

"Libraries are starting places for the adventure of learning that can go on whatever one's vocation and location in life. Reading is an adventure like that of discovery itself. Libraries are our base camp." –James H Billinton

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Read-A-Thon: A Marathon of Minds

A Read-A-Thon is an event where participants commit to reading as many books as possible within a set timeframe. It is not just about the number of books read but about cultivating a deep and lasting love for literature. Participants—students, researchers, faculty, and book lovers—embark on this literary journey with enthusiasm, exploring diverse genres and perspectives.

Benefits of a Read-A-Thon

Reading is known to improve vocabulary, comprehension, and critical thinking. A Read-A-Thon encourages readers to engage with complex texts, sharpening their analytical abilities.

Just as an athlete trains for a marathon, a reader must set goals and dedicate time to reading. This



Library Timings

Monday to Saturday
8.00 AM to 9.00 PM
Circulation Timings
8.00 AM to 5.00 PM

cultivates discipline and enhances concentration skills.

Read-A-Thons often bring together book lovers who share insights, discuss literary themes, and recommend books, creating a thriving intellectual community.

Immersing oneself in a book provides an escape from daily pressures, offering relaxation and mental rejuvenation.

A Read-A-Thon is more than just a reading challenge—it is a celebration of knowledge, creativity, and intellectual growth. As participants turn pages, they not only expand their understanding of the world.

Book Exhibition



The Central Library organized a Book Exhibition on October 28, 2024, showcasing a diverse collection of books across multiple disciplines. The exhibition featured books on literature, technology, computer science, architecture, design,

general, self-help and more, catering to the varied academic and intellectual interests of students and faculty.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from both students and faculty members, who explored the curat-

ed selection of books and engaged in discussions about recent publications and emerging trends in various fields. The exhibition provided an excellent opportunity for the university community to discover new resources, stay updated.

Visit of Prof. Dong-Geun Oh and Dr. S.K. Ashok Kumar

On Tuesday, July 23, 2024, Prof. Dong-Geun Oh, Chairperson of the Department of Library and Information Science at Keimyung University, South Korea, and Dr. S.K. Ashok Kumar, Chief Librarian at Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai, visited the PESU Library.

During the session, Prof. Oh shared his experiences and valuable insights on various topics, including:

Key differences in library practices between South Korea and other countries. The impact of digital transformation and emerging technologies in libraries. Approaches to data privacy and security in South Korean libraries. Strategies for enhancing community engagement and increasing library usage. The visit concluded with a felicitation by the library staff.



Webinar

The Central Library and the Office of the Dean of Research organized an exclusive webinar for faculty members and research scholars in collaboration with the Taylor & Francis Group on Friday, July 5, 2024, from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM. The session was led by Mr. Ashish Dev Gandhi, Senior Executive for Open Research at Taylor & Francis Group.

The webinar provided valuable insights into publishing in peer-reviewed, high-impact journals, guiding researchers through the entire process—from manuscript preparation and submission to navigating peer review, understanding open access models, and licensing requirements. This comprehensive session equipped participants with the essential knowledge to enhance their publishing success. It was a valuable opportunity for researchers with manuscripts ready for submission to gain clarity on best practices and strategies for increasing their chances of publication in reputed journals.

Session Chair

The Learning Resource Centre at JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru, in collaboration with the Karnataka State Library Association (R), organized a two-day international conference, ICLIS-2024, on the theme “Linking, Informing, and Sharing: Building Resilient Education and Library Systems” on July 25–26, 2024.

Dr. Subhash Reddy B, Librarian, was invited to serve as a Session Chair in one of the technical sessions of the International Conference.

Technical Talk on IEEE Resources

The Central Library and the Department of ECE at PES University organized a technical talk on January 31, 2024, at the GJBC Auditorium. Dr. Dhanu Patanashetti, Senior IEEE Client Services Manager, delivered the keynote address, emphasizing IEEE’s role in research, innovation, and professional growth. The session included discussions on IEEE resources, collaboration opportunities, and a Q&A segment. A quiz concluded the event, with winners receiving IEEE goodies.



Webinar on ACM Open

The Central Library and the Department of Computer Science at PES University organized a webinar on ACM Open—ACM’s transformative model for open-access publishing—on June 5, 2024. The session was designed to help research scholars and faculty members understand the benefits of open-access publishing and how ACM supports scholarly communication.

Mr. Abhishek Narayan Singh, Manager, Client Engagement & Product at Global Information Systems Technology, was the keynote speaker. He provided insights into ACM Open, its impact on research visibility, and how faculty and researchers can leverage it for wider dissemination of their work.

The interactive session featured discussions on the advantages of open access, publication opportunities, and ACM’s role in advancing scholarly research.

Librarian's Day Celebration



PES University Library celebrated National Librarian's Day on August 12th in honor of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan (1892–1972), the National Professor of Library Science, whose contributions played a pivotal role in shaping libraries in India.

To mark Dr. Ranganathan's 132nd birth anniversary, PES University Libraries commemorated the occasion by felicitating a retired librarian for their outstanding service to the profession.

The event began at 10:00 AM with a floral tribute to the bust of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan. Distinguished guests, including Prof. K. S. Sridhar (Registrar), Prof. B. K. Keshavan (Dean of Engineering), Mrs. Gayathri Sen (Former Librarian), Sri C. Ramaswamy, and Dr. Subhash Reddy B Librarian, along with library staff, participated in the ceremony.



Rotary Vocational Excellence Award

AI Tools for Researchers



On August 12, 2024, Rotary Tumkur recognized Dr. Subhash Reddy B, Librarian, with the prestigious "Rotary Vocational Excellence Award" in celebration of National Librarians Day. This award honors professionals who have demonstrated outstanding dedication, leadership, and excellence in their respective fields. Dr. Subhash Reddy B was recognized for his significant contributions to the field of library and information science, his commitment to enhancing library services, and his efforts in fostering academic and research excellence through innovative library practices.

The Central Library and the Office of the Dean of Research, in collaboration with the Karnataka State Library Association (KALA), organized a special lecture on "AI Tools for Researchers" on November 16, 2024. The session was delivered by Dr. Biplab Sarkar, Professor at FOMC, as part of the National Library Week 2024 celebrations.



Research writing workshop

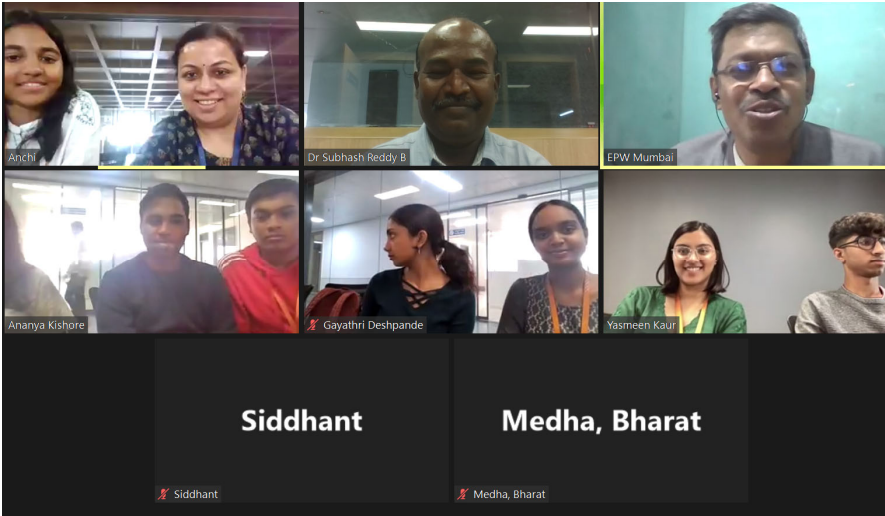
The Central Library and the Department of Computer Applications collaboratively organized a Workshop on Research Paper Writing for MCA students, research scholars, and faculty members. The workshop was held on Saturday, March 23, 2024.



The Central Library celebrated National Library Week 2024 with a week-long Quiz Series on e-resources from November 14 to 20, 2024. This engaging initiative aimed to promote awareness and effective use of the e-resources subscribed to by PES University. Over 2,300 students participated in the quiz series, and 35 top performers were selected and rewarded with publisher-sponsored goodies.



EPWRF ITS database Orientation



The Central Library and the Department of Economics jointly organized an Orientation Session on the 'EPWRF India Time Series Database on the Indian Economy' on January 25, 2024, at 3:00 PM via Zoom. The session was conducted by Mr. Bipin K. Deokar from EPWRF and aimed to familiarize participants with the features and applications of the EPWRF ITS database for economic research.

Invited Talk / Internship



Dr. Subhash Reddy B, Librarian, delivered an invited talk on "AI Applications in Libraries" at G.T.N. Arts College (Autonomous), Dindigul, during the Two-Day National Conference on "Artificial Intelligence and the Green Revolution: Transforming Library Management for Sustainable Futures," held on December 12–13,

Six MLISc students from Bangalore University participated in an internship/training program from January 29, 2024, to February 27, 2024.



Database Training



The Central Library and the Faculty of Law jointly organized a training session on "Lexis Advance® India" for law students and faculty on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. The session was conducted by Ms. Sarita Patnaik, Senior LPO Professional, Client Services Specialist, and Senior Legal Trainer, Lexis India.



PESU Libraries have successfully transitioned to the KOHA library management system. Additionally, RFID technology and a self-checkout station have been installed to enhance user experience. To ensure a smooth implementation, all library staff underwent a two-day training program on March 1 and 2, 2024, to familiarize themselves with these new systems.



PESU Library, in collaboration with the Dept. CSE, organized an IEEE Interactive Session for faculty and students on Feb 26, 2024. The session featured Mr. Alex Liu, IEEE-Singapore, who engaged with students, providing insights into IEEE resources.



Library Usage Statistics

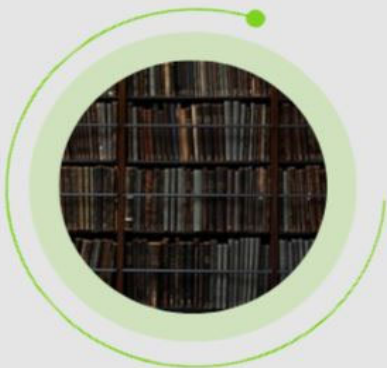


Membership

- The library has seen **6,076** new members
- **7,636** Remote access users
- **113** IRINS Faculty Profiles
- **85** Shodhchakra Researcher Profiles

Usage

194,754 - Physical Visits to the Libraries
597,243 - e-Resources Access
4,756 - eBook Usage
40,760 - Remote Access Utilization
70,029 - Digital Library Access
43,007 - Books Circulated
31,141 - Plagiarism Checks Conducted
8,043 - Videos Viewed



Collection

2,622 New Books Added
588 Print Periodicals Added
1,016 New Arrivals Displayed
310 Theme-Based Books Displays

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