he explored the critical issues of how AI can be used ethically while preventing plagiarism. The esteemed resource persons were accorded with honours for their contributions and expertise during the inaugural session .Dr K.Gireesh Kumar,,delivered the vote of thanks for the inaugural session

·The first technical session began at 10.15 am on ‘Charting the Path of Integrity :A Prelude to Research Ethics. Dr. K.P. Vijaya Kumar, Former Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala was the resource person. Dr. K.P. Vijaya Kumar reflected on the principles that safeguard the authenticity of research, ensuring that innovation and integrity go hand in hand and stressed that it is a responsibility that defines the credibility and impact of any research work . Dr. R.P.Deepa , Assistant Professor, , N.V.K.S.D College of Education welcomed and introduced the resource person. Ms V.S.Vidhya , Assistant Professor, , N.V.K.S.D College of Education delivered the vote of thanks.

The second technical session started at 11.45 am .The theme for the session is ‘AI and plagiarism detection tool :A focus on drillbit,ithenticate and other leading solutions. Dr.P.K.Suresh Kumar, Deputy Librarian and Head IT Division (Rtd),

·University of Kerala was the resource person. Dr.P.K.Suresh Kumar engaged in meaningful discussions on the leading technologies of today especially , drillbit,ithenticate and how they can be effectively integrated into the academic and professional settings. And how these solutions support integrity while embracing the advancements in AI-driven content generation Dr. V.P.Bindu Gouri , Assistant Professor, N.V.K.S.D College of Education welcomed and introduced the resource person and M Pradeepa.M, Assistant Professor N.V.K.S.D College of Education delivered the vote of thanks.

·The third technical session on Reference Management tools commenced after the lunch break. Dr.K.Ramasamy, Librarian ,M.V.Muthiah Government College for Women, Dindigal was the resource person. He provided valuable insights into the reference management tools and how these tools can streamline the research process, improve collaboration, and maintain academic integrity. He also highlighted the scope of these research tools in empowering a researcher to focus on the quality of the work while ensuring proper attribution of ideas. Dr.N Selvaganapathy ,Librarian, Pioneer Kumaraswamy College Nagercoil welcomed the resource person and Dr S.Praveen kumar ,Assistant Professor ,N.V.K.S.D. College of Education delivered the vote of thanks.

·Prof Dr.Gladson Raj S, Professor of Computer Science, Govt.College Kariavattom, Trivandrum gave the valedictory address followed by the distribution of certificate to the participants. The event was ended with a vote of thanks by Dr.P.Sheela, Organizing Secretary and Librarian of the college.

·The workshop was attended by 128 delegates from the states like Pondicherry, Tamil Nadu and Kerala,. Dr P.Sheela,Librarian, and Dr. D.S Prasobh Madhavan ,Assistant Professor of N.V.K.S.D College of Education were the organising Secretaries of the workshop.

·The workshop was supported by Adv. S. Krishna Kumar, the Secretary of N.V.K.S.D College of Educational Society, along with all the eminent members of the management, as well as the academic and administrative staff of N.V.K.S.D College of Education. The renowned educationists from The Kerala Library Association (KLA and SALIS provided valuable logistical guidance for the workshop

·The presence of the distinguished scholars, including Dr.A.Lawrence Mary, Librarian (Rtd), TDMNS College, T. Kallikulam added great depth and inspiration to the workshop.

·The workshop proved to be immensely beneficial for research scholars, librarians, and teacher educators across various disciplines, providing them with a clear understanding of AI-driven tools, plagiarism, and research ethics. Through insightful discussions and hands-on sessions, participants gained valuable knowledge about the role of technology in academic integrity and ethical research practices.

·National Symposium on "Embracing Transformation in Indian Libraries: Navigating Challenges and Innovations in a Dynamic World"

The National Symposium on "Embracing Transformation in Indian Libraries: Navigating Challenges and Innovations in a Dynamic World" was organized by the Libraries of Vellalar Group of Institutions in collaboration with the Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS) on March 21, 2025, at SrinivasaRamanujan Hall, VET IAS Campus, Erode. The event aimed to explore the evolving role of libraries in the digital age, addressing key challenges such as policy changes, digital inclusivity, adaptability, and stakeholder engagement. Dr. A. Manoharan, Rtd. Professor, Bishop Heber College, delivered the keynote address, emphasizing the importance of digital knowledge platforms and library innovations.

The symposium featured four technical sessions led by eminent resource persons: Dr. A. Manoharan discussed government policies and regulations shaping libraries, Dr. T. Senthil Kumar highlighted readiness and adaptation strategies for digital transformation, Dr. S. Swaminathan addressed the role of stakeholders in library modernization, and Dr. [Fr] John Neelankavil examined the challenges faced by libraries today. The event promoted eco-friendly library spaces, knowledge sharing, and professional networking, inspiring participants to implement innovative solutions in their institutions. The symposium successfully fostered discussions on sustainable, technology-driven, and inclusive library development, ensuring that libraries remain relevant and impactful in a rapidly evolving world.

Two-Day National Level Capacity Building Program on Collaborative Innovation: How Multidisciplinary Research is Shaping the Future.

A Two-Day National-Level Capacity-Building Programme on “Collaborative Innovation: How Multidisciplinary Research is Shaping the Future” was successfully organized by RIT Central Library in association with Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS) on 28th and 29th March 2025. The event brought together academicians, librarians, researchers, industry experts, and students from diverse disciplines to engage in meaningful discussions and hands-on sessions to foster innovation through interdisciplinary collaboration.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. R. Krishnamoorthy, Professor & Dean Research, SRM University, Dr. R. Balasubramani, Professor, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Bharathidasan University, Trichy & Dr. L. Ganesan, Principal, RIT, who emphasized the growing importance of collaboration across various fields to address complex global challenges.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. A. Hariharan, Founder, SALIS, a prominent figure in innovation research, who highlighted how converging technologies and disciplines are redefining research and development in the 21st century.

Throughout the two days, the programme featured expert lectures, interactive workshops, and panel discussions focusing on themes such as:

- Multidisciplinary approaches in scientific research
- Innovation ecosystems and policy frameworks
- Industry-academia collaboration models
- Emerging tools and technologies for collaborative research

The event concluded with a valedictory address delivered by Dr. N. Shivaprakash, Professor, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, during which certificates were distributed to the participants. The organizing committee thanked all speakers, guests, and participants for their active involvement and contribution to making the programme a grand success.

This capacity-building programme served as a significant step toward nurturing a culture of collaborative innovation and multidisciplinary research, paving the way for future advancements in various sectors.

National Symposium on “Re-imagining Library Spaces: Innovative, Student-Focused Design for the Future”

A highly engaging National Symposium on "Re-imagining Library Spaces: Innovative, Student-Focused Design for the Future" was organized by the Library and the Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS) on April 29, 2025, held at the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Seminar Hall. The symposium garnered enthusiastic participation from 32 attendees, comprising librarians from various colleges and dedicated Library and Information Science students.

The proceedings commenced with a warm Welcome Address delivered by Dr. Ponrajan Vikram M., Lecturer, setting a positive tone for the day. Following this, Principal A Sankara Subramanian Sir delivered a Presidential Address, emphasizing the pivotal role of modern libraries in fostering academic growth and innovation. The Administrative Officer, Mr R V Srinivasan Sir, further enriched the inaugural session with his insightful Felicitation Address, highlighting the institution's commitment to developing cutting-edge learning spaces.

Dr K Mutharasan, Librarian, Pope's College, Tirunelveli, and the esteemed Secretary of the SALIS Tirunelveli Chapter, then elucidated the glory and objectives of SALIS, providing context for the symposium's significance. The distinguished Chief Guest, Fr Dr John Neelankavil, and the Guest of Honor, Dr P Balasubramanian, Librarian, were respectfully honored by the Principal with tokens of appreciation.

A significant moment followed with the release of the College Magazine by the Chief Guest, Fr Dr John Neelankavil, which was graciously received by the Principal. Dr. B. Vijayalakshmi, Librarian of Sankar Polytechnic College (SPC), then provided a concise overview, sharing glimpses about the Symposium's aims and expected outcomes.

Dr G Radha, Librarian, Sri Sarada College for Women (Autonomous), Tirunelveli, eloquently introduced the Guest of Honor, Dr P Balasubramanian, Librarian and Head of the Library at Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli. Subsequently, Dr P Balasubramanian delivered an insightful Inaugural Address, laying the foundation for the symposium's core themes.

The symposium was graced by the presence of the Chief Guest, Fr Dr John Neelankavil from DVK Library, Bangalore. He was formally introduced

by Dr R R Saravanakumar, Librarian, Sadakathullah Appa College (Autonomous), Tirunelveli. In his subsequent address, The keynote address by Fr. Dr. John Neelankavil was particularly insightful, as he shared valuable and forward.

thinking perspectives on designing modern library spaces that cater to the evolving needs of students and faculty. Notably, his address incorporated the profound Panjabootham concept, emphasizing the integration of the five elements in creating harmonious and functional library environments. He also shed light on the rich Indian Knowledge System and its potential application in shaping library design. Furthermore, Fr. Dr. John Neelankavil elaborated on 106 key components that should be meticulously considered while planning and developing contemporary library spaces, offering a comprehensive framework for the attendees.

The symposium's technical sessions were enriched by the expertise of senior librarians and subject experts who shared their experiences and provided valuable inputs on the central theme of innovative and student-focused library design for the future. The key presentations included:

"Constructing Library Building With Good Infrastructure For Increasing Footfalls" by Dr R.R. Saravanakumar, Librarian, Sadakathullah Appa College (Autonomous), Tirunelveli.

"Foresight View on Sri Paramakalyani College Library" by Dr.K.MURUGAN, Sri Paramakalyani College, Alwarkurichi.

"Space Management at Sarada Library" by Dr. G. Radha, Librarian, Sri Sarada College for Women (Autonomous), Tirunelveli.

Users' perspectives of Library space: An Analysis of User Satisfaction Survey at Sarada Library" by Smt.S.Gomathy, Librarian, Sri Sarada College for Women (A), Tirunelveli.

Knowledge Resource Centre at PSN College of Engineering and Technology" by Dr.R.Murugesan, Librarian, PSN College of Engineering and technology (Autonomous), Tirunelveli.

Following the expert presentations, a valuable feedback session was conducted, with perspectives shared by Dr.R.Murugesan, Librarian, PSN College of Engineering and technology (Autonomous), Tirunelveli, and Mr Mohammad Akram R, a B L I Sc Student from Sadakadhulla Appa College Autonomous Tirunelveli..

The symposium concluded with the distribution of certificates to the participants by the Principal, acknowledging their active engagement and contribution. A formal Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr. B. Vijayalakshmi, Librarian, SPC, expressing sincere gratitude to all the dignitaries, speakers, participants, and organizing members for their collective efforts in making the symposium a resounding success.

The programme commenced with the reverent Tamil Thai Vazhthu and culminated with the solemn National Anthem.

This National Symposium served as a significant platform for knowledge exchange and the generation of innovative ideas for creating future-ready library spaces. The insights gained and the connections forged will undoubtedly contribute to the development of more dynamic and student-centric libraries across the region.

New Book Releasing Function

K.S. Rangasamy College of Technology and SALIS Launches 12 Anthology Books penned by Students Tiruchengode, May 6, 2025 – K.S. Rangasamy College of Technology (KSRCT) celebrated World Book and Copyright Day with the grand launch of 12 Anthology Books featuring over 600 short stories and essays penned by its students and faculty. Guided by Chairman Mr. R. Srinivasan and Vice Chairman Mr. K.S. Sachin, the event highlighted the college's commitment to creative and intellectual development. Principal Dr. R. Gopalakrishnan delivered the presidential address, with Vice Principal Dr. G. Karthikeyan offering congratulatory remarks. The anthology was released by renowned author and HR trainer Mr. Erode Kathir, who also delivered the keynote address.

Special guests included Ms. Fiza Ahmad, Founder of Let's Write Publication; Ms. VK Tamizhini, Project Head, Let's Write and Advisor KSRCT-Anthology project; Major Dr. TMagudeeswaran, General Secretary, SALIS; Captain Dr. N. Mythili, President, Erodu Vaasal; and Mr. N.C. Santhosh, KSRCT alumnus. Dr. A.M. Venkatasalam, Director (Library), delivered the vote of thanks.

The event drew participation from Deans, Directors, HoDs, faculty and students marking a proud literary milestone for the institution.

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National Symposium on Re-imagining Library Spaces

A highly engaging National Symposium titled "Re-imagining Library Spaces: Innovative, Student-Focused Design for the Future" was successfully organized by the Library and the Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS) at Sankar Polytechnic College. The event took place on April 29, 2025, at the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Seminar Hall, attracting 32 participants, including college librarians and Library and Information Science students.

The symposium began with a Welcome Address by Dr. Ponrajan Vikram M., followed by a Presidential Address from Principal A. Sankara Subramanian, who stressed the importance of modern libraries in academic development. Administrative Officer Mr. R. V. Srinivasan delivered a Felicitation Address, underlining the institution's commitment to evolving library infrastructure.

Dr. K. Mutharasan, Secretary of SALIS Tirunelveli Chapter, highlighted the objectives of SALIS, setting the stage for the event's relevance. The Chief Guest, Fr. Dr. John Neelankavil of DVK Library, Bangalore, and Guest of Honor, Dr. P. Balasubramanian of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, were honored by the Principal. The college magazine was released during the ceremony, marking a special moment.

A key highlight was the inaugural and keynote address by Fr. Dr. John Neelankavil, who offered a visionary outlook on student-centered library design. He introduced the Panjabootham concept, integrating the five natural elements into library planning, and discussed the Indian Knowledge System as a foundation for innovative design. His extensive overview of 106 components essential to modern libraries provided a practical roadmap for future development.



Further insights were delivered during technical sessions by senior librarians and domain experts, who shared best practices and case studies. A feedback session featured reflections from Dr. R. Murugesan, Librarian of PSN College of Engineering and Technology, and Mr. Mohammad Akram R, a BLISc student.

The event concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony, presided over by the Principal, and a Vote of Thanks by Dr. B. Vijayalakshmi, who expressed gratitude to all contributors for making the symposium a success. The event was both informative and inspiring, encouraging participants to rethink library spaces as dynamic, student-centered environments for the future.



Collaborative Innovation: How Multidisciplinary Research is Shaping the Future



A Two-Day National-Level Capacity-Building Programme on “Collaborative Innovation: How Multidisciplinary Research is Shaping the Future” was successfully organized by RIT Central Library in association with Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS) on 28th and 29th March 2025. The event brought together academicians, librarians, researchers, industry experts, and students from diverse disciplines to engage in meaningful discussions and hands-on sessions to foster innovation through interdisciplinary collaboration.



The programme was inaugurated by Dr. R. Krishnamoorthy, Professor & Dean Research, SRM University, Dr. R. Balasubramani, Professor, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Bharathidasan University, Trichy & Dr. L. Ganesan, Principal, RIT, who emphasized the growing importance of collaboration across various fields to address complex global challenges. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. A. Hariharan, Founder, SALIS, a prominent figure in innovation research, who highlighted how converging technologies and disciplines are redefining research and development in the 21st century.

Throughout the two days, the programme featured expert lectures, interactive workshops, and panel discussions focusing on themes such as:

- Multidisciplinary approaches in scientific research
- Innovation ecosystems and policy frameworks
- Industry-academia collaboration models
- Emerging tools and technologies for collaborative research

The event concluded with a valedictory address delivered by Dr. N. Shivaprakash, Professor, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, during which certificates were distributed to the participants. The organizing committee thanked all speakers, guests, and participants for their active involvement and contribution to making the programme a grand success.

This capacity-building programme served as a significant step toward nurturing a culture of collaborative innovation and multidisciplinary research, paving the way for future advancements in various sectors.

UGC-NET Preparatory Programme for Paper – I and Paper – II for LIS Professionals



Rev. Fr. Utarid Library of St. Xavier's College of Education (SXCE), Palayamkottai in collaboration with Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS), Tirunelveli Chapter organized the 11th UGC-NET Preparatory Programme for Paper – I and Paper – II in LIS Professionals from 25th May to 28th May 2025. Totally 18 PG students and Research Scholars of various academic disciplines participated in the preparatory programme



The inaugural function of the programme began with the prayer at 9.40 am in the Physical Science Classroom and Rev. Fr. S. Maria Singarayar SJ blessed and inaugurates the programme. The first two days was completely devoted to the Paper I that consists of Teaching and Research Aptitude. The next two days paper II were dealt with separately for the LIS professionals. The Valedictory function started with a prayer song at 4.30 pm in Physical Science Classroom.

Dr. T. Raja, librarian and organizing secretary welcomed the gathering. Dr. A. Muthukrishnan, Chairman of SALIS Tirunelveli Chapter felicitated the gathering. The participants are going to give their feedback about the programme. Dr. R. R. Saravanakumar, librarian of Sadakathullah Appa College and Vice Chairman of SALIS Tirunelveli Chapter distributed the certificates to the participants. Dr. K. Mutharasan, Librarian, Pope's College, Sawyerpuram & Secretary, SALIS TVL Chapter proposed the vote of thanks.



National Workshop on AI Driven Tools, Plagiarism and Ethics: Balancing Innovation and Integrity in Research



National Workshop on AI Driven Tools, Plagiarism and Ethics: Balancing Innovation and Integrity in Research organised by the Department of Library and Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) N.V.K.S.D. College of Education jointly with Kerala Library Association (KLA) and Society for Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS) Tirunelveli Chapter on March 1 2025 (Saturday)



The workshop opened at 9:30 am in the college auditorium, beginning with the lighting of the lamp ceremony. Dr. Prasobh Madhavan, IQAC Coordinator and Assistant Professor of English, welcomed the gathering. Dr. R. Mukundan, Vice President of N.V.K.S. Educational Society, presided over the session and delivered the presidential address. Dr. S. Sreelatha, Principal of N.V.K.S.D. College of Education, gave an introductory speech highlighting how AI is reshaping work, life, and innovation. Dr. A. Muthukrishnan spoke about the role of SALIS in enriching learning and educational quality.

The workshop was officially inaugurated by Dr. K. Elavazhagan, Librarian and Chief Knowledge Officer at the Indian Institute of Management, Tiruchirappalli. In his keynote, Dr. Elavazhagan explored critical issues around the ethical use of AI and strategies to prevent plagiarism in research. The resource persons were honoured for their expertise during this inaugural session, and Dr. K. Gireesh Kumar delivered the vote of thanks.

The first technical session began at 10:15 am with the theme “Charting the Path of Integrity: A Prelude to Research Ethics”. Dr. K.P. Vijaya Kumar, Former Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala, spoke on principles that protect the authenticity and integrity of research. The session was introduced by Dr. R.P. Deepa, Assistant Professor, and concluded with a vote of thanks from Ms. V.S. Vidhya, Assistant Professor.



The second session, held at 11:45 am, focused on “AI and Plagiarism Detection Tools: A Focus on Drillbit, iThenticate, and Other Leading Solutions”. Dr. P.K. Suresh Kumar, Deputy Librarian and Head of IT Division (Rtd), University of Kerala, led an insightful discussion on integrating these tools into academic work to uphold research integrity. Dr. V.P. Bindu Gouri, Assistant Professor, introduced the resource person, and M. Pradeepa M., Assistant Professor, delivered the vote of thanks.



Post-lunch, the third session explored Reference Management Tools, led by Dr. K. Ramasamy, Librarian, M.V. Muthiah Government College for Women, Dindigul. He emphasized how reference management tools help streamline the research process, promote collaboration, and ensure proper attribution. Dr. N. Selvaganapathy, Librarian, Pioneer Kumaraswami College, welcomed him, and Dr. S. Praveen Kumar, Assistant Professor, offered the vote of thanks.

The workshop concluded with a valedictory address by Prof. Dr. Gladson Raj S, Professor of Computer Science, Government College Kariavattom, Trivandrum, followed by certificate distribution. Dr. P. Sheela, Organizing Secretary and Librarian, delivered the final vote of thanks.

A total of 128 delegates from Pondicherry, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala participated. Dr. P. Sheela and Dr. D.S. Prasobh Madhavan served as organizing secretaries, with the support of Adv. S. Krishna Kumar, Secretary of N.V.K.S.D. College Educational Society, along with the management, faculty, and staff. The event also benefited from the guidance of esteemed figures like Dr. A. Lawrence Mary, Librarian (Rtd), TDMNS College, T. Kallikulam.

Overall, the workshop was highly valuable for research scholars, librarians, and teacher educators, providing essential insights into AI-driven tools, plagiarism detection, reference management, and the ethical dimensions of research practices.

SIGNING OF MoU AND USER INDUCTION CUM INFORMATION LITERACY PROGRAMME FOR ALL FIRST YEAR STUDENTS



On July 24, 2024, S.A. College of Arts & Science's Library had its induction programme and signed a Memorandum of Understanding symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge. Dr. G. Muruganandham, Librarian, organized the programme. Principal Dr. Malathi Selvakumar delivered an inspiring speech, underscoring the SACAS Book Bank Scheme's vital role in supporting student academics

The highlight of the event was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SALIS (Society for the Advancement of Library Information Science), facilitated by SACAS Correspondent Thiru P. Venkatesh Raja. Dr. Hariharan, Founder & President of SALIS, provided a comprehensive keynote on SALIS services. Dr. T. Senthil Kumar and Dr. Sri Lakshmi, distinguished librarians, conducted insightful sessions on effective library use and the enduring value of libraries in education.

Dr. Indumathi delivered closing remarks, emphasizing the manifold benefits of library resources. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all contributors for a successful orientation session.




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Prompt Engineering for Librarians

Introduction

In the digital age, libraries are no longer just repositories of books; they are dynamic hubs for information, learning, and community engagement. With the advent of Artificial Intelligence (AI), libraries have an opportunity to revolutionize their services. One powerful AI tool that librarians can leverage is prompt engineering. This technique involves crafting precise inputs (prompts) to guide AI models like ChatGPT, enabling them to generate useful, context-specific content and responses. By mastering prompt engineering, librarians can significantly enhance their services, offering more personalized, efficient, and innovative support to patrons.

What is Prompt Engineering?

Prompt engineering is the process of designing and refining prompts to interact effectively with AI models. These models, like OpenAI's GPT-4, generate text based on the prompts they receive. The quality of the output largely depends on how well the prompt is crafted. For librarians, understanding how to construct these prompts can lead to better search results, more relevant information retrieval, and improved interaction with AI-powered tools.

Applications of Prompt Engineering in Libraries

1. Enhanced Information Retrieval:

o Librarians can use prompt engineering to refine search queries, making it easier to retrieve precise information from vast databases. For instance, instead of a broad query like "climate change," a librarian could craft a prompt like "latest peer-reviewed articles on the impact of climate change on coastal ecosystems." This specificity helps in retrieving more relevant results quickly

2. Personalized Patron Assistance:

o With prompt engineering, librarians can create AI-driven chatbots that provide tailored assistance to patrons. For example, a prompt such as "recommend books for a 10-year-old interested in space and science fiction" would allow the AI to generate personalized reading lists, enhancing the user experience.

3. Content Creation and Curation:

o Librarians can leverage AI to generate content for newsletters, blog posts, or social media. By crafting prompts like "write a brief summary of the most popular new books in the mystery genre this month," librarians can efficiently produce engaging content that keeps patrons informed.

4. Educational Support:

o AI can assist in creating educational resources. For instance, librarians could use prompts like "generate a lesson plan for high school students on the history of the internet" to produce materials that support teachers and students.

5. Automating Routine Tasks:

o Prompt engineering can help automate tasks such as answering frequently asked questions. By designing prompts like "provide a list of available study rooms for today," librarians can automate responses, freeing up time for more complex inquiries.

Best Practices for Librarians in Prompt Engineering

Librarians should craft specific prompts to ensure precise AI responses and avoid ambiguity.

They must iterate and refine prompts, testing different phrasings for better results.

A clear understanding of AI's capabilities and limits helps in designing effective queries.

It's essential to uphold ethical standards, ensuring content is unbiased and responsible.

Finally, collaboration and knowledge sharing with peers can enhance collective expertise in prompt engineering.

Research Project at Harvard University
Exploring the document collection at the Houghton Library for information on Indian traditional building architecture



Traditional knowledge (TK) passed down through generations is a valuable and unique resource to all cultures and societies. The knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous people is the foundation of much of the world's modern science and continues to provide a significant and valuable source of inputs. It is increasingly recognized that unlocking the potential of traditional knowledge can help modern society address significant challenges ranging from climate change and sustainable agriculture to new pathways for sustainable development for ensuring the livelihoods of Indigenous and local communities. Yet, traditional knowledge is rapidly disappearing. In the light of the prevalent loss and threatened future of TK, it is important to preserve it in a systematic contemporary format that would be familiar to the future generation.

Existence of TK can be broadly divided into two categories – recorded and oral knowledge. Recorded knowledge is often referred as codified and available in written form in ancient manuscripts, palm leaves, stone inscriptions and other ancient forms.

2. Other important sources are the information recorded in travel documents, government and archeological reports, photographs, paintings, etc. Ancient manuscripts are protected in libraries/museums/archives and some are reproduced in the forms of contemporary books, journals and reports. However, this knowledge is widely scattered across various documents.

We, at the Library of CSIR-Structural Engineering Research Centre, aim to take up a project to collect, document and preserve the codified information on India's traditional building architecture. We are exploring the sources of this information and have been trying to collect material from wherever possible. While searching, we were surprised to notice that some of the travelogues, old books and photographs on India and government reports from online sources and relevant libraries had interesting and exciting information on India's traditional architecture. Also, in many instances we have found that many significant information on traditional knowledge is found in unintended sources.

While searching for information sources on the above topic, I came across the website of Harvard Library, specifically Houghton library's collection, which had many interesting books and reports, travel documents and image collections on India – which are rare and many were published before 1900s. Houghton Library is the home to Harvard University's rare books and manuscripts, literary and performing arts archives. At the same time, I also noticed an opportunity in the form of Houghton Library Visiting Fellowships, which invited scholars at all stages of their careers to apply and pursue

projects that required in-depth research on Houghton Library's holdings, draw on staff expertise, and participate in intellectual life at Harvard. I worked on the preliminary list of Houghton's collection material I wished to explore in detail and applied for the fellowship. I was offered the Joan Nordell Fellowship, a visiting fellowship at Houghton Library for the year 2020-2021 and my proposal was selected as one of 29, out of a total of 128 applications submitted that year. The fellowship necessitated the scholar's residence in Houghton Library for at least four weeks and because of COVID pandemic, I could visit only during October - November 2022.

At Houghton, I basically tried to collect all sorts of information on traditional buildings, ancient, and medieval architecture of India. I explored around 50-55 documents, including early books, modern books, photography collections/albums, manuscripts, travelogues, archeology and survey reports published during the years 1600s – 1900s. The travelogues, archeology & survey reports and photography collection were of specific interest to me as they were unique in terms of originality and the nature of information it offered. I found more than 25 travelogues in Houghton's collection by the visitors from across the world mainly from the Europe and the west to India. Few travel documents fully comprised of photographs across India, mainly its architecture. Some travelogues were memoirs of the author that had beautiful paintings/drawings by the author on India (its landscape, people, architecture, etc.). These documents gave an idea on how the buildings, monuments, cities and villages looked like in ancient and medieval India.

I found more than 10 archeology and survey reports mainly by the civil servants of the East-India company and later the British government in India. Many of these reports had information on buildings/ancient structures that were already on decay/ruins those days (i.e.) at least 150 years back, which means that they most probably do not exist now. In our experience, finding information on the residential buildings/dwellings was difficult as most of them are already gone and very few of them exist now. Although many big ancient structures / monuments exist now, residential structures are rare to find. Some travelogues and survey documents that I found at Houghton provided useful information on traditional residential buildings of India.

Overall, it was a very productive experience and I could find many useful and unique information from their collection. We at our library at CSIR-SERC are working towards taking this project further and to digitally store and preserve the knowledge we are collecting and to develop a comprehensive database for storing the information collected in standard retrievable format.



IFLA-UNESCO School Library Manifesto 2025

The IFLA-UNESCO School Library Manifesto 2025 is a comprehensive framework that reaffirms the pivotal role of school libraries in fostering inclusive, equitable, and quality education. Jointly developed by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and UNESCO, this updated manifesto reflects the evolving educational landscape, emphasizing the integration of digital technologies and the development of multiple literacies. It underscores the necessity for school libraries to be dynamic learning environments that support students in becoming critical thinkers, effective readers, and responsible users and creators of information. The manifesto advocates for school libraries as essential components of the educational process, contributing significantly to students' cognitive, personal, social, and cultural growth.

Central to the manifesto is the emphasis on equitable access to resources and learning opportunities for all students, regardless of their background or abilities. It calls for school libraries to provide inclusive services that cater to diverse learning needs, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to succeed. The manifesto also highlights the importance of qualified school library professionals who can collaborate with educators to design and implement effective instructional strategies, curate relevant resources, and foster a culture of reading and inquiry. By promoting active partnerships within the school community and beyond, school libraries can enhance educational outcomes and support lifelong learning.

Furthermore, the manifesto outlines the responsibilities of governments and educational authorities in supporting school library programs through adequate funding, legislation, and policy development. It emphasizes that sustainable investment in school libraries is crucial for achieving broader educational goals, including the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals related to quality education and access to information. The manifesto also encourages the integration of school libraries into national and international information networks, facilitating resource sharing and professional collaboration.

The IFLA-UNESCO School Library Manifesto 2025 serves as a vital advocacy tool, guiding stakeholders in recognizing and enhancing the role of school libraries in education. By aligning with contemporary educational priorities and technological advancements, the manifesto provides a strategic vision for developing school libraries that are responsive to the needs of learners and educators alike. Its implementation can lead to more effective teaching and learning processes, ultimately contributing to the development of informed, engaged, and empowered citizens.

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