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Library vision...

IUM Library: shaping the way for learning

The Library in Islamic University of Maldives (IUM) has a long history in serving the Maldivian community in terms of providing access to books and literature mainly related to Islamic education.

IUM was established in 2015. Since the establishment of IUM, a lot of effort has been put into renovation of existing facilities including the library. The work to expand the library facilities and improve the services to students began soon after the library was opened officially on 6th May 2016 following extensive renovations giving the library a warm welcoming and a student friendly aura.



The library will have a traditional look with limited physical presence of books along with extensive digital collections to economize on physical space. In order to train library staff and to improve services to the students, IUM is currently seeking consultation from the Library Association of Maldives.





-Dr. Dheeba Moosa-

In-charge of Library/Dean, Centre for Research & Publication

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consultancy to Library in Islamic University of Maldives (IUM) is ongoing. Consultancy includes: categorizing and re-arranging library collections, providing instructions in establishing an online library, drafting work procedures and staff training.



MLA installed and Koha ILS Billabong High International School Library and R. Atoll Rasmaadhoo School Library.





Library vision...

R. Atoll Rasmaadhoo School Library



As an educational institute our major aim is to provide opportunities to gain quality education to every student of our school. We believe that reading is one of the vital areas where every school needs to focus on. When we talk about reading, a library is the central hub of developing the reading skills. Our vision is that we Rasmaadhoo School bring out children who enjoy reading to learn and to develop themselves. Our library promotes a culture of reading for creative and critical thinking.

Integrating technology in libraries are the modern ways of the future libraries. As a part of our dream library we have integrated KOHA software in our library. We believe that it will open new doors of reading to the students. Our dream is that Rasmaadhoo School becomes one of the leading libraries in our area.

In our dream library it is our imagination that students happily come and search for the book they wants themselves with the help of a KOHA installed computer before they get themselves to the shelves of the library. Reading areas will be developed for individual and group readings. A digitalized library where every student can get access to the books available within the library and other elibraries worldwide will be brought to the students. Our vision and aim is to make library as a part of the students' official learning where the role of the library take parts with the students' daily learning.

It is one sincere and thanks to Minister Dr. Aishath Shiham for the support she is giving to us for the development of our school and the support she is giving to develop our future library.

> -Ahmed Sameeh-Principal R. Atoll Rasmaadhoo School

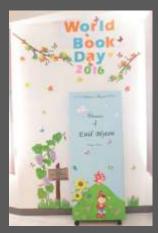


R.Rasmaadhoo School Librarian at work Entering books data into Koha ILS



ACTIVITIES HELD IN 2016

Hiriya School participated in the Book display competition to celebrate World Book Day organised by the Maldives National Library.





Hiriya school held a Book donation Week. Books are donated to National Library, Villa College, Maps College and Polytechnic





Opening hours

Sunday to Thursday: 0700 - 1830

Mission: to create a studentcentered library media center which provides a safe, nurturing environment in which students can successfully seek information and ideas for their educational, informational, and recreational needs.

Foster: of an appreciation literature enabling students to interpret meaning from various forms of literature as they become lifelong readers and learners with a sense of belonging to Islamic and societal values.

Stimulate: intellectual curiosity and creative thinking, with the cultivation of abilities to reach individual potential.

Library Profile: Hiriya School

Empower: to be responsible and contributing individuals in the society.

Vision: an exemplary community of vibrant individuals with a love for life and learning. Aims and objectives: The main aim and

objective of Hiriya School library includes encouraging, promoting and developing reading habits among the Students and staff. And also:

- Provide a safe, positive learning environment for all students, which will empower them with confidence to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing society.
- To ensure that students are effective users of ideas and information.
- To provide the school community with a wide range of materials on appropriate levels of difficulty that will encourage growth in knowledge, establish a life-long love of reading and foster information literacy.

History: Hiriya School library was established in 2009, with the formation of Hiriya School. At the beginning the library collection was few and there were limitations in librarians as well as overall, the school faced a lack of resources and staff.

Collection: The collections are in different formats. There are books, CDs, cassettes, maps, globes, etc. The complete size of the library book collection is around 10,000 books.

Members: School staff and students are the members of the Hiriya school library.

Services: Library provides circulation service as well as reading and learning. In addition, library offers assistance to students in finding information for their school projects, assessments, etc.

The year 2016 also saw the inauguration of a whole-school reading programme. The initial stage was targeted at grades 1, 2, and 3. Inauguration of the reading program also saw the accumulation of a new collection of books, numbering 285 books.





Hiriya School (cont.) The school anniversary saw the setting up of different stall activities for students to enjoy. In order to provide readers with an opportunity to enjoy, a library stall was set up. In addition to books and a cozy reading corner, the stall also provided students opportunity participate in the board game Scrabble.

MARKS LIBRARY DAY 2016

Maldives National University Library being the largest Academic library in the country is one of the most visited venues on MNU campuses. MNU community celebrated their Library Day this year on August $11^{\rm th}$ across all of their campuses throughout the country.



Early in the year MNU Library team with their fantastic team spirit, put on their thinking caps in finding ways to raise funds for the planning of awesome displays and fun activities that can be enjoyed by the entire MNU

community of staff and students alike.

This year's fundraising activities started In May 2016 with the setting up fundraising boxes in the libraries and a deliciously planned cupcake and juice petty week. The support from the faculty students were tremendous.



As the big day drew closer, a joint effort of the library team resulted in receiving various other sponsorships in kind from friends and supporters of the MNU Library.

On August 11th, 2016, the MNU libraries opened their doors to their enthusiastic clients and supporters with brilliant displays, exciting goodie bags, surprise gifts and fun activities such as boggle competitions, word puzzles, jar of hearts and a photo competition.



-Hawwa Shiuna-

Librarian/Hiriya School



NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MALDIVES CONDUCTED A WORKSHOP

The National Library has conducted a workshop on advance classification and cataloguing.

The workshop was designed for the technical librarians to develop their number building skills using Dewey Decimal Classification Table 1, Descriptive Cataloguing, and Machine Readable Cataloguing 21 (MARC 21) Standard.

Training was conducted from 23 to 25 August 2016 at the Institute of Library and Information Services, National Library. Delivery of the training was carried out by Ms. Aminath Shiuna.



A total of 14 participants from school libraries, college libraries and other organisations completed the workshop.



-Aminath Shiuna-Director National Library of Maldives

MNU Library (Cont.)

The Library Day online photo competition themed 'My love for books' was announced as a pre-library day event. All staff and students of MNU community were encouraged to participate. Interesting photos were submitted from all across MNU campuses and the best five photos were uploaded on the Facebook page of the MNU Library. The top three photos with most likes and shares were announced as the winners on Library Day.







The Library Day was a huge success as it was concluded with a fun dinner night for the MNU Library Team who invested their undying dedication to make this day and all the other days at the library worth the while.



This was one MNU event that the entire MNU community thoroughly enjoyed. Many thanks and appreciation goes to the MNU teams for their dedication, the MNU management for their support, the sponsors for their kindness and the library clients and friends of the library for their continued love for the MNU Library and the team.

-Aishath Shabana-MNU Librarian

MLA Workshop on Island Library Development (WILD)

MLA conducted the workshop at Lh. Naifaru in May 2016. A total of 22 participants from Naifaru, Hinnavaru, Kurendhoo and Olhuvelifushi completed the workshop. Library staff, teachers and interested people participated in the workshop.

Aim is to educate Library staff in performing basic library tasks such as identifying different types of libraries; acquisition (selecting and ordering books); methods of circulation (checkout/check-in materials); classification; cataloguing; shelf management; Physical processing of materials; Stock audit and weeding; Book repair.

Soft copy of DDC abridged 15th edition was donated to all libraries.



Facilitators : Samiya Mohamed and Rishfa Ibrahim

This workshop was a great success that all participants were very interested and keen in learning and gaining more knowledge. And also they look forward for more training opportunities. We thank Lh.Naifaru Council for providing a classroom space and Mr. Mohamed Nizar Ibrahim, owner of Naifaru Public Library who played an active role as the focal point from Lhaviyani atoll.





Update on MLA activities 2016

Koha Integrated Library System

Koha ILS was installed and implemented in Billabong High International School and R. Rasmaadhoo School in April and May 2016 respectively. Training was provided to respective staff. Producing a training manual for Koha ILS would be accomplished in September 2016.

Workshop on Island Library **Development** (WILD)

Workshop was held at Lh. Atoll Naifaru from 26th to 27th May 2016. A total of 22 participants from Naifaru, Hinnavaru, Kurendhoo and Olhuvelifushi completed the workshop.

Consultancy to the Islamic University of Maldives (IUM) Library

Consultancy to the Islamic University of Maldives (IUM) Library was started and it is ongoing.

- A project proposal was submitted to Ministry of Home Affairs, in June 2016. Aim is to obtain fund to run a "National Information Literacy Awareness Programme".
- In August 2016 MLA proposed work of Mr. Mohamed Nizar Ibrahim, the owner of Lh. Naifaru Public Library, to "National Award 2016" who is providing continuous library service for the past 36 years.

Upcoming Events

Training on Essential Skills in Library Science

Scheduled for September 24th - The training will be held for 5 Saturdays from 0900am to 1200am. This training is designed for new library staff.

- Workshop on Island Library Development (WILD) Workshop to be conducted in B.Atoll is scheduled for first week of October 2016.
- Workshop on Big book writing skills

Workshop is re-scheduled for the last week of October 2016.

MLA promotional and fund raising event

This event is scheduled for 12th November just before the academic year ends.

MLA General meeting

The next general meeting is scheduled to be held in December. Annual report 2016 will be presented and Events Calendar for the year 2017 will be endorsed.

MLA Newsletter

The next issue of this newsletter will be publishing in December 2016. Send us your feedback/comments, articles relevant to the library association, libraries, and information gathering & dissemination activities in the Maldives info.malias@gmail.com

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