



MANLIBNET 5-Day International Virtual Librarian Development Programme

A Report

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Background

For the first time in the Library and Information Services profession, Management Libraries Network (MANLIBNET) initiated Librarians Development Programme (LDPs) for librarians, knowledge managers and information professional community in the year 2008. The first state level LDP was organized at the BRCM College of Business Administration, Surat in the year 2008. The complete details of the LDPs conducted by MANLIBNET are as under:

Topic	Host	Year
Human Approach in Librarianship	BRCM College of Business Administration, Surat	2008
Managerial Skills for Library Professionals	Indus World School of Business	2011
Research Techniques in LIS	Atmiya Group of Institutions, Rajkot	2012
Open Access Resources: Application in the libraries	Parul University, Baroda	2012
Open Access :Application in the Libraries	IMCC, Pune	2014
Developing Relevant Competencies among Library Professionals	BRCM College of Business Administration, Surat	2014
Managerial Skills for Library Professionals	INMANTEC, Ghaziabad	2015
New Skills for LIS Professionals in the Digital Age	INMANTEC, Ghaziabad	2016
Joomla and DSpace	INMANTEC, Ghaziabad	2018
Digital Resources Management: Issues & Challenges	SPB English Medium College of Commerce, Surat	2018
Library Science Research: Techniques, Methods and Trends	IMCC, Pune	2018
International Virtual Librarian Development Programme	Virtual	2020

MANLIBNET is committed to ensure that in such troubled times of COVID-19, the learning to LIS professionals does not stop. Hence, keeping this commitment in mind, during the lockdown period, MANLIBNET organised the **International Virtual Librarian Development Programme (V-LDP)** during May 11-16, 2020.

The programme announcement (along with the banners) was widely circulated across librarians' and information professionals' forums across the country and abroad.

MANLIBNET 5-Day INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



Publishing Workshop by Qudsiya Ahmed, Publishing Head for Cambridge University Press, India.



Explore Some Fun Google Tricks and Quench your Knowledge Curiosity by Mr. Jay Bhatt, Engineering Librarian, Scholarly Communication, Drexel University Libraries, Drexel University, Philadelphia, US



Importance of Communication in Interpersonal Interaction by Prof. Shweta Kushal, Associate Professor, IIM Indore, India



Research Library Support Services for Open Access and Open Science by Dr. J. K. Vijayakumar, Library Director, KAUST University Library, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Saudi Arabia



Using Google Classroom for Online Teaching by Dr. S. K. Naqvi, Director, Centre for Information Technology, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India

The programme received an overwhelming response and over 1700 professionals registered for the V-LDP. The sessions were conducted by world class experts from prestigious institutions including Cambridge University Press, India; Drexel University, USA; KAUST-Saudi Arabia; IIM Indore and Jamia Millia Islamia. The participants included senior academicians and library professionals from India, Bangladesh, United Arab Emirates, Portugal, South America, USA, etc. The V-LDP was designed to ensure that it contains topics which are of direct relevance to the LIS community. The sessions were moderated by Dr. M. G. Sreekumar, President, MANLIBNET and Dr. Akhtar Parvez, General Secretary, MANLIBNET. A total of five virtual sessions were conducted on the following topics:

1. Publishing Workshop by Qudsiya Ahmed, Publishing Head for Cambridge University Press, India.
2. Research Library Support Services for Open Access and Open Science by Dr. J. K. Vijayakumar, Library Director, KAUST University Library, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Saudi Arabia
3. Explore Some Fun Google Tricks and Quench your Knowledge Curiosity/by Mr. Jay Bhatt, Engineering Librarian, Scholarly Communication, Drexel University Libraries, Drexel University, Philadelphia, US
4. Importance of Communication in Interpersonal Interaction by Dr. Shweta Kushal, Associate Professor, IIM Indore, India
5. Using Google Classroom for Online Teaching by Dr. S. K. Naqvi, Director, Centre for Information Technology, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India

Publishing Workshop by Ms. Qudsiya Ahmed, Head of Publishing – Academic, Cambridge University Press, India

The workshop by the Cambridge University Press focussed on the norms of academic publishing and guided the audience through the nuances of academic writing and making submission for publication. The programme began with a brief insight into the legacy of Cambridge University Press as the pioneer of academic publishing globally and provided an overview of the publishing programme of the Press, with particular attention paid to the priorities of the India editorial centre.

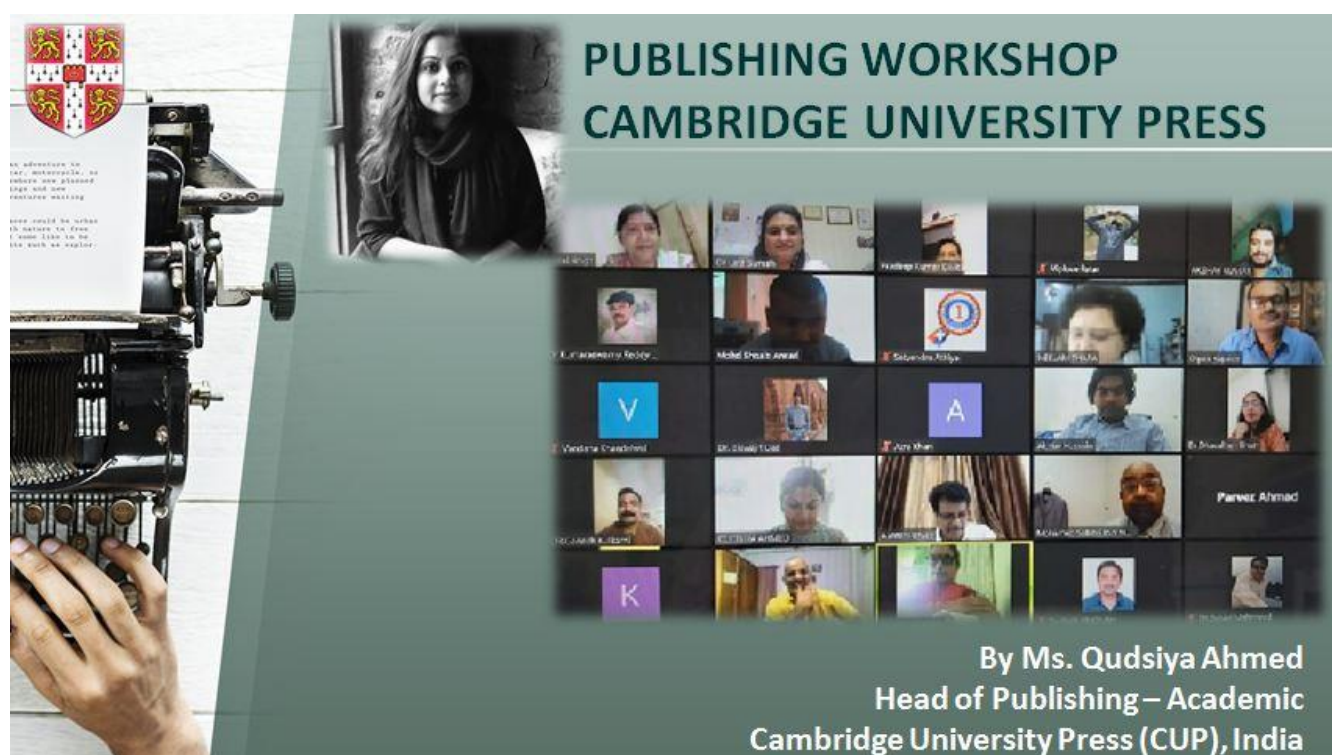
Basic requirements of a submission and a book proposal were discussed, and the workshop guided the audience through the publication process. The participants were provided with guidelines for prospective authors, enabling them to prepare precise and informative proposals/cover letters with which they may approach a publisher.

A thorough understanding of the norms of academic writing was developed at the workshop through discussions of issues such as responsible and ethical research, importance and methods of references, citations, permissions, copyright clearance and plagiarism.

Key points of workshop included the following:

- How to publish a book or an article?
- What is a proposal form?
- How to approach publishers?
- What is peer review?
- What is plagiarism?

Mr. Gunjan Hajela, Marketing Manager, CUP connected from Canada and spoke on Cambridge Core, Read and Publish, Open Access and Open Engage models of the Press.



RESEARCH LIBRARY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR OPEN ACCESS AND OPEN SCIENCE



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Open Access and Open Science by Dr. J. K. Vijayakumar, Library Director, KAUST University Library, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Saudi Arabia

Dr. J.K Vijayakumar spoke on Open Access and Open Science. He explained the Impact of Open Access, its policies, publishing, scholarly record, open research, and library support in research cycle. Components of Open Science, Research Data Management, Scientific Social Network were also discussed by Dr. Vijayakumar. He stressed upon the role of librarians in providing services using Open Access resources.

EXPLORE SOME FUN GOOGLE TRICKS AND QUENCH YOUR KNOWLEDGE CURIOSITY



Fun Google tricks — enjoy!
<https://sites.google.com/site/googlintheclassroom/googletastic-fun>

Googletastic FUN!

Crazy Fun - try them all!!

- Funny Google
- Google Gravity
- Epic Google
- Underwater Google
- The Revolving Internet
- Google Mirror
- Google Terminal
- Zero Rush
- Google Rainbow
- Google Sphere
- Let Me Google That for You
- Google Gothic
- Emo Search
- Google Loco
- Blackle (Google's Energy Saving Browser)
- Draw a Stick Man
- Do a Barrel Roll

These are amazing!!

- Google Art Project
- Google Moon
- Google Flight Simulator (works in Google Earth)
- Google Language Tools
- Google Doodles
- a Google a Day
- 55 Ways to Have Fun with Google
- click on the mic, speak your Google Search (works in Google Chrome with google.com)
- The Widener Downtown (requires Chrome)

Drexel University

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Explore Some Fun Google Tricks and Quench your Knowledge Curiosity/by Mr. Jay Bhatt, Engineering Librarian, Scholarly Communication, Drexel University Libraries, Drexel University, Philadelphia, US

Mr. Jay Bhatt, in his interesting presentation spoke on various techniques of retrieving relevant information using the advanced search of Google. He also explained various effective search strategies to retrieve authentic and reliable information from the internet.



Importance of Communication in Interpersonal Interaction by Dr. Shweta Kushal, Associate Professor, IIM Indore, India

Effective Interpersonal Communication has always been Challenge for professional at all levels. In her presentation, Dr. Shweta covered different segments of effective communication in a very lucid and simplified manner. From librarians' perspective, she touched upon various aspects of communication viz. Effective Communication Strategies, Communication Problems/Issues, Importance of Connection, Collegiality, Cooperation, General Principle of Effective Communication, Communication Styles, assertiveness, tips of communicating effectively with supervisors and subordinates and so on. The gist of the session was to regularly practice self-reflection, adopt responsible behaviour and be a positive role model for others



**By Dr. S. K. Naqvi, Director,
Centre for Information Technology,
Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi, India**

Using Google Classroom for Online Teaching by Dr. S. K. Naqvi, Director, Centre for Information Technology, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi, India

The session was very important in this critical time of lockdown due to COVID-19. The topic chosen was the need of the hour, as one of the participant reflected in the feedback, “This session acted more as a cherry on the cake on this entire LDP programme”. Various features of online teaching using Google Classroom were very well demonstrated by Dr. Naqvi. He explained as to how the use of this important tool can help teachers in managing their coursework. He also demonstrated the process of creating classroom, class name, class code, content, retrieving of content by students, online assignments submissions etc. Dr. Kazim Naqvi delivered an effective and informative presentation in the most simplified manner.



Dr. M. G. Sreekumar, President, MANLIBNET and Dr. Akhtar Parvez, General Secretary, MANLIBNET, on behalf of MANLIBNET, expressed sincere gratitude to the eminent speakers, for sparing their valuable time and delivering excellent presentations in this LDP. Further, they conveyed heartfelt thanks to Parul University for hosting this entire event through their ICT infrastructure. They warmly lauded the active participation and their interactions in the sessions. They also thanked the Executive Council members of MANLIBNET for their shared vision and continued support. Last but not the least; they expressed their profound thanks to the core team members of the LDP for their relentless efforts in making this Librarian Development Programme a grand success.

Participants' Feedback

All the participants recorded their deep sense of satisfaction about the excellent quality of the whole programme including the choice of topics, speakers, content, air-time quality and time management

Some of the feedback received are reproduced below:



"The best webinar series of lectures in the recent past, congratulations to the Team MANLIBNET. Let me also mention that the topics were unique. Content quality was world class, Communication Skill, Open Access, Google Classroom, Google Search Techniques and the CUP workshop. Kudos to team MANLIBNET and its leadership. Best wishes for all future endeavours"

Dr. R. K. Sharma, Librarian, United Nations Information Centre for India & Bhutan



"My name is Maria Amante and, since, 2017, I have been visiting India as a Scholar-in-Residence at IIT Gandhinagar. My last visit was in January this year for 6 weeks. This is to tell you how I feel close and committed with the library and librarian's community in India.

I am a Portuguese librarian for almost thirty-four years and during my professional life I had the opportunity to work in different types of libraries: scholar, specialized, national and academic.

I would like to thank MANLIBNET team for the opportunity of attending and participating in the International Virtual Librarian Development Programme (LDP). Considering the number of attendees and their country origin this was a real global Program.

It was a very interesting, useful and comprehensive Program touching important topics such as publishing, open access and open science and libraries and librarians supporting research activities, navigating Google as an information source, communication and interpersonal skills and, today, a very practical session on the use of Google Classroom as a Learning Management System (LMS).

In times of confinement, where all the world is facing health and economic problems and challenges that are impacting our lives, MANLIBNET, through this Program, gave a clear example how libraries and librarians still are active, vibrant and able to contribute to social and economic development.

This Program exemplifies how libraries can transform themselves and adapt to different contexts being at the frontline using digital platforms and technology to teach, learn, reflect, share knowledge, and think collaboratively.

Finally, I consider that Hellen Kellers' quote, referred by MANLIBNET, sums up this Program spirit and soul: "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

Thank you



Maria João Amante

May 16th 2020

(Maria João Amante, Librarian, Portugal)"



"Dear Team MANLIBNET,

I wish to place on record my deepest appreciation for the excellent conduct of the 5-Day International Virtual Librarian Development Programme which was unique and out of the box event in the Tsunami of Webinars during this Pandemic time. The event covered a variety of very useful topics including the Authors Workshop by the Cambridge University Press, Open Access, Communication, Google Search Techniques, and Online Google Classroom Teaching. Hope to see more such value added events under the banner of highly professional team of MANLIBNET. Best wishes"

Dr. Nabi Hasan, Librarian, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi



"I had the pleasure of attending MANLIBNET 5-day Librarians Development Program. I am delighted to acknowledge that the programme was very informative, gave an opportunity to learn newer things and unique in many ways. I find that everything was perfect including the selection of topics and speakers, the CUP Authors' Workshop, internet connectivity, time management etc. All these resulted in to serious participation from the LIS fraternity. Thanks to all the speakers and the Core Organising Committee of the LDP. Feeling good to be part of the MANLIBNET Executive Council. Look forward to seeing many more such programmes in the future."

Dr. Sanjay Kataria, Librarian, Bennett University



"Foremost, I would like to congratulate the MANLIBNET team for successfully organizing the 5-day online LDP programme. The resource persons arranged were highly skilled and specialized in their respective fields. It was really a great opportunity provided by the MANLIBNET to listen to such learned and qualified speakers. Under the prevailing situation, there could not have been a better way to organize LDP programme, the way MANLIBNET team did. The overwhelming response of the library professionals in terms of registration and subsequent participation in the 5-day event speaks volumes about the success of programme. Personally, I am very much satisfied with the way LDP was organized, the way lectures were delivered and the way participants' queries were addressed and so do I feel of having grown in many ways during this LDP. In the end my good wishes to team MANLIBNET for their future endeavor."

Dr. Ramesh Pandita, Sr. Assistant Librarian, BGSB University, Rajouri, J

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