

Curriculum Vitae

Dr. John Neelankavil CMI

Librarian & Faculty, DVK, Bengaluru
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Holding Current Positions:

- Librarian, DVK Central Library, Bengaluru
- Faculty, Philosophy Faculty of DVK Pontifical Athenaeum, Bengaluru
- Director, Centre for Environmental Studies, DVK Pontifical Athenaeum, Bengaluru
- Chief Consultant for Central Library & Research Documentation, Amala Institute of Health Sciences (AIMS), Thrissur, Kerala
- Consultant for Library Planning, MVJ College of Engineering, Bengaluru

Previously Held Positions

- Principal, Chetana College, Thrissur, affiliated to Calicut University, Kerala (2017-2020)
- Librarian, Dharmaram College, Bengaluru, India (2002-2003 & 2020-2021)

Education:

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Library and Information Science, Bishop Heber College (Autonomous), affiliated to Bharathidasan University, Trichy, Tamil Nadu
- Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Library and Information Science, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu
- Master of Library and Information Science (MLISc), Madurai Kamaraj University (MKU), Madurai, Tamil Nadu

Current Specialized Service: Library Planning & Design Consultancy

- Provided consultancy services for library planning and design to 114 institutions.

Experience:

- Chief Librarian, DVK Central Library, Bengaluru, India (2003-2008, 2011-2017 & 2020-present)
- Faculty (Associate Professor), DVK Pontifical Athenaeum, Bengaluru, India (2021-present)

Academic Involvements and Activities:

- Organized three National Seminars, six Workshops, and one International Conference.
- Presented and participated in numerous National and International Conferences and Seminars.
- Served as a resource person or chairperson for over 40 sessions at Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, and Symposiums in Library and Information Science.

Publications:

- Authored two books, co-authored two books, and contributed several book chapters and multiple articles (including those in Scopus-Indexed Journals) on Library Space Management and User Education for Libraries

Memberships:

- Life Member Indian Library Association (ILA)
- Life Member Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centers (IASLIC)
- Life Member Indian Association of Teachers of Library and Information Science (IATLIS)
- Life Member Karnataka State Library Association (KALA) & Former Member of Governing Body of KALA
- Life Member Kerala Library Association (KLA)
- Life Member Academic Library Association (ALA)
- Member of Joint Library Committee (JLC) Bengaluru & serving now as Convener of JLC
- Editorial Board Member of the Indian Journal of Library and Information Science

Special Memberships:

- Member of the Library Advisory Board of the Central University of Kerala
- Member of the Syndicate, Senate, Academic Council, and Administrative Council of DVK Pontifical Athenaeum, Bangalore

Research Interests:

- Library Space Management
- Environmental Studies and Skills

Professional Skills:

- Planning and Designing: For the new libraries, modernize the library, apply IKS in library space, etc.
- Research Informatics Training
- Library Space Management
- Promoting the Reference Culture in the Academic Community

Major Media Visibility

- The New Indian Express (National Daily): Full-page feature "Father of Libraries" and half-page report "Devagiri College's State-of-the-Art Library Set for Opening" on his library planning initiatives.
- Malayala Manorama (Popular Daily): Half-page report "Library" on his library planning initiatives at Devagiri.
- Mathrubhumi (Popular Daily): Half-page report "Devagiri Kunnil Turakunnu' Library Mal'" ('Library Mal' is opening at the top of the Devagiri) on his library planning initiatives at Devagiri.
- The Hindu (National Daily): Three-column report "Tharoor Implores Students to See the Pleasure in Reading" on his library planning initiatives at Devagiri.
- Deepika (Popular Malayalam Daily): Full-page Sunday supplement "Librarikalile Neelankavil Magic" (Neelankavil's Magic in Libraries).
- Samakalina Malayalam (Popular Weekly by The New Indian Express Group): Three-page report/feature "New Gen Thalamurakku Pudu Librarikal" (New Libraries for a New Generation) on his library planning initiatives in general and at the Devagiri.
- Kalakaumudi (Popular Malayalam Weekly): Dr Syam Sundhar's poem "Granthalayam" (Library) is about the St. Thomas College library, which he designed.

Additionally, leading national dailies and news channels have extensively covered the inaugurations of his library planning and design initiatives across various academic institutions.

References:

- Consultancy for Library Planning: www.libraryplanning.in
- Personal and Academic CV Details: www.johnneelankavil.weebly.com
- DVK Central Library, Bengaluru: www.dvklibrary.in
- Institution website: www.dvk.in