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Blind Date with a Book

Libraries are typically a hub for serious academics, the atmosphere benefits from a bit of fun once in a while, especially at the end of an academic year. National Library organised and conducted a small activity “Blind date with a book” to bring some fun and light to our library. Blind date with a book display was conducted during 23 – 27 October 2016. For this activity we wrapped 10 Dhivehi and 10 English new books. We included a clue with a little description about the book in order to help the customer to choose from and also kept a “rate your date” card inside the book to identify the customer satisfaction. Due to this activity, library got 9 new members and hundreds of likes to our Facebook page in one week.
In-service Training

An in-service training program was held from 04th to 08th September 2016. In this program information on library field and practices on some areas was given to a library staff from A.A.Ukulhas.
Advance Classification and Cataloguing Workshop

National Library has conducted a workshop on advance classification and cataloguing.

The workshop was designed for the technical librarians to develop their number building skills using Dewey Decimal Classification Table 1, Descriptive Cataloguing, and Machine Readable Cataloguing 21 (MARC 21) Standard. Training was conducted from 23 to 25 August 2016 at the Institute of Library and Information Services, National Library. Delivery of the training was carried out by Ms. Aminath Shiuna (Director, Digitisation & Training Section)

A total of 14 participants from school libraries, college libraries and other organisations completed the workshop.

Developing and Managing E-Library

The Malaysian Technical Cooperation Program (MTCP) is a regional cooperation program that aims to share development experiences and expertise with other developing countries. The MTCP program was designed with the belief that the quality of a country’s human resource is pivotal in the development and progress of a country. MTCP targets the development of human resources in areas such as public administration, good governance, health services, education, agriculture, ICT, banking and many more. Currently there are 79 participating training institutes for the MTCP which includes Multimedia University.

In collaboration with Multimedia University, MTCP program offered National Library of Maldives to select candidates for the Developing and Managing E-Library (DMeL) training workshop. The DMeL training workshop was a two week program held from 8-21 August 2016. A total of 16 participants from 12 different countries participated that included Bhutan, Fiji, Indonesia, Jordan, Laos, Maldives, Pakistan, Palau, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tuvalu and Zambia.

The program the topics discussed:
1. E-Library management, online database and resources
2. Open source software and hardware for library
3. ROI on library products and services Digitization
4. Online Library services

During the program study visits were organised to various Malaysian institutes. These include visit to the Perpustakaan Negara Malaysia (National Library of Malaysia), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Perdana Leadership Foundation, Istana Negara (King's palace), Perbadanan Perpustakaan Awam Selangor (Selangor State Public Library). In addition participants were given a chance to visit various tourist attractions of Malaysia and experience the taste of Malaysian culture.

Candidates from each country presented their country reports. And at the end of the workshop candidates were required to create and present a Plan of Action for their respective institutes based on the learning experiences gained during the workshop.