

THE SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA), incorporated by Law No. 20 of 1974 of the National State Assembly, is empowered to train librarians; conduct professional examinations in librarianship and issue certificates of proficiency. The Association has gained professional recognition, being a founder and executive member of the Organization of Professional Associations (OPA) and National member of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA).

SLLA Conducts a three tier (03 levels) Diploma in Library and Information Science (DIPLIS) course as the premier Professional Diploma in the discipline in the Country. Each level runs approximately one year of course work and written & practical examinations. SLLA has been registered under the Tertiary & Vocational Education Commission to offer Diplomas.

After successful completion of the course you will be admitted as a Member of the Association. With five years' experience in a library, you can apply for an Associateship (Designated as Chartered Librarian) of SLLA. Subsequently you can climb the ladder to become a Fellow – the highest academic and professional qualification a member can obtain, which is even recognized for higher education.

The qualifications gained by following the courses of the Sri Lanka Library Association are recognized by the Government (Public Administration Circulars of 2010, 2009, 1997, and 1987 etc.). The qualification is accepted for recruitment of library staff by the Government and Private Sectors. Librarian, Documentarist, Information Officer are some examples of prospective designations.

DIPLIS is comparable to examinations conducted by other professional associations and universities in Sri Lanka and compare favorably with those of overseas library associations. A committee consisting of qualified library professionals control and guide the education activities of the Association. More than fifty qualified library professionals serve in the panel of lecturers.

1. Entry Requirements for the Level – I Course

1) a Degree from a recognized University/
Higher Educational Institute

OR

2) i. GCE(A/L) in three subjects in one sitting

AND

ii. GCE (O/L) in six subjects in not more than two sittings with a Credit Pass in first Language and Ordinary Passes in Mathematics/Arithmetic and English

OR

3) Permanently employed in a recognized Library with not less than three years service **and** fulfillment of 2(ii) above

2. Subject Content

An attractive list of subject areas cover the general learning skills, ICT skills, library skills (cataloging, classification, indexing), information searching skills, management etc.

3. Duration of the Level - I Course is approximately 9-12 months

4. Application and Course Fees

Candidates can download the application from the Web site, or request from the office. After a selection interview,

successful candidates should pay the registration fee (Total fee of Rs. 16000 for Level I) in one installment.

5. Centers & Lecture Times

Lectures are conducted on Sundays, at the following centers from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. The medium of instruction in each center is given here.

	Centre	Medium
1.	Colombo	Sinhala, Tamil.
2.	Badulla/Galle/Kandy	- Sinhala only
3.	Batticaloa & Jaffna	- Tamil only

6. Practical Training

All students should undergo a practical training for a period of 10 working days in a library recommended by the Education Officer, and prepare a report. This is a good opportunity for newcomers to get experience in a real library environment. An experienced librarian guides groups of trainees to fulfill various library activities.

In addition, when various organizations request for trainees, these will be communicated to students.

7. Attendance

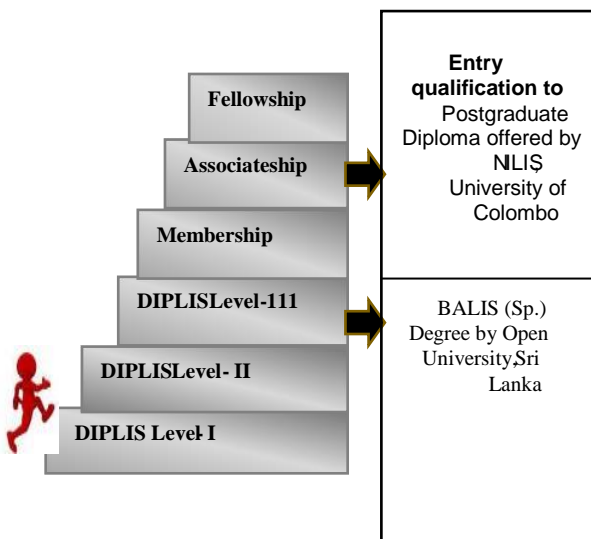
It is essential to attend to lectures and participate in classroom activities. Therefore, 75% attendance is considered mandatory.

8. Library facilities.

A reference library facility is provided by SLLA. The Library is located at the National Library & Documentation Services Board (Nidahas Mawatha, Colombo 07) premises. It is open on Thursdays and Saturdays only.

9. Examination:

At the end of each level, a written examination will be held. After completing all three levels, you will receive the Diploma.



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30th December, 2019.

Office Hours :

Tuesday to Saturday
From 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.



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