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## Training Programme for the OUSL Senior Library Staff in India

The International Relations Unit of the OUSL had organized a foreign training programme in India from 04th to 09th March 2018 for senior library staff on modern library technologies, web-based library services for remote learners, space planning, repository systems, special user services in modern libraries etc.



As the Chairman of the Library Committee, of the OUSL the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kamal Bandara Gunaherath handed the team. Other members participated in the programme were, Dr. Wathmanel Seneviratne, Librarian, OUSL, Mrs. Ramani Amarasekera, Deputy Librarian, Senior Asst. Librarians, Mrs. Damayanthi Gunasekera, Mr. R. M. Gunasekera Dr. Anoma Weerakoon, Mrs. Piumali Karunaratne Abeysinghe, Mrs. P.K.M. Kashamalika, Mrs. Irosha Marasinghe, Asst. Librarian and Mr. K.D. Wickramaratne, Asst. Registrar, Library Services.

The team visited, Anna Centenary Library and Anna University Library in Chennai, Vellore Institute of Technology, and Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore and Bharathidasan University in Tiruchirappalli. They also participated in the International Conference on “Educational Technology for Integrated and Inclusive Classroom: Issues Concerns, Developments and Challenges” at the Bharathiar University, Coimbatore.



The training programme was highly beneficial to witness emerging service approaches that extend the focus beyond formal library activities. The participant had an exposure on alternative technologies, different working cultures, positive personalities etc. and it was a wonderful and warm experience to all who participated in this programme.

## Workshops conducted at the Main Library

Two sessions of the workshop on “Writing a literature review & Reference Management using Mendeley” were conducted at the OUSL main Library for the final year students in the Departments of Medical Laboratory Science and Pharmacy.

The workshops were conducted on 08th and 09th January 2018 at the Audio Visual Resource Centre of the Main Library. A total of 74 final year students who were carrying out their final year research projects participated in the workshops. Dr.(Mrs.)Wathmanel Seneviratne, Librarian and Mrs. Irosha Marasinghe, Assistant Librarian of the OUSL served as the resource persons.



## Career Guidance Workshop conducted by Jaffna Regional Centre (JRC)

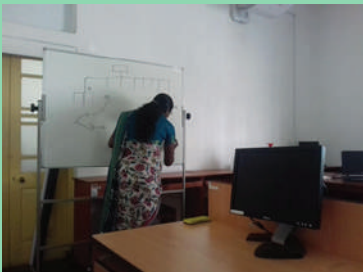
Career Guidance Workshop was conducted by Jaffna Regional Centre (JRC) of the OUSL at Mannar Al-Azhar National School on 09th March 2018. The main aim was to create awareness on the OUSL and its services. Hundreds of students from 21 schools were benefited from this workshop. Mr. K. Sajanthan, Assistant Librarian (On contract), JRC served as one of the resource persons.





## Orientation Programme Conducted by Badulle Regional Center Library

An orientation program was conducted by Badulla Regional center for newly registered students for the study program of ESBM on 07th of January 2018. During the orientation programme for the new students, library and the on-line library services were introduced by Ms. E.Dharshini (Assistant Librarian).



**ANOTHER  
PROGRAMMES**

## Promotional Work programme Conducted by Badulle Regional Center



A programme on “Empowering for Independent Learning (EfIL)” was conducted by the faculty of Engineering at Badulla Regional center for newly registered students for the study program of Engineering degree on 03rd of February 2018. There were 27 students participated in the program. During this program Ms. E.Dharshini (Assistant Librarian) explained the supportive facilities and services by the OUSL library for the students. Under the title of support services, she introduced OUSL library system and the uses of it, online services and the Temporary Residential Facility (TRF).

## User Education Programme on “Effective Use of the OUSL Library Webpage” at the Matara Regional Centre (MRC) Library

Mrs. P.K.M. Kaushamalika, Senior Assistant Librarian Mathara Regional Centre (MRC), OUSL conducted two user education programmes on “Effective use of the OUSL Library Webpage” on 27th January and 20th February 2018. For this programme, there were 60 students from Faculty of Natural Science and 35 students from Faculty of Engineering and Technology.



## Newly Established Regional Centre Library at Kurunegala Regional Centre (KuRc) of the OUSL

At the Kurunegla Regional Centre (KuRc) of the OUSL, a new Regional Centre Library was established. This was the first step of developing support services at the centre. Newly refurbished KuRc library is now equipped with computers and new furniture. Further, KuRc Library is planning to expand their services to Kuliypitiya Study Centre students under the OUSL cluster system with the aim of rendering a better and effective service to the OUSL community.



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