

Registration

A maximum of 25 participants will be permitted. Admission to the Workshop is on first come first served basis. The registration fee is Rs. 1500 per participant. However a limited number of seats are reserved for life members of Kerala Library Association and professional librarians of MG University and they have to pay Rs. 1250 only. Registration fee is to be paid by SBT Demand Draft in favour of **Kerala Library Association, Kottayam Region** payable at SBT MGU Campus Branch (Code No. 70669). The Registration fee includes workshop kit, working lunch and tea. Participants have to make their own arrangements for travel and accommodation. However necessary arrangements will be provided by organisers for accommodation.

Contact Details for Registration

Applications should be sent by mail or e-mail in the prescribed format to:

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Application form can also be downloaded from
www.keralalibraryassociation.org
<http://www.mgu.ac.in/>

Kerala Library Association

The Kerala Library Association (KLA) was founded in 1972 by a group of librarians who strongly felt the need for an independent professional association at the state level to promote the cause of library development, professional standards of librarians, entirely dedicated for libraries and librarians. The Headquarters of the Association is at Thiruvananthapuram. Since its inception KLA has been able to represent the interests of the librarians working in different libraries, always with due foresight and objectivity, keeping in view the proper development of the libraries and library services in the state. The achievements of KLA spanning over a period of three decades of steady progress is well reflected in the developmental history of library movement in Kerala. Official website of the Association is

www.keralalibraryassociation.org

Mahatma Gandhi University Library

The Library established in 1989, has a collection of about 44720 books, 1400 Ph.D theses and a current subscription to more than 360 journals, of which 150 are international. The Library also has access to more than 7000 online journals and databases including Sci-Finder Scholar under the UGC Infonet Digital Library Consortium. Moreover Library subscribes online databases such as EBSCO, ProQuest and Oxford Scholarship online. The Library has a very good ICT infrastructure. The University Library has also provided online public access to its PhD theses.



WORKSHOP ON KOHA

An Open Source Integrated
Library System

Wednesday – Friday,
July 6 to 8, 2011

Organised by

Mahatma Gandhi University Library
Kottayam

and

Kerala Library Association
Kottayam Region

Venue

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Introduction

Almost all libraries today have a collection of both print as well as electronic resources. Due to the wide range of information resources available, it has become necessary for libraries to automate all their operations to meet the growing demand of users. Before the origin of open source solutions, library automation was dominated by commercial library automation packages. Library authorities had to choose from the abundant availability of such library solutions to suit their service needs, financial needs and users' needs in an effective and efficient manner. Libraries are facing the problems of severe budget cuts, increased demand for various library services and lack of adequate technical staff. With the emergence of the Open source revolution, libraries, today, are adopting open source solutions for the automation of their libraries. Open source solutions are providing benefit to libraries by reducing initial and ongoing costs and eliminating vendor lock-in.

The Workshop on Koha

Koha is considered as a highly sophisticated Integrated Library System (ILS) in the open source domain which offers full featured ILS including OPAC, circulation, cataloguing, acquisitions, serials control etc. Koha is used world-wide by universities, public, school and special libraries. It was created in 1999 by Katipo Communications for the Horowhenua Library Trust in New Zealand.

Major Features of Koha

- Works on SQL with cataloguing data stored in MARC and accessible via Z39.50.
- Simple, clear interface
- Various Web 2.0 facilities
- Union catalogue facility
- Customizable search
- Ability to cope with any number of branches, users and user categories.

Purpose of the Workshop

The purpose of the workshop is to familiarize the participants with the Koha software. The workshop aims to impart hands-on experience to participants on installation of Koha in linux platform and operation of the same.

Topics to be covered

- Library automation
- Open source initiatives
- Ubuntu Linux Operating System
- Koha

The Organisers

The organisers of the workshop are The Kerala Library Association – Kottayam Region and Mahatma Gandhi University Library.

The Workshop Co-ordinators

1. **Prof. M R Unni**, Registrar-in-Charge of University Librarian, Mahatma Gandhi University.
2. **Rev. Fr. Jose Viruppel**, Librarian Gr.I, S B College, Changanassery (Regional President, Kerala Library Association).

The Workshop Convenor

Sri. Unnikrishnan S, Assistant Librarian, Mahatma Gandhi University (Regional Secretary, Kerala Library Association).

Target Participants

Participants of the Workshop are Librarians from Universities, Colleges, Schools, and other Institutions. Library and Information Science students and teachers can also participate in the Workshop.

Operating platform & Methodology

Lectures, demonstration, discussions and extensive practical sessions will be available. A live DVD based on Ubuntu Linux and latest version of Koha will be distributed to participants.

Resource Persons

The workshop sessions will be handled by reputed Academicians, Computer professionals and experienced Librarians.

Venue & Date

Venue: Mahatma Gandhi University Library, Kottayam

Date: 6th to 8th July 2011.