National Seminar on
“PUBLIC LIBRARY AND DIGITAL DIVIDE” OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES
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On 23rd April 2003 Sambalpur Public Library (SPL) has been established at Sambalpur as registered body vide No SBL-5771-7-07 2003-04 to cater to the needs of the fast-growing population of Sambalpur. This is a unique institution because it has grown both in terms of quality and quantity not only acting as a storehouse of knowledge but also disseminating of information to the people both in respect of secular and spiritual spheres. The SPL is transforming its learners through knowledge dissimulation to face challenges and become good citizens. The discourse on the spiritual knowledge imparted by it, is also helping them with aspiration, to break their egos, open their hearts expand their consciousness and deepening their spirits.

The SPL is promoting a climate to break down separation and build of unity. The essential unity of spirit and awareness of life in all of us is the key. The real glory is a life of unity and happiness and this is the glory and uniqueness of the library. A new consciousness is created to bring peace & harmony through understanding and reconciliation for growth and progress. The Library also adopts an integrated approach to the whole system as found in most of the advanced libraries of the world, including meeting new challenges with proper planning to develop research activities for qualitative development besides providing library services and facilities to the readers. It has also launched a floating service to reach the children at their doorsteps so as to promote the reading habits and thus, has become better equipped for the needs of this knowledge century. SPL is the recognized center of Distance Learning by Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur which is offering 12 different courses.

**THEME**

Major Sub-Theme (Not exhaustive) of the Seminar are:

- Digital Divide: Application of Latest Technologies in Libraries
- Digital Library: Case Studies, Innovations and Value-Added Services
- Institutional Repositories and Open Access Initiatives
- Innovative Technologies, Mobile Application
- Library 2.0, Web 2.0
- Public Library and E-governance
- Emerging Trends and Issues: Nature of the Digital Divide in Learning
- Social Media and Social Networking Applications in Libraries
- Preservation of Intangible Cultural Heritage and Indigenous Knowledge
- Green Library, Smart Library.
- Information/ Digital Literacy: Models, Strategies and Best Practices
- Disruptive Technology
- IPR & Copyright
ABOUT THE SEMINAR:

The Digital Divide, otherwise, reckoned as a digital split has become a fundamental social issue signifying the sense of the differing amount of information between those who are facilitated with access to the Internet especially broadband access and those who are deprived of access. The term is also identified as a gap between the demographics and the regions having facilities to ICT at their doorstep and who are deprived of such facilities. The primary objective of the public library is to cater value-added services through ICT to the educators, learners both in-house and distance mode and it has become crucial and imminent by the public library to meet the users’ demand. Librarians in the midst of globalization of education, availability of mammoth literature on Internet domain, prevailing of multidimensional research reshaped the resource collection to meet the varied demands of the patrons. The current trend of the practice in providing information by the public libraries in the knowledge-based society powerfully linked to decision making, strategic management, competitive advantages, innovation, and Research and Development. The public library in the present technology scenario acts as an intermediary agency between the government and the public. It is a termination podium as well to transmit the issues of e-governance and new plans of the government for the wider benefit of the public through realistic techniques by employing their skills and competencies to the public irrespective of their location. Innovative technologies are the essential tools in materializing the mission of the government. The transformed knowledge, thus, in the preferred structure accomplish the multifarious objectives of the government. A true value of learning wheel, the future librarianship is going to witness encapsulating required skills and competencies in view of unconditional prevailing of ICT in every stage of its operation like acquisition, organization, dissemination, and preservation of knowledge for yielding to a new horizon in the service domain. Again, capacity building and skill development being the major and indispensable criteria in such a dynamic change, the librarian needs to accept the challenges in spite of all resistances and the responsibilities in facilitating services in next generation of librarianship. The present national seminar organized by the Sambalpur Public Library in collaboration with Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur is intended for a key argument to create a content-based service model which will make effective linkage between disruptive forces of the technologies and adoption of advanced technologies for storage, use of digital information of different kinds including preservation across high speed network and application in other emerging areas of library services which will act as catalyst among the working professionals, educators and learners.
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9. Accommodation wanted: Yes/ No
10. Accompanying person: Yes/No.
11. Relation with the accompanying person: ________________________________
12. Choice of Food: Vegetarian/ Non-vegetarian
13. Date and Time of Arrival: ________________________________
14. Mode of Arrival: ________________________________

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2. The registration fee includes kits, lunch, dinner & accommodation charges

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2. The article should not exceed 2500 words and should be typed in 12-point Times New Roman font with page numbers at the bottom center of every page.
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Important Dates
31st January 2019 - Submission of Full paper
05th February 2019 - Notification of Acceptance of the paper