

"Two Days National Workshop on "Synthesizing of Library Systems and Operation" on 25th-26th July 2011 in collaboration of Pakistan Librarians Welfare Organization and Department of Library and Information Science, University of Karachi.

Two days National Workshop on Synthesizing of Library Systems and Operations was successfully organized by Pakistan Library Club on 25th-26th July 2011, in collaboration with Pakistan Librarians Welfare Organization and Department of Library and Information Science, University of Karachi.

The resource persons include Dr. Muhammad Ramzan, Mr. Muhammad Asif Munir and Mr. Nadeem Siddique from the Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore. The workshop was designed to give participants a clear understanding of available open source library softwares like Koha, Library World, Dspace, etc. During the workshop participants were given step by step hands-on training regarding selection/ implementation of open source software and how to create their own digital library. Twenty Four participants from various institutions attended the two days workshop.

In his opening speech, Mr. Arshad Mahmood (Director-PLC) welcomes the speakers and participants of the workshop and gives an overview of the course contents. Dr. Muhammad Ramzan (Director-LUMS Library) appreciated the role of Pakistan Library Club and other organizers for scheduling such workshop. He also highlighted the importance of automation and digitization of library collections. Prof. Malahat K. Sherwani (Chairperson, Department of Library & Information Science, University of Karachi) in her opening remarks welcome Dr. Muhammad Ramzan and his team for sparing their time and knowledge sharing. Mr. Muhammad Asif Munir presented an introduction of the Pakistan Librarians Welfare Organization. Prof. Muneera Nasreen Ansari of the Department of Library & Information Science, University of Karachi shared her views regarding the course contents and importance of this workshop. The workshop was split into four training sessions in order to provide extensive look on each software and Q&A sessions. During the workshop refreshments and lunch were also served to the participants.

At the concluding session, Mr. Arshad Mahmood (Director-PLC) thanked the speakers, organizers and the participants of the workshop for making the event successful. In his concluding remarks, Dr. Ramzan summarizes the key points of the workshop and stress upon the participants to implement the things being discussed during the two days workshop. He also appreciated the role of Pakistan Library Club and Department of Library & Information Science, University of Karachi. Prof. Malahat K. Sherwani; the Chairperson of Department of Library & Information Science, University of Karachi; being the co-host of the workshop thanked the speakers and participants of the workshop.

The Pro-Vice Chancellor of University of Karachi Prof. Dr. Shahana Urooj Kazmi was the Chief Guest on the occasion. She highlighted the role of academicians in bringing positive change in the society. Certificates were distributed amongst the course participants and special memorabilia were presented to the resource persons.

The Pakistan Library Club offer special thanks to Prof. Malahat K. Sherwani, Prof. Muneera Nasreen Ansari, Dr. Muhammad Ramzan & his team and of course... the participants... for making this workshop a success!!