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CONNEXION@DLIS; THE DLIS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

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MESSAGE FROM THE HOD

Title: Congratulations DLIS!

By: Zahidah Zulkifli



Bismillahirahmanirrahim,

May 2022, marked 30 years of the Department of Library and Information Science (DLIS). The department was started on the Petaling Jaya campus by the strong efforts and passion that have been given by the team during that time. Since then, the department has successfully produced a lot of experts including librarians, lecturers, archivists, project managers, and many more.

All the success will never happen without them. Today, we are celebrating the DLIS 30th Anniversary to show our appreciation to all the remarkable people who have made what the department is today.

The connexion@DLIS which is also the continuity of the celebration from the recent 20th KICT anniversary that was started in April 2021 with 4 industrial talks, "interesting facts about DLIS", games, and logo competition. It is followed by the closing ceremony that was held in hybrid mode at the KICT Conference Roo, Zoom and YouTube. During the closing ceremony 30 guests were invited, who are the Kulliyyah members, DLIS staff, and students. They are also librarians from Perpustakaan Kuala Lumpur, IIUM Dar al-hikmah, Gombak and ISTAC campus. The session was fulfilled with Forum and Hi-Tea. Finally, on 14 June 2021, we were invited to visit National Archives Malaysia, which is the last activity for the anniversary celebration.

We are fortunate to have support from the Kulliyyah, Prof. Dr. Abd. Rahman Ahlan as the advisor, Dr. Muri Mahmud, the DDPGR, Dr. Nor Azura Zakaria, the HORRI, Madam Zenita, and definitely the department members; even though there are only 6 of us, and I just joined the department in August 2021, but the commitment that has been given is amazing.

The backbone of this event is definitely LISSA – The Library and Information Science Student Assembly, led by Sr. Fawdatuzzihan and her team who worked very hard day and night since early this year. Alhamdulillah, it was a very good start to the new line-up of LISSA, and more activities will be coming insyaAllah.

I see this as a collaborative opportunity where everyone has a role to play in supporting the department and the Library and Information Science programs into the future. I sincerely hope the ukhwah that has been developed among us is not going to stop here, but even stronger. InsyaAllah, more activities and programs will support our educators, students, collaborators, and researchers to create a sustainable future for the library and information science.

Sincerely,
Asst. Prof. Ts. Dr. Zahidah Zulkifli

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



2022 marked the 30th establishment of DLIS. The library and Information Science program are only offered at 4 higher institutions in Malaysia and we are one of them. I feel privileged to be able to deliver this message as a Chairman of Connexion@DLIS. This is a special time for DLIS in history as we celebrating our 30th anniversary in the mid of 2022. The journey of DLIS began since 1996 and now reach 3 decades, DLIS continues to build a reputation world-class teaching and research faculty in the domain of librarianship and information science.

DLIS offered to study for postgraduate level; Master and Ph.D programs in Library and Information Science fields. Postgraduates students are from various fields and combining of local and international students. DLIS provides knowledge and skills from expert lecturers and train our students with sufficient input for them to enter the job market. We welcome all such aspirants who like to seek knowledge and skills in library and information field to come and join DLIS and be the part of global community soon after the graduations.

To be part of this ecosystem for the past 12 years, I'm proud to say I am blessed because I have been surrounded by great mentors, lecturers, and colleagues who shared their experience and expertise throughout my study life until become a staff of this department. There are so many programs organized throughout the year that benefit me previously as a student and now as a staff.

CONNEXION@DLIS started on 14 April until 3 June 2022, we organized a few talks related to Library Information Science, sharing from the experts of industries or first-hand experience from experts to expose our students to the real experience of their seniors. we do library visits, games, and logo competitions.

By organizing CONNEXION@DLIS, we at DLIS managed to keep in touch with our super senior DLIS staff members such as Prof Dr. Ahmad Bakri, Dr. Noorharun, Dr. Basri Hasan, Dr. Wan Ali Wan Mamat, and many more and we also managed to get the valuable information related to DLIS.. alhamdulillah.. Hopefully, CONNEXION@DLIS will be the kick-off platform for all alumni and students of DLIS to share their thought and ideas for making DLIS better in the future.

Finally, I would sincerely thank and acknowledge everyone who extended help in making this event a grand success. Our Dean, Prof Dr. Abdul Rahman Ahlan, Hod of DLIS Dr. Zahidah Zulkifli, DLIS members, HoRI office, and my beloved LISSA members.

Thank you for your continued support and belief.

Asst. Prof. Dr. Nur Leyni Nilam Putri bt Junurham

MESSAGE FROM LISSA PRESIDENT

Alhamdulillah semester 2 2021/2022 has come to an end. With the support and courage from everybody in the Library and Information Science Students' Association (LISSA) and the Department of Library and Information Science (DLIS) according to their respective rank and contributions, many activities were successfully conducted.

For 30 years of its establishment, DLIS has been a vital institution in producing many skilful guardians of knowledge. Today, living in the Dataistic World, librarians play an essential role in guiding researchers and students to obtain authoritative scientific material in a vast ocean of information. Therefore, in conjunction with curriculums that has been long established and taught well by our dedicated teachers, outside class activities are not less important.

In addition, it should also be remembered that as far as technological advances are concerned, let us strive to qualify ourselves to be a librarian who earnestly preserves the strength of a long scientific tradition.

Finally, yet importantly, hopefully DLIS will continue to aspires to produce information professionals equipped with modern skills and competencies and imbued with Islamic values to meet the needs of a modern society. Let us pray that Allah bless our teachers for the time they dedicate and effort they make to uphold its missions.

by Fawdatuzzihan binti Mohamad Suandi

Activity 1 : DLIS Industrial Talk

In conjunction with 30 years of Department of Library and Information Science (DLIS), DLIS has conducted 4 industrial talks. The first talk on the 14 of April 2022 entitled "Research Problems in Information Access and Cataloguing Practices". The talk delivered by Dr. Zahila Mohd Nor, Senior Librarian, IIUM. The talk was done virtually in YouTube and Zoom. Approximately 138 viewers viewed this talk.

The second talk entitled "Digital Library: Processes, Services, Challenges, and Opportunities" by Mr. Nor Azan Ibrahim, Senior Librarian, USM was conducted on 21st April 2022. 133 participants attended the talk consist of DLIS students, staff and external students from other universities.

On the 12 May 2022, the third series of Industrial talk conducted with the title of "Research Support Services during Pandemics Period: Open Science Initiatives and Research Data Management". The speaker is Mdm Cik Ramlah Che Jaafar, senior librarian from USM. A lot of beneficial input related Open Science and Research Data Management initiatives during pandemic shared by Mdm Cik Ramlah.

The last career talk session was delivered by Mr Mohd Fazli Omar, Head, Syed Muhammad Naquib Al-Attas Library, ISTAC-IIUM. Mr Fazli delivered a talk on the topic of "Trends and Issues in the Islamic Literature and Reference Sources". Mr Fazli shared with the audience the way of finding Islamic sources and suitable channels to acquire relevant Islamic sources. Apart from that, he also shared issues faced by users while searching for the sources. Approximately 130 viewers viewed this talk.

The main reasons of organizing industrial talk are to exposed students with the knowledge from experts from library world. It also allowed students to asked question related to library setting to the speaker who have experience for more than 10 years in the library setting.

For more information about the connexion@DLIS, kindly refer to the KICT website at https://www.iium.edu.my/kulliyyah/kict/department-of-library-information-science

Asst. Prof. Dr. Nur Leyni Nilam Putri bt Junurham













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30 Years of Dedication

SAVE THE DATE:

14 APRIL 2022 - 3 JUNE 2022

14 APRIL 2022

SEMINAR 1: RESEARCH PROBLEMS IN INFORMATION ACCESS AND CATALOGUING **PRACTICES**

Speaker: Dr. Zahila Mohd Nor (Senior Librarian, IIUM)

21 APRIL 2022

SEMINAR 2: DIGITAL LIBRARY: PROCESSESES, SERVICES, CHALLENGES, AND **OPPORTUNITIES**

Speaker: Mr. Nor Azan Ibrahim (Senior Librarian, Ketua Bahagian Sistem & Teknologi Maklumat Perpustakaan Hamzah Sendut 1, USM)

12 MAY 2022

SEMINAR 3: RESEARCH SUPPORT SERVICES DURING PANDEMIC PERIOD: OPEN SCIENCE INITIATIVES AND RESEARCH DATA MANAGEMENT

> Speaker: Mdm Cik Ramlah Che Jaafar (Senior Librarian, Research Support Division Perpustakaan Sendut, USM)

17 MAY 2022

SEMINAR 4: TRENDS AND ISSUES IN THE ISLAMIC LITERATURE AND REFERENCE SOURCES

Speaker: Mr. Fazli Omar (Senior Librarian, Syed Naquib Al-Attas Library, ISTAC-IIUM)

17 - 30 MAY 2022

IIUM LISSA LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

30 MAY 2022 - 2 JUNE 2022

- VIDEO INTERVIEW WITH DLIS ALUMNI
- TRIVIA
- · QUIZ

3 JUNE 2022

- FORUM
- HI-TEA
- AWARDS GIVING CEREMONY
- CLOSING CEREMONY

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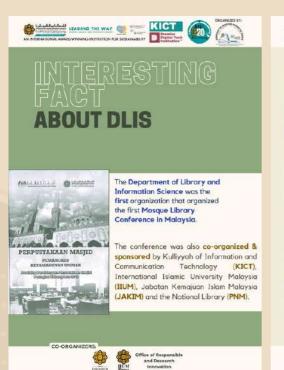




Activity 2:

Interesting Facts about DLIS

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INTERESTING **FACT ABOUT**

It was held on 27-28 March 2012 in the KICT, IIUM, In fact, during that time, there has never been any seminar or conference particularly relating to mosque library planning and development in Malaysia

During that time, there are more than 5000 Jami' mosques in the country but unfortunately, only 64 of them has library, and the majority of them in the form of reading room only, rather than a proper library (Balqis Suja', Islamic Librarianship and Malaysian Islamic Libraries, 2012).

mosque library should not happen in a country like Malaysia which aspires to play an exemplary role for the Muslim World.

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The conference has gathered the presenters from IIUM, JAKIM, International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC) and the National Library. It was officiated by Y.B Senator Mejar Jeneral Dato' Seri Jamil Khir bin Haji Baharom, the Minister in the Prime Minister's Office.

















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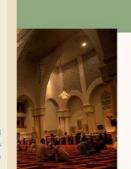
significant role in the development of Islamic civilization, especially during the era of Bani Umayyah and Abbassiyah dynasties (7th-12th

During the period, mosque institution not only played the role as a place for worship, but equally important as a place to meet the thirst for knowledge among the believers.

Most of the Jami' mosques have a reasonably good library.

In fact, almost all universities developed from mosque library, including Azhar University, Cairo.

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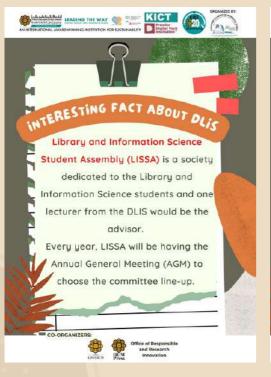


This conference was an initiative to increase the roles of mosques as an education centre and spreading the "dakwah" that inspires all the Muslim all over the world.



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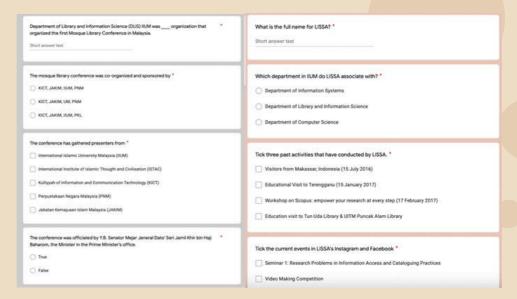
Activity 3:

Games



We conducted a two-day quiz related to the trivia that were uploaded a day before. The quiz was conducted through Google Form. The first quiz was released on 31 May 2022 which was Tuesday, meanwhile the second quiz was released on 2 June 2022 which was Thursday, and both were released at 2PM. The participants were given 24 hours to answer and only one chance to answer all the questions.

The two figures above are some of the questions from the quiz. The participation were quite good and the winner for both days are Sister Nur Lina Khalida from MLIS IIUM





Activity 4: Forum & Hi Tea

Newsletter for 30th DLIS Anniversary

Forum: Library in the Digital Age

In conjunction with the 30th DLIS anniversary celebration, the department has successfully conducted a forum deliberating on the topic of 'Library in the Digital Age'. With 30 years of dedication to nurturing the LIS community, the department has invited three experts who have great contributions in their respective domains to share their wisdom and experiences. The panellists were Prof Dr Abd Rahman Ahlan (Dean of KICT), an expert in the Information System; Dr Hj Wan Ali Wan Mamat (Senior Academic Fellow, International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization - ISTAC-IIUM) an expert in Malay Manuscripts; and Mr Shaharizad Adnan (Senior Librarian, Perpustakaan Kuala Lumpur) public library practitioner. This forum was trying to look into different approaches to enhance the current library services to serve the patrons better in the future.

With the recent advancements in digital technology, the nature of libraries has changed dramatically. As more information has become available to the public through a wide range of technological tools, the traditional concept of the library is being redefined. The library now houses content using the most advanced technologies, including digital collections, social media, and multimedia resources. In addition, the digital age has significantly increased the amount of information produced daily, which is heavily impacting how we store and preserve information. However, this transformation has brought a challenge in the library and information services field of dealing with the ever-increasing complexity of information and upholding the rising needs and expectations of the users. Among others, the forum discussed the roles of the library in the digital age, especially in the Malaysian context.

Initially, libraries are spaces or destinations to think, collaborate, learn, discover, and create knowledge. As Dr Hj Wan Ali mentioned, to become better librarians, the LIS students should enhance their communication skills and learn how to effectively engage with the users. Students are encouraged to take charge of any library community-based programs as a part of their research activities so that they could gain experience on how to deal with different types of users and their needs. He also touched on the significance of Manuscript digitization projects to researchers and the community. The manuscript research boundaries have expanded, and researchers are into the digital copy of the manuscripts since restrictions are imposed to preserve the value of the original manuscripts. Furthermore, an initiative to develop Malay manuscript corpora is crucial to assist experts in manuscripts, linguistics, and computer science for future research.

According to Mr Shaharizad, being a public library in the busiest city in Malaysia, the Kuala Lumpur library has meticulously measured its users' needs. During the outbreak of Covid-19 in the past two years, heavy reliance on various online platforms and digital resources in the library was captured. Hence, the library provides various initiatives to cope with the latest technological advancement, for instance, user profiling has been initiated in supporting the formal and informal teaching and learning activities for the students and the researchers. This has indirectly given an impact on the library collections and requires a continuous enhancement of the collection development process. The library enriches digital collections in an effort to fulfil the needs of the technology-savvy users among young generations today. The library has optimized the use of social media platforms to promote its collections and activities to the public. Positive feedback was received throughout the pandemic where users actively participated in various libraries' online activities.

Additionally, Digital Humanities is a new trend in the LIS domain, focusing on humanities-related research by using technology and different types of computational tools to inspire new forms of interaction and create innovations in teaching and learning. Prof Dr Abdul Rahman Ahlan highlighted technological contributions to the special needs users, such as magnified digital books to assist visually impaired users, and multimedia materials to support the hearing-impaired users to understand the sign language to name a few. He also stated that many potential research areas could be explored in the open science domain such as creating new library services in publishing various research datasets, methodologies, and instruments, by integrating the digital data into the library's scholarly work. In response to the recent high demand for digital resources, the development of a new model of library operational cost, capturing the various operational costs of hardware and software, cloud storage, server maintenance, and training is deemed necessary. Besides, Prof also proposed cutting-edge initiatives for blockchain technology as a potential approach to assist in preserving the data security of digitized copies of our invaluable Malay manuscripts.

There's no doubt it's going to be a blast watching more advanced technological development and services in libraries reach the masses. We predict that not only students will try new services, but also the community. The digital transformation can make everyone enjoy seeking information and knowledge in libraries. The discussion outputs are great to help researchers to pave the way for understanding the new role of the library in the digital age. Of course, there are still a lot of cutting-edge developments out there that are just as good as what we have today. It is the time to showcase our support and contribute back to the library information science community.

Have a nice day!

by Asst. Prof. Dr. Sharifah Nur Amirah Sarif Abdullah & Asst. Prof. Dr. Nor Saadah Md Nor

Activity 5:

Visit to National Archives Malaysia

NATIONAL ARCHIVESMALAYSIA VISIT



LISSA PROGRAMME

Library and Information Science Student's Assembly (LISSA) has conducted a visit to the National Archives Malay on 14th June 2022. There are 25 participants in total which include Library and Information Department's staff, students, and IIUM librarian. The event starts at 9.00 am with breakfast given by the archives and ends with lunch at 1.30 pm. The visit has been escorting as a guide towards the whole event. 4 sessions have been guided along the program.



"RECORD-BASED RECOVERY DEMONSTRATION"

This session shares and introduces the tools used for record recovery. They are from "Pemuliharaan Awet dan Jilid" department. Archives teams have a certain situation on saving paper-based material from a few situations such as terrible wet books and mud. There was an experience that they shared on the flood tragedy that happen in Malaysia, where certain hospital asks for help from the Malaysia Archives to save their medical records. The books are wet and full of mud.









"CONSERVATION AND REPROGRAPHY"

This is where documents or letters are repaired. This session is a crucial part where the teams demonstrate the process of repairing damaged materials. They were using unfamiliar tools such as said remover, insulin water, lime water, taxycryll (Crompton tissue), and many more. This is for repairing the record materials







"REFERENCES AND ASSESSMENT"

In this hall where all the records are being accessed. Only registered researchers could enter the hall. All the records for references and further research. This place is very restricted. Nothing can be brought inside except oneself. This is to avoid any additional damage to the record. Any record that is needed will be searched by the archives because that is not the record being kept. The archives have so much welcomed the researchers to come has used the information for their research.



"ARCHIVE MATERIAL STORAGE BUILDING"

This final session is a visit to archival material storage which covers records from Selangor, Negeri Sembilan, and Johor. The storage has strict rules as shown below. To maintain the records for a long time, there were specific conditions to maintain the room. It needs to be 18°c-22°c, and the humidity level in the room needs in between 45-55 level. The length of the rack between the floor is 15cm to avoid any leaking water. The floor has the same condition as in the hospital where it can whole the weight of the records. The records also contain many types of records such as old documents, microfilm, poster, repaired files, and much more.







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