

Editorial

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The present issue consists of eight articles addressing a variety of issues in the broad area of digital library. Topics covered are of contemporary nature and of very high practical utility. Articles include research interventions on the social networking aspect of digital library, digital library management software, digital library services, digital preservation, knowledge centre, and e-learning.

Muhammad Rafiq and Kanwal Ameen have presented the perceptions of South Asian LIS community towards the open source software for digital libraries. Rakesh K Gupta and Shailesh K Lohiya describe the features and availability of different open source software in the field of digital library. The reasons for the Library and Information Science professionals in India, to prefer to use the open source software for management of digital library over paid software, have been clearly brought out in their paper. Cobi Falconer, in his paper, describes project—Naming—which is a digital collection

project for the Library and Archives in Canada. The importance of building a good digital collection by the National Information Standard Organization has been discussed by the author. Shalini R Urs and Monica Sharma describe the social network of the editorial boards of various DL journals. Rohit Chawla and Priyanka Chawla explore the practical application of artificial intelligence to the next generation of web-empowered systems. Feng Luan, Mads Nygard, and Thomas Mestl have addressed emerging challenges for preservation strategies faced due to the fast obsolescence of the technology. Binu Chaudhuri, Leifang He, and D Juterbock describe how the new e-model evolved a new role for Novartis Knowledge Center service group and how this service group contributes to the e-content lifecycle management process. It also provides the details on how the service group empowers end users to locate needed resources. I do hope that the readers will find the issue very interesting and useful.