

Thought for the Issue:

*The harder the struggle, the more glorious the triumph
Self-realization demands very great struggle.*

Swami Sivananda

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Dear Readers,

Greetings to you!!

We are pleased to present before you the latest issue of Genesis Newsletter.

While we are all going through the current Pandemic period which has been challenging for all of us in some way or the other, we have been able to make this period more productive in our respective professional areas. Rather it has given us a new window of opportunities.

Let us unlock this issue of Genesis which is being published after a long gap. We have tried to bring in some inspirational and technical articles and added a coffee time column which will feature life-time achievements of our library professionals. Also, we have other columns like Travel Bites and events update columns.

The editorial team would like to thank all our authors who submitted their valuable contributions to this issue of Genesis.

We look forward to receiving contributions from our readers. Your contributions will help in enriching the contents of Genesis.

Stay safe and healthy. Happy reading!!

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Tools for quickly creating Flyers, Brochures, Advertisement for an Event

It is a real challenge for every professional to sustain in the current Pandemic. If you have some quality skills, then you can turn it into an asset for your organization and for yourself. Information Technology is the backbone of every domain so one must upgrade and upskill in terms of IT skills and knowledge in our field.

During the lockdown, there was a tsunami of Webinars in the LIS domain, and it was a massive challenge for the librarians to cope with this as Librarians were asked by their Institutions to organize Webinars in their domain or the college discipline subject.

In such a scenario, your skills can become very handy. In this column, we share an important tool called **PosterMyWall**

Let us look at some of the crucial features and explore each function of the tools.

PosterMyWall is a free online app that:

- Simplifies graphic design for professionals.
- Easily create stunning promotional images and videos in minutes by customizing professional templates. No design skills needed.

On Poster My Wall

- You can browse graphics and video templates theme-wise, for example, birthday, concerts, inspirational, family, or sports.

- You can also search by size, which can suit the Instagram or YouTube post.

How to use the app:

- Log in using Gmail.
- Go to the Create Design option. You will see many different ready-made designs on your topic.
- Go to Customize Template option, and then you can modify the design as per your requirements. All the Designing Tools are on your right and left hand. You can change it and create your brochure as per our liking.



- Next there are two options -- download the shaped design or publish it.
- If you want to download, there are three types of Basic Image, Print Quality Image, Poster Quality Image. Basic Image is available for free.
- If you are using the Online Publishing option, you can quickly publish your advertisement and your brochure in soft copy and post it on Social Media, e-Mail it, or Embed.

Thus, **PosterMyWall** is a useful marketing tool used for making e-Announcements of your event in the form of Brochure, Flyer, Video, GIF.

WORK FROM HOME: EXPERIENCING THE NEW WORK CULTURE

Should we really term "Work from Home" as a new work culture or a new normal? If we dig a little into the history it has been there in different forms since ages. In the earlier times, people set up their trade/craft shops, bakeries, pottery in their spacious homes. They did their work/business from homes and supported their families.

However, with the need to set up large factories and businesses, people started to commute and work in a 9 to 5 job environment. As more women started taking up jobs, there came a concept of flexi hours and remote working. Further with advancement in telecommunications and technology, in the last 10 years, many MNCs and IT companies had this concept in place for many of their employees as it saved them on overheads and provided a seamless work environment.

While remote working was on the rise globally, a day came when everything changed overnight with a complete lockdown due the COVID 19 pandemic and our everyday rushing to the office, getting into the crowded trains and buses all became a dream and we are left with no option but to Work from Home though not all jobs can be done from home but for professionals like us, definitely it can be handled remotely from the ease of our homes saving the commuting time, travelling expense etc. So folks, in this article we, share with you the "Work from Home" experiences from a few library professionals and

how they have managed to achieve a work-life balance during the lockdown.

Here is what Mr. Rudolf D'Souza, Chief Knowledge Officer of Afcons Infrastructure shared with us.

"The suddenness of the decision to go into complete Lockdown across the country came like a shockwave. For the first 10 days I was very uncomfortable.



I kept trying different places in the home to sit down to work but could not settle down either due to summer heat - so acclimatized I was to be working in an air-conditioned office or

distractions like TV, shopping for essentials not just for us- but for neighbours who were senior citizens, staying alone and housebound. The most irritating part was that they would not buy for the week- they wanted just enough for a day or two. So, we found ourselves in the market for an hour everyday during the initial days of lockdown.

After 10 days it dawned on everyone, especially me, that this was going to be the new normal for some time to come. It was then that a schedule – roughly aligned to the office times, kicked in and so also productivity.

I had started putting in almost 10 hours of work. It took a conscious effort to bring in work-life balance. While I continued to get to my work desk by 8 AM, I took a break from 8.30 AM to 9 AM for an online Church Service.



Lunch break and snooze was scheduled from 1 PM to 2.15 PM. I would end work sharp at 5.45 PM and go out for a 45 min. walk in the society grounds.

During the Lockdown my team managed to launch a new knowledge channel, provide high level of support to the Projects that required it and, all in all, delivered higher productivity. I personally conducted 4 Global Webinars and did two official Book Reviews.

Which is better- 'Work from Office' or 'Work from Home'? I won't put it in writing here. You may call me to find out! "

According to Prof. Dr. Kuljeet G. Kahlon, Library Manager of Guru Nanak Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai, COVID-19 lock down period though challenging on the personal front provided many learning opportunities as a learner and as an academician. In this crucial period, one had to adapt quickly to the digital world, whether it was ordering online or paying bills, attending online webinars or conducting online classes and events and connecting with people across the globe.

She shares her insights, on how they at GNIMS Business School Library converted this period to



a productive one.... *"I have been at home for more than 106 days, managing my personal and professional life effectively. At the home front, as we all know for a working women*

without a maid is so difficult but I set a working schedule which helped me to look after my family needs as well as perform my work without much difficulty.

During this period, I organized four webinars for students, researchers, and library professionals. We received an overwhelming response from across the country and one of our webinars had 4500+ participation. At the

same time I had other tasks of the institution to be accomplished. This period was very productive as I also got a chance to upgrade my knowledge and skills through attending webinars.

This period has brought in a new change in everybody's life. It depends on people how best they can utilize it and make the most from it. For me, I have spent best time with my family as well with my professional life equally."

Ms. Rucha Patankar, Librarian from Vasant Vihar School, Thane says that,

"We couldn't imagine the gravity of the situation until the first case of Covid-19 was found in India and a complete lockdown was declared. It was like an emergency brake applied to a fast running train. Really, we all were running in a rat race and this pandemic made us realize what life is.



First few days everyone was relaxing, chatting, trying new recipes in the kitchen but as the lockdown extended the new concept of 'Work from home' came in to existence. As a school librarian, I started reaching out to all students. We celebrated 'World Book Day' on 23rd April by posting Shakespeare's quotes and poems by well known poets. I tried to acquaint the students with various quizzes, workshops, reading activities, storytelling competitions which were organized by different publishers. Social media like Facebook live and Instagram helped the children for such activities.

I also got an opportunity to attended many webinars which helped me to gain latest updates in digitalized information which is very useful nowadays.

As of now the 'new normal' has already started - online education. I help the teachers with E-

resources, E-books, activities, homework, lesson plan etc. and provide E-books to my readers all sitting at home. Technology has been great support system and proved to be a backbone to Work from home. It is totally a new thing to deal with, but I am enjoying it and learning it.

Finally, I think all the people who are working from home must appreciate their family members for their support and benevolent nature which is keeping the corporate world functioning and boosting the economy. So, everyone must maintain the sanctity of home while working from home".

Dr. Ajay M. Kamble, Librarian, Vartak College,



Vasai says that he just remembers in the first week of March 2020, news flashing about some virus spreading in China and other countries but was not bothered much until the news of lockdown came in, when he realized about the serious effects of the Coronavirus.

The first 15 days went in getting to know about the virus, care to be taken and that this situation is going to remain for a long time. I slowly started settling into my work schedule. WFH was challenging and a good learning experience. I started providing access to our E-resources and library website and also to publishers' resources which were open to all in this period through sharing links on WhatsApp.

I created a Covid19 Awareness quiz for our students using the online Quiz Tool.. We got a good response, almost 5000 students and external persons attempted this quiz. Participants received an E-certificate automatically on their email account.

WFH, gave me a chance to update our website. While updating it, our working version of the mobile app stopped working due to changes in links. This led me to develop the 6th version of android app too.

With unlock 1.0, we were back on duty, though for 1 day a week. However, physical library services are not possible now and so we plan to continue with online services for the our students and provide online platforms to support online teaching".

According to R. Prabakaran, Head, Scientific Information Resource Centre (SIRC), TIFR, Mumbai, before the lockdown SIRC used to function from 7:45 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and extended hours up to 1:00 a.m. but during the lockdown, after initial hitches, they started working from home and are providing services through remote access.

He says that " Now, the work happens any time at each ones convenience balancing personal life. There is no specific time for lunch break or tea break. Communication between the staff happens through mobile phone and WhatsApp which sometimes cannot convey the work being done when compared to a face to face conversation in an office set up. This aspect was also managed by using video conferencing tools. With unlock 1.0, SIRC has prepared reopening plan with precautionary measures and limited functioning hours. Work from home will continue till everything becomes normal".



The super micro Virus thought that it would bring the world to a standstill by making everyone homebound but it has empowered us in taking control and becoming masters of our situation instead of becoming victims.

Yes! it has definitely changed our working and life styles and enforced us to adopt the latest version of "WFH" globally. Thanks to 'just-in-time' virtual platforms and other technologies like AI and machine learning which came to our aid in quickly adopting to the new working style. It seemed a smooth move over from working in a physical office set up to a complete WFH set up.

It is seen that people are more productive in WFH environment than ever before. Besides the above experiences, in many organizations, even employee engagement activities like birthday celebrations, farewells, were held on virtual platforms. Some organizations find that they can have zero or reduced office spaces as remote working is more successful.

On the flip side, WFH can be equally challenging for the employee if they don't have a comfortable work space at home, have distractions like TV, kids playing around, shopping for essentials, helping out elderly, doing the regular house chores in the absence of

a maid and taking care of their health. Above all, they also need to upgrade their skills to survive in the new technology driven environment.

Even for an employer it is challenging as they need to ensure that the employees are giving their 100% in their work, laying trust and keeping track of work done. Employees find that in the WFH set up, the line of work and life has merged and is disrupting the home life and family. Nevertheless, WFH is going to stay and is going to be the new normal.

We thank all the contributors for sharing their experiences.

Some Takeaways:

- ❖ Follow the regular work timeline.
- ❖ Quickly adopting to the situation is the need of the hour.
- ❖ Upskilling and upgrading is now a continual process to cope up with current situation.
- ❖ The new work style and life style demands expanding the areas of expertise and skills.

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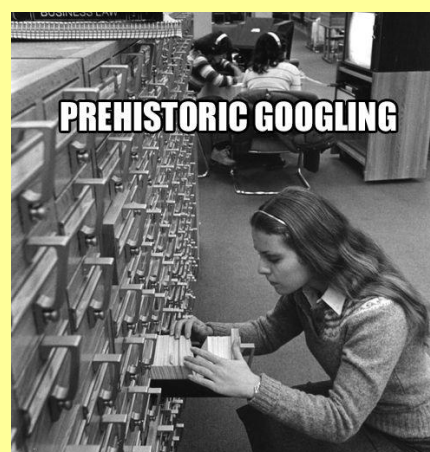
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Warm greetings from Guru Nanak Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai

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Library Humor



Events and Achievements

Events Organized



Virtual Rejig: Job Profile of the New Librarian

BKC Knowledge Network in association with Kohinoor Business School, Mumbai organized an online informative session on Virtual Rejig: job profile of the new Librarian, led by Ms. Ravija Srivastava, Image Consultant, on May 29 and June 8, 2020. A total of 157 library professionals from Mumbai, Navi Mumbai,, Pune, Sangli, and Nashik attended the sessions. Google Meet platform was used for the session on May 29 and

Zoom platform used for the session on June 8, 2020.

Both the webinars started with the opening remarks by Ms. Sushma Karnik, Chairperson, BKC Knowledge Network. Ms. Jayashri Mawale introduced the resource person & concluding remarks were given by Ms. Vasundhara Deshpande.

Here is the **Webinar Video Link:**

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_bjisVgdNlk1bgshPxxH5IJ88sKwDKXt/view

Listen to the complete webinar and pick up your learnings.

Ms Ravija Srivastava's talk focused on the following three major points.

❖ How to reinvent library resources

Change perspectives towards information resources. Revisit existing collection, evaluate titles most read and least read. Promote their content to increase its usage. Add and focus on various formats of online resources and make them accessible remotely.

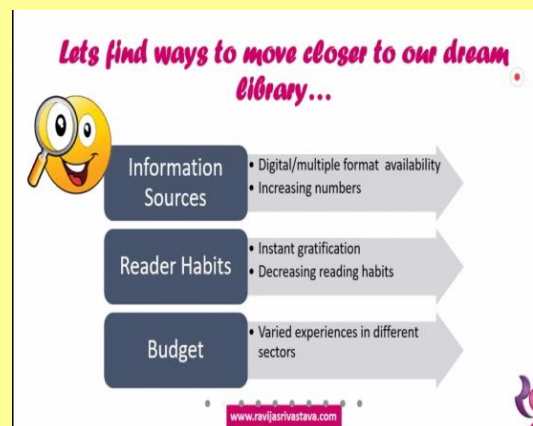
❖ Ways to reach out to readers

Pick up your resources and go online where your readers are!

Use social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp to reach out to users. Create customised micro-learning and micro-info products. Most important point is, make services easier to access and use.

❖ Personal excellence redefined

Focus on the seven points viz. 1) Subject expertise (library skills), 2) Have positive attitude always, 3) Build on your Soft Skills, 4) Etiquette and behaviours help you in all situations, 5) Be mindful of Digital Footprints you leave, 6) Verbal communication is important in virtual space and 7) Presence, to redefine personal excellence.



Ms Ravija Srivastava summarized saying, librarians must develop their creative skills and adopt concepts like mobile library app and online tutorials to promote library resources. Librarians may collaborate with other libraries, use Cloud Computing, and Artificial Intelligence for smart services. In short, subject knowledge, creativity and personal excellence will make the new profile of librarian. She also recommended participants to read the following six unique books for improving personal excellence, understand users and serving them better with value added services.

- Hit Refresh by Satya Nadella.
- The Attacker's Advantage: Turning Uncertainty into Breakthrough Opportunities by Ram Charan.
- The Big Book of Leadership Games: Quick, Fun Activities to Improve Communication, Increase Productivity, and Bring Out the Best in Employees by Vasudha Deming.
- Developing Positive Assertiveness: Practical Techniques for Personal Success by Sam R. Lloyd.
- The Road Less Traveled: A New Psychology of Love, Traditional Values and Spiritual Growth by M. Scott Peck.
- The Mammoth Book of How it Happened: Naval Battles by Jon E. Lewis.



Summary of feedback :

All participants liked the presentation that highlighted how the profile of librarian will change during lockdown and post lockdown. One of them remarked, “It's an excellent session. Got new insights and ideas which can be implemented after lockdown”, and another participant mentioned “It's always an enriching experience listening to Ravija Ma'am”. Many suggested that similar workshops be conducted on a regular basis for professional development of the librarians.

Upcoming Event

Webinar Topic: - E-Contents – How to create, manage and deliver

Resource Person: - Pralhad Jadhav

Date & Timing: - July 29, 2020, 4pm-5.30pm

Organised by: - BKC Knowledge Network, Mumbai

What you will Learn:-

E-Content plays an indispensable role in Education Domain, specifically in this lockdown situation. Purpose of this webinar is to understand the tools and techniques that can be used to create and disseminate E-Content. The speaker will discuss the following points:

- ❖ E-Content Stakeholders
- ❖ Tools to search E-content
- ❖ Essential tools for E-content creation
- ❖ Process to creating E-Content
- ❖ Pre & Post-promotion of E-content
- ❖ Apps to conduct virtual sessions

For more details: email to knowledgebkc@gmail.com

Achievements

Mr. Pralhad Jadhav promoted as Associate Director: BKC KN is pleased to share the news of promotion of Mr. Pralhad Jadhav to the position of Associate Director, Library Management at Khaitan & Co.

He started his career at University of Mumbai as an administrative support. Under the guidance of his guru, Prof. Rajhansa & Dr. Pratibha Gokhale, he entered the Library Science Domain and went to complete MLISc. from University of Mumbai. He joined as Junior Professional Assistant at Jawaharlal Nehru Library, University of Mumbai.

After spending couple of years as Librarian in academic libraries, he got an opportunity to work with Khaitan & Co. (Corporate Law Firm) as Assistant Manager in Library in the year 2006. His first challenge was to implement Libsys for all KCO offices which he successfully achieved. He got promoted to the Manager Level with a new assignment to design the Digital Library for the firm. He completed this job within a short period and with that, he was promoted to Senior Manager in Library within a decade in the firm.

During the ten-year tenure, he completed PGD-LIM (Post Graduate Diploma in Library & Information Management from Tata Institute of Social Science and in 2017, he got qualified for UGC NET Exam. In 2018, he registered as a Research Scholar in IGNOU, New Delhi under the guidance of Prof. Zuchamo Yanthan.

In March 2020, he was asked to integrate some critical functions of Knowledge Management (KM) in the Library LMS. On July 14, 2020, he was promoted to Associate Director – Library Management.

Awards received:

- **Khaitan & Co Professional Development & Branding Award 2019 -2020.**
- **Gratitude Award 2019** initiated by Softech Solution & Services, Pune.
- **Shri Sukhdev Singh Award 2016** at Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi.
- **Lifetime Achievement Award 2016** by AVS Sanstha Ambarnath
- **Special Work Award 2017 (Education & Library)** by Kaikadi Samaj Yuvak Sangathana Pune



BKC KN takes this opportunity in congratulating Mr. Pralhad Jadhav for an excellent successful career and extends Best Wishes as he takes on more responsibilities.

QMed Knowledge Foundation launches Online Courses for the Health Professions.

In the month of June 2020, QMed launched a brand new site with its online courses which are useful for anyone in the health professions - students, academicians, researchers and practitioners. **The Founder - Vasumathi Sriganesh** had identified a problem in the early days of her being a medical librarian - that

a large majority of people in the health professions did not have the knowledge of computer based searching. Later she also figured that they had problems with referencing and the use of reference managers. In the last 12 years, QMed had conducted more than 240 workshops and also delivered more than 400 lectures to share Vasumathi's skills. The need for these courses to be available online was getting

clearer over the years. While the planning was done starting from December 2019, the entire recording and further activity happened during the lockdown, starting April 2020! In exactly two and a half months three courses were launched in www.qmedcourses.in. The first course - "Information Resources and Literature Searching" is open to anyone who registers on the site. The other two - Mastering PubMed, and Reference Management with Mendeley are available when an individual gives a donation to QMed and an institution pays a reasonable fee. The success of this venture is that in a week of its launch, a prestigious institution - the "All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhubaneswar" requested for access for the institution.



BKC KN congratulates Ms. Vasumathi Sriganesh for this remarkable achievement !!

Corona Poems

Written, Composed & Recited by Ms. Vasundhara Deshpande.

In her own words: "One month of Lockdown and all the situation at home and around the world was enough inspiration to pen these lines. COVID19 certainly has been a game changer!"



Click here to listen to Corona Karma : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IU2OeNPZWMU&t=32s>

Click here to listen to Covid Warriors ko Salaam: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqwfZoCeJSA> -

Coffee Time



A legacy of service. Editorial member of BKC KN, Genesis newsletter had a conversation with Ms Sushma Karnik whom she knows since more than 30 years. Here are the excerpts from the conversation.



Please give us a glimpse of early years of your life and your professional journey so far.

Born in Borivali, Mumbai, I had the privilege of being close to nature. As a child, I enjoyed playing outdoor games and loved cycling. I studied at St. Mary's Immaculate Girls' High School which helped me build my personality. Unique optional subjects like kitchen gardening, book binding, bakery, and economics and activities like creating window shopping display and marketing snacks, inculcated professionalism at an early age.

On graduating in Chemistry from Mithibai College, Mumbai University, I joined library science course, since its curriculum was different and interesting. My mentors like Prof. Arvind Tikekar, and Rekha Kuvlekar, Madiman madam and Solanki madam molded me into a passionate LIS professional. Later, I did Master's in Sociology from SNDT University and M.Lib.Sc. by dissertation from Mumbai University, under the guidance of Dr. Sushama Powdwal.

I worked in different academic and research libraries in Mumbai viz. LBS Nautical Engineering College, Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers, Western Regional Instrumentation Centre, C-DAC, Mumbai, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research and R&D centre of Reliance Industries Ltd. I was associated for over

a decade with IGNOU as counselor for BLIS, MLIS & PGDLAN courses. There I guided fifteen IGNOU students to complete their MLIS projects. I have also done freelance consultancy for few special and academic libraries, and been a resource person at various workshops related to Library and Information Science.



With over 25 years of experience in the field of LIS, I retired as Library Director of Dosti House-Your American Space (formerly known as the American library), Mumbai.

During the course of my career, I got the opportunity to specialize in library automation, collection development, setting up & renovating library, and library management. I enjoyed my professional career with God's blessings, and support from family, and friends. I am indebted to the guidance from teachers at the University of Mumbai, SNDT University and IGNOU. I owe my gratitude to professionals colleagues at all the organizations where I worked.

Would you like to mention some memorable moments in your life or career?

Few memorable moments:

- Interacting with unseen audience at Akashwani for an IGNOU BLIS topic.
- Receiving best paper award for "Exploring the use of Web2.0 tools and techniques for information services in a corporate library"

with co-author Vandana Karande, RIL, at the International Conference on Knowledge Management in an ICT Era (KNICT) at Chennai, 2009.

- Visit to Auro University, Surat, as Chief Guest at the 'National Seminar on Libraries as Community Hubs'.

After working in special libraries, how was your experience working in a public library?

Besides the core activities being common, Special libraries are unique in their collection, that focuses on subject specialization. Whereas, Dosti House-Your American Space, being a public library has titles on all subjects but written by American authors with exception of translated works. Maintaining a balance in titles on all subjects is a tough task.



Special library has pre-defined set of users and these users may have common subject interests with narrow specialization. Whereas in a public library, the number of users is very large and their subject interests are varied, and may range from broad to narrow topics. Hence, it is a challenge for a public library to reach out to its users, increase number of registered users and then satisfy user needs. Therefore, the major difference I experienced, is in the promotional activities of special and public library. Special library may use targeted promotional material that is usually for

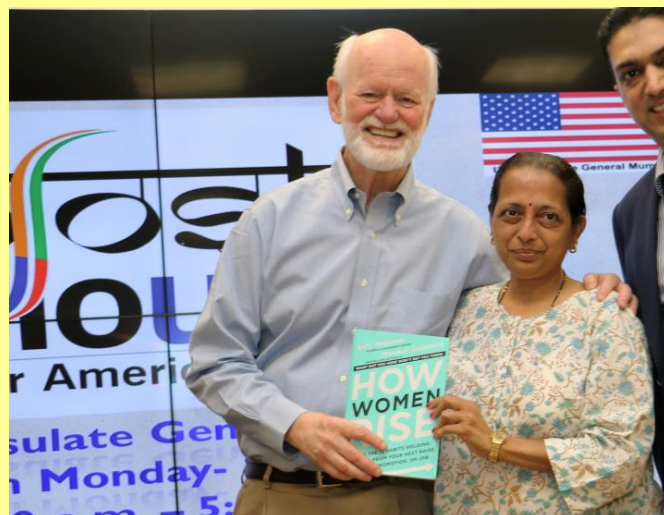
internal purpose and on Intranet. Whereas, a public library has promotional material in public domain, on website and social media.

How do you see libraries evolving in the coming years? What changes would you like to see in the profession?

I am happy to see that library professionals have willingly accepted change, though at different pace in different countries and different types of libraries. It has continued to accommodate new formats of information sources, adopted new technologies, and devised ways to provide value added customized services.

I feel that libraries should continue to maintain their core values of identifying, acquiring, storing and disseminating information sources. In spite of easy access to Internet, with range of meta search engines and subject directories, even today, users approach and depend on librarians who can give authentic and relevant information in minimum time.

Thanks to Library Associations for their contributions in recommending changes in LIS curriculum, and giving positive direction to the growth of library profession. Just as newspapers, television, cinema and drama co-exist as sources of education and entertainment. Similarly, libraries will continue to co-exist as community hubs, rendering specialized services to their communities, in varied range of print and virtual formats of information sources.



Any advice to our young librarians?

Giving advice is easy, but difficult to practice. I had tough time changing from being stubborn, impatient, and aggressive, to being an open minded and assertive person. Below are few tips based on my experiences:

- Be a keen observer: Create a memory album of your observations. It will be useful to relate to situations and find better solutions. You can capture successful stories of your library.
- Be an unbiased listener: Listen with open mind, without preconceived opinions. This helps in reducing misunderstandings and conflicts.
- Use 'To Do List' to complete daily tasks and review pending tasks. This will be your step by step ladder to achieve targets or goals.
- Network and stay connected: Need to put special efforts to build contact and nurture relationships. Innovative ideas and support may come from least expected contacts.
- Be passionate in what you do: . Enjoy your work. Do it with full dedication and determination. But, once you have completed



a task, accept the results and be responsible for the consequences.

- Lead your life on the principle of 'Attachment in Detachment' as explained by Mrs. Sudha Murthy.

Tell us something about your family and their role in achieving your career goals?

My parents and siblings encouraged me in choosing my career. I could complete my MLIS by dissertation only with the support of my in-laws. My husband, Mr. Ketan, who manufactures customized

electrostat machines, is also an energy auditor and consultant for low cost automation. Since, business demands 24x7 concentration, I took sabbatical from full time job to cherish growing up moments of my son, Gaurav. When my son was in eight standard, both, my husband and son, motivated me to re-join full time job. Both, shared household responsibilities, and gave enough space to let me follow my career comfortably.

How about sharing your post-retirement plans?

I like traveling, but, being at home, I now admire nature, and nurture few potted plants. Presently, I am associated with BKCKN and Inner Wheel Club of New Panvel, a social organization. I will also continue to stay connected with my friends and colleagues.

We wish you a happy and healthy retirement life and may all your dreams come true.

Did You Know!!

The New York Public Library offers up more than just books:

Members can borrow accessories like neckties and briefcases for people looking to complete an ensemble for a job interview.

My Road Trip during the Sudden Lockdown on March 23, 2020

It was just the beginning of Covid-19, and schools and colleges were shut down in Mumbai and teachers and students were on leave from 16th March 2020.



I found this opportunity to setup my farm at Mangaon in Raigad district and went there on March 18, 2020, and on March 22, 2020, Janata Curfew was announced. And from March 23, 2020, nation-wide lockdown was announced until further instructions. It was not possible for me to stay back in Mangaon, leaving my family on their own in Mumbai. So, I started heading back to Mumbai, to my home.

It was just the next day of the Lockdown and suddenly everything around seemed so scary and risky, but I gathered all my courage and started in the hot afternoon on March 24 itself. On the way, I

was stopped by the civic officials to enquire about my details and my whereabouts.

When I reached Goa-Mumbai highway, a busy road which is always full of traffic for hours, full of vendors, stalls and pedestrians passing by on both the sides was totally empty. All the hotels and restaurants, and even the petrol pumps were closed. Thankfully, I trusted my instincts, and had got my car tank full two days back.

I speeded up to optimum, every check-post had cops for security purpose. I was alone, driving my way through, and so I was not stopped anymore but I saw a few people who were travelling in a group were being interrogated at every check-post that I passed by.

And the journey which takes four hours otherwise, took only 2 hours that day, from Mangaon to Airoli. Finally, I was at home, with my family.



Vinay Haware, Librarian, MD Shah Mahila college, Malad

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