

Re-union (among Ex and Present Library Professionals of VBLN)

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Best Practice

1. **Title of the Practice:** Re-union (among Ex and Present Library Professionals of VBLN)

2. Objectives of the Practice:

The basic objective of organizing this event is to;

- a) Get introduction with the retired library professionals and their working life in the Visva-Bharati Library Network.
- b) To aware about the history of the VB library which has immense value on the way of catering library services and also makes balance in between traditional culture and modernity.
- c) Interaction among retired and present library staff is also very helpful to continue the activities in consistent fashion.
- d) Senior library professionals are very keen to know about the current conditions of the library which may give them mental refreshment from their monotonous life. They also come to know about the status their left-out work is being carried out by the present staff.

3. **The Context:** To run any library properly, it is inevitable to have bridge among the past and present in all regards like, library services and activities. Sometimes, it is found that authority file was not maintained in formal shape. If any doubt comes to any point, then it is imperative to have clarification from the retired colleagues in general. Let's have an example; why a set of reference books is being made available for circulation. But common understanding is, reference books will be marked for 'not for lending' and will be at the reference section. To get, the answer of this doubt, we come to know from the senior colleagues that, as it was frequently required to the users' library has two sets one is at reference section and another one at stack for lending to address the genuine needs of the users in general and students in particular. Likewise, arrangement of book shelves in reading room, reference section, and rare collection, what was the thinking/logic to have such arrangement? Before rearrangement, this logic must be taken into consideration and then decision of rearrangement will be acceded, instead of doing whimsically. Moreover, we can have some expert opinion about the current library services, activities and others from the senior ex-colleagues. On the other hand, the old-aged colleagues are basically passing their days in monotonous and with lots of health hazards. We observed that they are happy when they come to know about this event and many of them opined that, this day is supplying fresh oxygen to live.

4. **The Practice:** It is an exceptional drive of VBLN to organize the re-union among the ex and present library professionals which is initiated from the year 2018. During, the first re-union-2018, all the ex-library professionals have been felicitated and they expressed their gratefulness to library authority and request to continue this event. On their request, second re-union is being organized in the year 2019. Many library professionals expressed that; this happens to be the only university library who have organize such an exceptional event. On the day Raksha Bandhan,

Tree-plantation, lecture session, cultural program, etc. etc. are being arranged. The arrangement, particularly hospitality is so cordial from the present staff, the senior staff are expressed their pleasure during introduction. From all the retired staff, one has been invited (with prior intimation) to deliver talk on any issue relating to VB library followed by floral tribute to Guru deva Rabindra Nath Tagore and Dr S. R. Ranganathan. The program has been arranged on the occasion of either 'Librarians Day' or 'Library Day'. From the retired staff, present staff are coming to know about the past of the VB library and its genesis and more specifically, a mind-refreshment of both sides. Considering the positive feeling and re-action, VBLN is keen to organize the event every year to have a relation as well as interaction with the retired and present staff.

5. Evidence of Success:

As evidence of success, this may be noted that the pleasure showing by the retired staff on the day of the program as well as through telephone may be taken into considerations, for which no documentary evidence and that not be enough to establish their feelings.

Some problems on day-to-day library activities have addressed only by virtue of this program. Let me state one example, one issue register for faculty member was not traceable to the present staff. And for this it was not possible to issue final clearance to a particular faculty member. Then having no option, the former In-charge of Circulation Section was requested to come and help us to resolve the issue. Concern Officer came and helps us to solve the issue by 10minutes only. There are some other examples too in support of this event.

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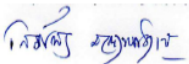
গ্রন্থাগার বিজ্ঞানের জনক ও ভারতের গ্রন্থাগার আন্দোলনের পথিকৃত অধ্যাপক ডঃ শিয়ালী রামামৃত রঙ্গনাথনের ১২৭তম জন্মবার্ষিকী উপলক্ষে বিশ্বভারতী লাইব্রেরি নেটওয়ার্ক এর পরিচালনায়, আগামী ১৯/০৮/২০১৯, সোমবার বিকাল ০৫:৩০ মিনিটে কেন্দ্রীয় গ্রন্থাগারের সভা কক্ষে গ্রন্থাগারিক দিবস উদযাপন ও একটি আলোচনা সভা এবং প্রাক্তন ও বর্তমান গ্রন্থাগার কর্মীদের একটি মিলন সভার আয়োজন করা হয়েছে।

উক্ত আলোচনা সভায় প্রধান বক্তা হিসাবে উপস্থিত থাকবেন মাননীয় শ্রী সৌরীন্দ্রনাথ বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, প্রাক্তন উপ-গ্রন্থাগারিক, বিশ্বভারতী, শান্তিনিকেতন।

সমগ্র অনুষ্ঠানে বিশেষ আতিথির আসন অলংকৃত করবেন অধ্যাপক বিদ্যুৎ চক্রবর্তী, সন্মানীয় উপাচার্য, বিশ্বভারতী।

অনুষ্ঠানের আয়োজনে বিশ্ব-ভারতী লাইব্রেরি নেটওয়ার্ক এর সমস্ত বর্তমান কর্মীবৃন্দকে সক্রিয় সহযোগিতা করার জন্য অনুরোধ জানানো হচ্ছে।

অনুষ্ঠানটিকে সফল করতে বিশ্ব-ভারতী লাইব্রেরি নেটওয়ার্ক এর সমস্ত প্রাক্তন ও বর্তমান কর্মীবৃন্দের উপস্থিতি একান্ত ভাবে কামনা করি।


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6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

Due to the bad condition of health, few retired staff were not able to take part in the event, even though they have mental willingness to attend. Transportation of the retired staff is also an issue to organize this event. Moreover, they are forced to back to their residence within limited time. Provision of fund (though minimum) is also a factor to arrange this event yearly.

To organize such an interesting and useful event, provision of fund must be created so that the event will be arranged every year without any break.

7. Notes (Optional):

Any other information regarding institutional values and best practices which the university would like to include.

It is indeed a true fact, that this type of program adds values to the library services in particular and institution in general. Further, this event helps to bridging the gap in between past and present of the VB library and institution too.