CENTRAL FACILITIES

Library and Information Centre (LIC)

The Library and Information Centre (LIC) continued to be the focal point of scholastic activities of the institute during the reporting year. The teaching, learning, research and clinical activities of the institute have been underpinned by LIC through its outstanding collection, an array of traditional and technology-based tools and services and comfortable and large learning space.

The major activities of the LIC during the reporting year are outlined below:

1. **Building Collection**

LIC enhanced the collection development activities during the year and procured different types of resources. It has strengthened its e-resource collection by introducing E-books and Online databases and by subscribing more number of E-journals.

1. **Print Books and Bound Volumes**

The majority of the print collection of the LIC is constituted of books and bound volumes of periodicals. The library has the largest collection of Communication Disorders related books and bound volumes in the country. During the preceding year it has added 741 books to the collection which is the highest figure in the last 3 years. The most significant print collection expansion this year was the introduction of base collections of English Literature, Communicative English and Information Technology books.

1. **Print Journals**

The LIC has subscribed 64 print journals and majority of them are foreign journals. Of these, five print journals have subscribed newly and the remaining are renewed subscriptions.

1. **E-Books**

The LIC has introduced E-books in its collection for the first time by procuring 136 titles from 4 major publishers in the field, namely Taylor and Francis, Elsevier, Cambridge University Press and Wiley Black. All the titles are pertaining to various aspects of communication disorders.

1. **E-Journals**

The LIC has subscribed 63 E-journals during the year under report. Among them, 48 are available in print format also. 7 E-journals have subscribed newly for the year and these include ‘Hearing Research’ a reputed journal in the field of Audiology. In addition to the subscribed E-journals, LIC is getting access to more than 2500 biomedical E-journals as it is a part of ERMED consortium.

1. **Online databases**

Like E-Books, the LIC has also introduced Online databases in its collection by subscribing two reputed bibliographic databases in the field of communication disorders published by Proquest Incorporation namely (1) *ComDisDome*, an indexing and abstracting database covering the communications disorders literature, with focus on speech-language pathology and audiology. (2) *Linguistics and Language Behaviour Abstract*, a bibliographic database that covers international literature in linguistics and related disciplines in the language sciences. It includes all aspects of the study of language like phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics.

1. **Traditional Information Services**

The major traditional information services provided by the LIC during the year under report were the following:

1. **Reference Service**

The Library and Information professionals provided assistance to hundreds of users in matters like locating required information, evaluating the information resources and usage of resources. They answered various reference queries in person, via e-mail and over phone during the reporting year.

1. **Book Lending Service**

Like previous years, the book lending was the most sought after service of LIC during the reporting year. On an average, 200 books were issued daily to the users during the year.

1. **Reprographic Service**

This is one of the most heavily used library service during the reporting year. Thousands of library materials were reproduced daily on payment basis under this service. Only the library materials were permitted to copy and reproducing complete document was prohibited as it violated Copy right Act.

1. **Electronic Information Services**

LIC provided two categories of electronic information services during the reporting year. These are: (1) Internet Service (II) Web portal based services

* 1. **Internet Service**

LIC strengthened the provision of Internet service to the member community during the reporting year by adding more number of computers with Internet access. By the end of reporting year, totally there were 44 computers with Internet access in the LIC.

* 1. **Web portal based Information Services**

Library and Information Centre provided a variety of information services

through its web portal available at **www.aiish.ac.in**. Some of them are

listed below:

1. **Access to Digital Research Repository**

The institutional digital repository developed and maintained by the LIC

continued to raise the visibility of the research work done at AIISH to

scholars around the world. By the end of reporting year, there were nearly

one lakh pages of research reports in the repository.

1. **Web Online Public Access Catalogue Service**

The bibliographic details of over 17,000 books and bound volumes of periodicals were made available over the web during the reporting year. Thus the users all over the world can search the information resources of the institute using search terms like author, title, publisher, and keywords.

1. **Access to E-Journals, E-books and Online Databases**

All the subscribed E-journals, E-books and Online databases have

hyperlinked through the web portal. In addition to the subscribed

resources, the portal also provides access to high quality information

resources pertaining to Communication Disorders which are available

free of cost over the web like **‘REHABDATA’** a leading literature

database on disability and rehabilitation published by National

Rehabilitation Information Center,USA.

1. **Library Automation**

The automation of in-house library operations has completed using the

integrated library management system software ‘Book Magic’, during the year.

Bibliographic details of 17,138 books and bound volumes have entered into the

software database and the OPAC module of the software was activated to search

the details.

1. **Digitization of Research Reports**

During the reporting year more than 1000 pages of research papers have been

digitised and uploaded to the repository. These include PG dissertations and

other project works done at the institute.

1. **Library Visits**

More than 1000 students, research scholars and faculty members from other Speech and Hearing Institutions across the country visited the LIC during the year under report.

1. **Seminars/Conference papers presented**

Mr B Nandeesha, Senior Library and Information Assistant presented a paper entitled ‘Information Literacy Meet Web 2.0: How the New Tools Influence our Own Training and Teaching’ at the National Seminar on Management of Digital Information Sources, Services and Systems, organized by RNS Institute of Technology, Bangalore, from 29th to 30th July 2010.