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Library with Rare Records: A Hit

The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) has started a free audio library to pass on the country's classical and folk music traditions to future generations. The centre always concerned itself with the documentation, research, preservation, and restoration of all forms of art, whether it is music, dance, visual art, films or literature. With the help of collaboration with other institutions the centre concerns itself in creating cultural repositories that the public can access whenever it wants.

One can listen to great artists from the past at the library. Some choice picks are: Chembai Vaidyanatha Bhagavathar, Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer, M S Subbulakshmi, T R Mahalingam, D K Pattamal, Ali Akbar Khan, Ravi Shankar, Gauhar Jan, Maujuddin, Kesarbai Kerkar, Ariyakudi Ramanuja Iyengar, Salem Godavari, Bidaram Krishnappa, Veene Sheshanna, Mysore Palace orchestra, Bal Gandharva, and Indu Bala.

Source: http://www.newindianexpress.com/ cities/bengaluru/Library-with-Rare-Records-a-Hit/2015/04/08/article2752456.ece

Copyright Clearance Center's 'Get It Now' Integrates with OCLC's WorldShare Interlibrary Loan Service

Copyright Clearance Center, Inc. (CCC), a global licensing and content solutions organization, announced that its award-winning 'Get It Now' academic solution is integrated with OCLC's WorldShare Interlibrary Loan (ILL) service, the largest ILL network in the world.

Get It Now, adopted by nearly 300 institutions of higher education, is a cost-effective service that gives library patrons and staff instant access to valuable journal content from over 130 publishers. It increases operational efficiencies, streamlines article ordering and invoicing processes, and includes a comprehensive Librarian Dashboard to manage and track Get It Now article purchases and create real-time usage reports. Tightly integrated within article search and ILL workflows, Get It Now can be implemented as a librarian-mediated version, a link resolver-based unmediated version, or a hybrid of both.

Source: http://www.businesswire.com/news/ home/20150323005149/en/Copyright-Clearance-Center%E2%80%99s-Integrates-OCLC%E2%80%99s-WorldShare-Interlibrary

Google India '#TogetherOnline' Promotes Digital Literacy among Women

Google India has launched an initiative to promote digital literacy among women. Snapdeal, Axis Bank, HUL, and GSK have partnered with the search engine for its initiative #TogetherOnline. According to a

statement from the company, the nine-week-long initiative will see a number of activities across India starting with a concert with Farhan Akhtar to raise awareness amongst the youth in metro cities.

The company has also partnered with PopXo to cover easy to know and follow steps for day-to-day living for various categories. Under the helping women get online initiative, Google has imparted basic Internet training across 950 educational institutes training over 45,000 girl students and over 5,000 teachers who can continue to educate and inform more girl students across India.

Source: http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/ features/smartbuy/tech-news/google-indias-togetheronline-promotes-digital-literacy-among-women/article7003952.ece

People's Archive of Rural India

The small team of People's Archive of Rural India (PARI) launched the website that archives the everyday lives of everyday people in words, pictures, audio, and videos. The press meet in Chennai just before the launch and the news reports in the media kindled about 30,000 readers to browse through the pages of PARI within a week of its launch.

PARI has stories covering about 65 districts across India classified under categories such as Faces— glimpses of many faces from the rural India, Musafir—photos and articles on the experience of travelling to the villages, environment, women and talking albums— photo essays accompanied by audio captions. Besides videos, photos, and more than a hundred articles, PARI has important reports with summaries and key factoids under the Resources section.

Source: http://www.ruralindiaonline.org/

Sustainable Collection Services Snapped up by OCLC

OCLC has acquired Sustainable Collection Services (SCS), a company dedicated to helping libraries manage their print collections. OCLC maintains WorldCat, which it says is the largest aggregation of library data in the world, as well as the world's largest library resource sharing network. SCS services use WorldCat data and analytics to show individual libraries and library consortia which titles should be kept locally, which can be discarded, and which are the best candidates for shared collections.

"OCLC and SCS have worked as strategic partners to help libraries manage print materials since 2011", said Skip Prichard, OCLC President and CEO. "By bringing together the innovative services of SCS, the power of WorldCat and the thought leadership of OCLC Research, we can move quickly to build services to address this critical need for libraries", he added.

Source: http://www.researchinformation.info/news/ news story.php?newsid=1819

Searching through Historic Newspapers from 23 European Countries

As part of the Europeana Newspapers project, The European Library developed a historic newspapers browser that enables users to perform full-text searches in millions of historic newspaper pages. The prototype interface has undergone usability testing in spring 2014. On the basis of the recommendations received, The European Library simplified the search page and made it possible to browse the content by date, newspaper title, and geographic map. Before the end of the project a further usability study will be carried out to test the improvements made. While the amount of content in the browser continues to grow rapidly one can already explore 1.8 million historic newspaper issues and perform full-text searches across seven million pages. By the end of January 2015, the browser contained around 30 million newspaper pages from 25 libraries in 23 European countries. Users will be able to search:

- Full text of more than 10 million historic newspaper pages.

- Named entity recognition in Dutch, German, and French to enable searches of names of people and geographic places.
- Metadata records of over 20 million historic newspaper pages.

Source: http://www.europeana-newspapers.eu/searching-through-historic-newspapers-from-23-european-countries/

NISO Launches New Standards Development Projects in New Forms of Assessing Impact and Altmetrics

The voting members of the National Information Standards Organization (NISO) have approved four new projects to develop standards for alternative assessment metrics (altmetrics). The NISO Alternative Assessment Metrics Initiative was begun in July 2013 with funding from the Alfred P Sloan Foundation with a goal of building trust and adoption in new methods of assessing impact. Phase 1 of the project, which was completed this summer, gathered a large array of relevant stakeholder groups to identify what areas of alternative metrics would benefit most from standards-related developments. This input was distilled into a white paper published in June 2014, which was then presented to the NISO community to prioritize the action items as possible NISO work items. Phase 2 of the project will be to develop standards or recommended practices in the prioritized areas of definitions, calculation methodologies, improvement of data quality, and use of persistent identifiers in alternative metrics. As part of each project, relevant use cases and how they apply to different stakeholder groups will be developed.

Source: http://www.niso.org/news/pr/view?item_key=f8a268f9b2da7519847f67b87704da647196cf50

Ingram Adds New Tools for Academic Libraries on ipage Search

Developed and launched in 1998, ipage remains the leading online search, order, and account management tool for the book industry and libraries worldwide. The Content Group is enhancing new features to ipage that will include multiple search, filtering and content sorting options in addition to functionality to review and manage new title notifications and print and e-book approval plans. In addition to fast search results and intuitive navigation, other tools developed exclusively for Ingram academic library customers, include batch title processing choices and options to stay connected with colleagues anywhere with forwarding and email options and quick access to a view of actions taken on titles.

Source: http://www.ingramcontent.com/pressreleases/Pages/Ingram-Adds-New-Tools-for-Academic-Libraries-on-ipage-Search-and-Order-Content-Platform.aspx

Library of Congress Partners with NYC Public Radio Station For Free On-Demand Access to Library-Commissioned Classical Music

The Library of Congress Music Division and Q2 Music, the online stream of contemporary classical music presented by New York-based public broadcaster WQXR Radio, announced a collaboration that will make more than 20 pieces of contemporary classical music commissioned by the Library available to listeners free of charge via general rotation on Q2 Music's continuously available stream of new music and on-demand at the website: www.q2music.org. The Library of Congress has solely or jointly commissioned scores of works in the contemporary classical-music canon since the 1920s.

Source: http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2015/15-048.html

South Africa: Innovative Library Statistics Database Goes National

Universities across South Africa will soon make use of an innovative statistics database that was developed by Cape Peninsula University of

Technology (CPUT) Libraries. The database was developed at CPUT Libraries for the recording and managing of library statistics and is the first such initiative in Africa. It provides a platform for the collecting of common statistics from all academic libraries in South Africa, forming a national database of academic library statistics. The database provides insight into a national profile of these libraries, ensuring best practice, collaboration, and benchmarking among South African academic libraries. It also provides the opportunity for member libraries to collect institutional library statistics for their own purposes.

Source: http://www.cput.ac.za/newsroom/news/article/2868/innovative-library-statistics-database-goes-national

4th International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL 2015): Creating the New Values beyond Library

The Special Libraries Association (SLA)—Asian Chapter in association with the Korea Special Library Association (KSLA), Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information (KISTI),

and National Assembly Library (NAL) organized the 4th International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL 2015) on Strategies to Create the New Value of Libraries in the Digital Era at National Assembly Library, Seoul, Korea on April 22–24, 2015. The main objective was to provide a platform for exchange of knowledge and skills relevant to information professionals in Asia with a global perspective. This conference brought together the dispersed special community of the library professionals across the world through a common platform to share experiences and ensured that information professionals are aware of the latest developments in the library and information field.

One of the major topics debated out in this conference was the best contents strategy to enhance competitiveness of libraries in the digital era such as digital contents, research data, big data, information organization, collection management, contents preservation, digital curation, archiving, open access, linked open data, repositories, etc. It also focused on increasing the value of library services and securing competencies among the libraries and information technology professionals.

Source: http://www.icoasl2015.com/