

Editor's voice

Alhamdulillah

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Being a Muslim the time of gratitude to almighty Allah is not specific, but it is the time to special thanks that Allah has given the opportunity to the department to prove its leading capabilities after a long gap. As a head of the Department it is fascinating to inform all the professional colleagues that the responsibility of publishing the *Pakistan Journal of Library & Information Science* is now shifted to the shoulders of the department by the bureau. The Library Promotion Bureau has been publishing it quarterly since 1966. Since then, this is the only journal being published on LIS platform that has been publishing research done by LIS faculty, librarians, and students in the country. We are very grateful to the Library Promotion Bureau, especially Dr. Ghani ul Akram Sabzwari Sahib and Professor Dr. Nasim Fatima for considering us worthy of this responsibility. The department is committed not only to enhance its quality but do it every best to make this journal one of the top academic journals in the research field of library & information Science. To improve and enhance the quality, we need the energetic, qualified and high profile researchers and professional for its editorial team and reviewers. The department will strive to bring the journal to international standards and to be included in the HEC list. Beside this research journal the department is also launching a magazine, entitled "Baad e Ilm"

Alhamdulillah, after a gap of 14 years, the Department has once again provided a platform for professionals across the country for an international conference. The two-day successful conference "KohaCon2024" held on 22 & 23 August, 2024, entitled "Digital Horizon: Information Society and Future Landscape of librarianship", organized by the department with the collaboration of Pakistan Library Club (PLC) and Koha Community Pakistan in which experts from across the country participated. There were dignitaries like Prof. Malahat K. Sherwani, Prof. Dr. Nausheen F. Warraich, Prof. Dr. Salman Bin Naeem, Prof. Dr. Naushad Ghazanfer, Dr. Ammarah Malik, Dr. Aaliya, Dr. Shahzadi, Dr. MidrarUllah and many others who graced the conference with their presence and thoughtful insights. This type of programs provides opportunities to collaboration among the individuals and institutions and their combined efforts brought out better result with less resources. Sharing talents and resources can help us to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort and use this energy to maximize participation's power for greater success. The department will always welcome to every event / organization which enriches our profession and professionals and support to interact, learn and exchange ideas with national and international community.

Earlier, in the month of April, World Book & Copyright Day was also celebrated by the department with great enthusiasm. The successful execution of these programs has brought the community's appreciation, which brings joy to the department, and we are now striving to perform better.

The department believes that Library associations at different levels have been playing a significant role in the development and promotion of the profession as well as professionals. The national library associations of individual countries support international librarianship practices and if we would like to be a part of the international community in a respectable manners than we must pay attention to the Pakistan Library Association to achieve the goal. Further to promote the library activities and librarianship with in the country the PLA should organize different workshops, seminars, conferences, book fairs, book day, library day, book launching ceremony and other activities in the relevant province.

The Informal library groups/ organizations of the community can also offer their services to make a strong image of our national professional body (PLA). These groups may also interact with other fellow alumni which could be a strong supporting source for their alma mater and profession as well. About four thousand Alumni of the department are holding key positions within or outside the country, they should come forward to strengthen the association as a great source of inspiration. On other hand the advent of Social Media, alumni relationship is another source of existence for altogether. We have to harness with alumni through various networking platforms such as WhatsApp groups, LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter etc.

The department firmly understand its responsibilities & role and constantly stand in the front line to bring together library professionals and intellects for sharing of experiences, ideas and plans for a better future. All professional, individuals, groups, organizations and library schools are more than welcome for profession's development.

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