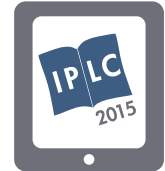




INDIA PUBLIC LIBRARIES CONFERENCE



Transforming Public Libraries in India
Envisioning the Future

March 17-18, 2015

Venue: India International Centre,
40 Lodhi Estate, New Delhi, India



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Conference objectives:

- To envision the role and the functioning of public libraries in India to respond and meet the changing needs of communities.
- To identify and propose the most suitable and sustainable public library models for India.
- To recommend directions that would help to facilitate a more proactive public library system with global standards and parameters applicable to Indian conditions.

Target participants:

- Public library policymakers and programme implementers of the Central and State governments and their departments.
- Officials involved in steering national level missions and initiatives that are relevant to public libraries such as SSA, RMSA, NSDC, NDLM, NRHM, Digital India, etc.,
- District level authorities responsible for providing public library services at the district, and sub-divisional levels.
- Library professionals working in various public libraries at various levels and professionals interested in promoting public library services.
- Officials of Non-Governmental Agencies interested in public library systems and civil society organisations that have established traditions of providing library services to citizens.
- Officials of private sector entities that have prioritised establishing and supporting community-centered libraries through CSR initiatives.
- Service providers who can meet the future and the changing needs of public library services.

Conference speakers:

- National and state level public library policy makers.
- International practitioners that have proven experience in redesigning public libraries.
- Public library innovators and change managers from India and abroad.
- Think-tank in public library field for making policy recommendations.
- Non-governmental agencies who have developed workable and innovative models of public library service provision in India and abroad.
- Corporate leaders who have interest in supporting library services.
- A number of eminent LIS, Technology and Management Experts have been invited from India and abroad. These includes the foreign experts namely: [Ms. Tina Sciabica](#), READ Global, USA; [Mr. Ian Yap](#), Regional Manager, International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions; [Ms. Amarjeet Gill Kaur](#), Director, National Library Board, Singapore; [Ms. Andrea Telli](#), Chicago Public Library, USA; [Mr Ari Katz](#), Regional Director, Beyond Access, IREX, US; [Atty. Antonio M. Santos](#), Director, National Library, The Philippines; [Ms. Pilar Pacheco](#), Program Officer, Global Libraries, Bill And Melinda Gates Foundation, USA; [Ms. Jan Richards](#), Public Library Association, Australia; [Ms. Winnie Vitzanky](#), Public Library Association, Denmark and [Mr. Bhola Shreshta](#), Former President, Nepal Library Association, Nepal.

CONFERENCE THEMES

- 1. Changing role of public libraries at the global level**
 - To highlight the role of public libraries that meet the changing needs of communities
 - To demonstrate public libraries as engines and drivers of development
 - To highlight how public libraries are redesigning their physical spaces to attract the 21st century users
- 2. Public Libraries in India : Current Scenario and Future Challenges**
 - To highlight the current position of public libraries in India
 - To highlight the uneven policy provisions in various states in India
 - Challenges faced by the Indian public library system that need to be addressed
- 3. Public libraries for 'all'**
 - To highlight the need for ensuring library services cutting across gender, language, literacy and age barrier
 - To discuss if and how libraries support the learning needs of people with disabilities
 - To define libraries as spaces for 'social inclusion'
- 4. Changing needs of communities and the need for their engagement**
 - Overview of the perception, needs and the composition of current users
 - To highlight the needs of communities beyond books
 - To highlight the need for community needs assessment and their engagement
 - To highlight community-led library models
- 5. e-Content and ICT enabled services for the future**
 - To highlight the changing reading habits of Indian populace and to discuss alternatives to printed material
 - To highlight the importance of eContent and other material for print-disabled
 - To harness the power of ICTs in public libraries
- 6. Library infrastructure for the future**
 - To highlight the need to re-engineer the physical space of the library to attract users
 - To discuss the role of public-private partnership in designing public libraries of the future
 - To discuss the infrastructural needs, challenges and opportunities
- 7. Capacity building, training and curriculum needs of public library professionals for the future**
 - To discuss the need for developing library professionals with right skills, knowledge and attitude for the future
 - To discuss the need for changing the curriculum in library schools for preparing public library professional for the future
 - To discuss the continuous professional development schemes in public libraries
- 8. Panel discussion: The need for strong public library association**
 - To discuss the roles of Public Library Associations around the world
 - To discuss the need for a Public Library Association in India
- 9. Financing public libraries for the future**
 - To discuss various funding opportunities for funding public libraries of the future
 - To capitalize on the provision in Companies Act for CSR activities
 - To discuss how the citizens can help to fund libraries for the future
- 10. Recommendations for the future of public libraries in India**
 - To discuss the recommendations made by the participants of IPLC 2015
 - To elicit feedback from the experts and the participants of IPLC 2015.

Public Libraries Best Practices

The IPLC 2015 is inviting best practices in public libraries in areas of services and content, citizen engagement, technology usage, governance and management. The platform will provide space for showcasing innovations in public libraries to invited public libraries including BMGF Global Libraries India grantees pilot initiatives. Opportunity for networking & collaboration will be provided to public library solution providers in ICT tools and applications relevant for public library engagement and transformations. The principle objective will be to provide a platform for the exchange of knowledge and skills relevant to public library stakeholders.

Invitation of Best Practices @ www.iplc.in

December 22, 2014 – February 16, 2015

Conference format:

- Plenary sessions
- Panel discussions
- Best practice demonstrations
- Exhibition
- Cultural event
- Study tours (day 3)
- Focused thematic workshops (day 3)

March 19, 2015 (Post Conference Workshops)

Duration of each workshop is 90 Minutes

Workshop 1: Linking Children, Youth and Women with Public Libraries

Venue: DELNET, New Delhi

Conducted by: Sir Ratan Tata Trust.

Workshop 2: Redesigning and Modernising Your Library Space

Venue: DELNET, New Delhi

Conducted by: Mr Ari Katz, Regional Director, Beyond Access, IREX, US.

Workshop 3: Building Strong Library Associations

Venue: DELNET, New Delhi

Conducted by: Ms Jan Richards, Public Library Association, Australia & Ms Winnie Vitzanky, Public Library Association, Denmark.

- To join and participate in workshop/s, please confirm your participation through email at iplc2015@defindia.org
- On the spot registration for workshop/s on March 17, 2015 (first day of IPLC 2015)
- Registration fee for all workshops per participant - ₹ 500

IPLC 215 Study Tour

A post conference study tour is being organised to visit public libraries in Delhi and National Capital Region (NCR) on March 19, 2015. Interested delegates may write for registration/ confirmation to Ms Namita Monga Rao at namita@defindia.net or call at 989 919 9049.



Organisers

DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION

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Headquartered in New Delhi, Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF) is a not-for-profit organization, registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860, that works to find solutions to bridge the digital divide. DEF's mission is to empower the under-served communities and create information-empowered societies. Using ICT and digital tools DEF works with multi-stakeholders approach to have inclusive and equitable communities where access to information, knowledge and services is for all, at all times and across all geographic locations. With over 200 community information, knowledge and resource centres, network of 25000 NGOs/CBOs/CSOs at the grassroots and more than 200 MSMEs in India, South Asia and Africa, DEF continues to contribute to a wide network of communities through information, content, knowledge, service and resource ecosystems.

DELNET

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DELNET is a major resource-sharing library network in South Asia which covers a wide spectrum of member-libraries and their resources connecting about 5000 libraries in thirty two states in India and eight countries. It was registered as a society in 1992. DELNET is committed to pool the information resources scattered in the libraries in the country and consolidate information through union catalogues, union lists and other databases. DELNET databases have crossed over 2 Crore records. It is operational from its building in Jawaharlal Nehru University Campus at New Delhi.

IPLC 215 Highlight: IPLC Expo

Venue: Gandhi-King Plaza (IIC)

Exhibiting & showcasing innovations in public libraries in service delivery, technology, governance, management and functioning.

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