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## Preface

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This Journal is dedicated to publishing high-quality articles that describe the most significant and cutting-edge research in all areas of Library and Information Science. In addition to research articles, Sri Lanka Library Review also publishes relevant review articles and concept papers. The unique feature of this journal is that it publishes articles in all three languages, English, Sinhala and Tamil. All articles published in Sinhala and Tamil language are accompanied by an English abstract. As such, the journal aspires to be vibrant, engaging and accessible, and at the same time integrative and challenging. In this way, the journal aims to be the voice of the Sri Lankan Library and Information Science community. To maintain quality of the journal, all types of articles published in the Sri Lanka Library Review will be subject to the journal's double-blind review process.

Publishing of this Sri Lanka Library Review would have been an uphill task if not for the invaluable assistance and courtesies rendered to me by a number of persons, to whom I would like to express my deep appreciation.

First, I would like to especially thank and express my gratitude to all members of editorial board for providing the dedicated support and feedback necessary to develop and publish material of such consistent high quality. Special appreciation is extended to all reviewers who have supported the journal by reviewing and evaluating, all submitted manuscripts to the journal on a voluntary basis. I gratefully appreciate the support extended to me in numerous ways by the President, Sri Lanka Library Association and all members of Council and Executive Committee which enable me to publish this journal on time. Authors who contributed to the Sri Lanka Library Review are also acknowledged.

It has been and still is a real pleasure and certainly a rewarding experience serving as Editor-in-Chief of the Sri Lanka Library Review. Fulfilling editorial obligations have not been a simple or easy task and I hope that you will overlook any shortcomings and have enjoyed and benefited from all the published articles

in obligations at least as much as I did. I consider it is a great honor to be an Editor-in-Chief of Sri Lanka Library Review, and I did my best to face all challenges that confronted me and strived to increase the quality of the journal's content.

All members of Sri Lanka Library Association are welcome to submit articles within the aim and scope of the journal, for future issues of the journal. We highly appreciate our readers' feedback, so please share your ideas and thoughts with us.

**Neetha Damayanthi Peiris**

*Editor-in-Chief*

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**Listening Behavior of People:  
An Explorative Study on the Impact of Information Provision Through  
Community Radio Channels Broadcasted in Sri Lanka Over the  
Community Development.**

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**Abstract**

*The study aims to explore the status of radio channels broadcasted in Sri Lanka as a community information service. Use of broadcasting services being the quickest media to disseminate any kind of information for any community had been proved successful in many ways. Use of this traditional media however is universally acknowledged despite the internet technology that is being accepted as the most effective global network in modern society. However potential usage and its impact of this powerful media has not yet explored extensively in Sri Lankan context. The great potential of radio communication for dissemination of information for community development areas such as agriculture, health, economic development, industry, finance, government and local government etc. has been proved highly effective through the present study. The present study conducted representing 9 provincial councils and 25 districts have proved the impact of information delivery through the broadcasting medium is highly effective compared with other modern media. It has further potential of utilizing the same more productively to improve remote community lives. It was further established that the 'community radio' is a quicker and successful medium to reach remote, backward and special communities, as for some of them the wireless communication is the only potential channel of information in the country to access news and new knowledge.*

**Keywords:** Community broadcasting, Information Channels, Community radio, Community information, Radio Channels, Community development, Information Access

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# Monitoring and Evaluation of Electronic Resource Usage

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## Abstract

*Introduction of electronic library resources to libraries have changed the service provision in modern libraries. The libraries have to bear an additional cost to provide Electronic Information Services (EIS) to their users. It is thus important to monitor and evaluate the usage of these resources. Different types of studies have been conducted in a number of institutions in different countries on the usage of electronic resources. Some of them are based on qualitative studies, user surveys and some others are on quantitative studies based on vendor generated usage statistics. The International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP) has introduced a systematic method to study the usage of electronic resources. According to this study the library administrators have to obtain the quantitative data provided by the publishers and conduct qualitative studies in house. The publishers follow COUNTER code of practice to provide comparable usage statistics to their customers. Some examples of the different types of COUNTER compliance usage reports are discussed. The use of e VALUED tool kit for developing questionnaires to conduct qualitative studies is also explained. The quantitative and qualitative studies help the library administrators to make necessary decisions to subscribe to electronic information according to the user's requirements.*

**Keywords:** Electronic Information Services (EIS), INASP, MEERU, COUNTER Code of Practice, e VALUED tool kit

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## **Calamities and Challenges Faced by Libraries and Books from Pre-historic Era to Post Independence Period : A Study with Special Reference to Sri Lanka**

**R.D. Ananda Tissa<sup>1</sup>**

### **Abstract**

*Calamities and challenges faced by libraries and books from pre-historic era to post-independence have been topics of continuing discourse. In spite of this, the present paper summerises a detailed investigation on the above topic with special reference to Sri Lanka as it is a timely necessity. Much information on destruction of the libraries and books are mentioned in both Western and Oriental literature. This paper especially focuses on the natural and deliberate destruction of books and libraries, here and abroad.*

*The famous Royal library, owned by the Emperor Assurbanipal, of Assyria, regarded as the first ever library in the World. In Sri Lanka, the religious backdrop associated with Mahavihara is considered the centre historically signifying the origin of the repositories of books (Pothgul) and libraries. Instances of destruction of library resources and assassination of librarians following the fall of the libraries are replete in the world history.*

**Keywords:** Destruction of books, Destruction of libraries, Devastation of books and libraries, History of libraries, Libraries of Sri Lanka

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# Provincial Library Services in Sri Lanka; An Overview

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## Abstract

*Provincial level devolution of power was introduced to Sri Lanka about 30 years ago with the introduction of Provincial Councils. With the new circumstances, the library services in the country too needed a mechanism to follow suit. Introduction of Provincial Library statutes, through the efforts of the NLDSB came as the answer. This no doubt is one of the major projects introduced by the NLDSB for the enhancement of the library and information services in Sri Lanka. After studying similar frameworks in a number of other countries, NLDSB proposed a structure for the Provincial library services comprising a) Provincial Library Services Board, b) Provincial Central Library, c) Training Centre, d) Provincial Library fund and e) Library structures for Districts and Pradeshiya sabhas. After extensive marketing and promotional campaign NLDSB managed to persuade five Provincial Councils to introduce the Provincial Library Statutes as the legal framework of the proposed Provincial Library structure. Finally only four Provincial Councils succeeded in implementing the project. During the last two decades these PLSBs managed to establish themselves as a prominent force in the library and information field in the respective provinces in the midst of many challenges. The deficiencies of the library statutes, inability of recruiting and attracting the necessary professional cadre, scarcity of funds, are some of the many problems encountered by these new organizations at present. In the paper author discusses the progress of the four Provincial Library Boards (PLSBs) and three Provincial Central Libraries (PCLs) established under the provincial library statutes including their achievements, difficulties faced and the way forward for a better future.*

**Keywords:** Provincial Library Services, Provincial Library Services Boards, Provincial Central Libraries, Library structure in Sri Lanka, National Library services

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# Impact of Working Culture on Job Satisfaction: A Study Based on Public Librarians in Colombo, Sri Lanka

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## Abstract

*Job satisfaction has become an important topic of discussion around the world for many years. The factors that contribute to job satisfaction have varied greatly among researchers. The Job satisfaction of library professionals is a key factor for delivering quality service and which ensures user satisfaction. In the modern era, public libraries as knowledge hubs are facing several challenges due to the rapid changes of the society. In order to face to these challenges, satisfaction of its employees is foremost. The main purpose of this paper is presenting the results of public librarians' job satisfaction with regard to their working environment. The present study considered facets such as physical working condition, interpersonal relationships, professional development, and inspiration. The study employed a qualitative methodology. Data was collected through a self-administered survey questionnaire. The target population was consisted with public librarians in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Simple random sampling method was used to collect data from 25 librarians. The study found that maintaining worthy interpersonal relationships was considered a predominant facet in the satisfaction scale of respondents. Ultimately the result indicated that a positive relationship between facets of working environment and public librarians' job satisfaction in Colombo District, Sri Lanka. There has been no previous study done on public librarians' job satisfaction in Sri Lanka.*

**Keywords:** Public libraries, Employees, job satisfaction, Sri Lanka, Public librarians

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