

# Digital Library News

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## New ALA Report Maps Increasingly Complex Digital Public Library Ecosystem

With 34% increase in digital book borrowing since 2019, the size and scope of the digital content ecosystem for public libraries and patrons have made transparency more important than ever, according to a new report released by the American Library Association (ALA). Explaining the nuts-and-bolts of digital lending as well as the bigger picture, the Digital Public Library Ecosystem 2023 report will assist library and publishing professionals as they work to connect growing audiences to their preferred materials, in their preferred formats. Competition and innovation have improved patrons' access to digital books through a diverse array of distributors, apps and library-enabled subscriptions.

*Source* ALA News  
Details available at <<https://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2023/12/new-ala-report-maps-increasingly-complex-digital-public-library-ecosystem>>

## Sukhu Lays Foundation of Himachal's First Digital Library, Krishi Bhawan in Bilaspur

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Mr Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu laid foundation stones of a digital library and a Krishi Bhawan in

Bilaspur on 20 October 2023. The digital library, the first in the state, is proposed to be set up at a cost of INR3 crore and the Krishi Bhawan will be constructed at an estimated cost of INR5.18 crore.

*Source* The Times of India  
Details available at <<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/shimla/sukhu-lays-foundation-of-himachals-first-digital-library-krishi-bhawan-in-bilaspur/articleshowprint/104569626.cms>>

## Director General, WIPO Visits CSIR-Traditional Knowledge Digital Library

Mr Daren Tang, Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and other distinguished delegates from the WIPO visited the CSIR-Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) facility and participated in discussions on the CSIR Innovation System, TKDL, CSIR Technologies, and CSIR's Current IP Strength & Strategy. The CSIR team was led by Dr (Mrs) N. Kalaiselvi, Secretary, DSIR and Director General, CSIR. The distinguished guests included Prof. Unnat P. Pandit, Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks (CGPDTM), and representatives from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the office of the CGPDTM, and Ministry of AYUSH.

*Source* Press Information Bureau  
Details available at <<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1967039>>

## ISKCON Launches its First E-library App, Transcend

ISKCON's publishing wing the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust has announced the launch of its first e-library app—Transcend. The app consists of both audio and e-books. Bhaktivedanta Book Trust has revealed that users can switch seamlessly between audio and e-book formats with just a few taps. The app is available for both Android and iOS users. The company is also offering detailed information and Demo tutorials about the app on [www.transcendstore.com](http://www.transcendstore.com). The app offers one time purchase with lifetime access, and 600+ e-books as complimentary for free.

*Source* The Times of India  
Details available at <<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/gadgets-news/iskcon-launches-its-first-e-library-app-transcend/articleshowprint/103131894.cms>>

## DSEK Moots National Digital Library to Promote E-learning

In order to make e-learning and education accessible to all students, the School Education Department is likely to formulate National Digital Library of India (NDLI) clubs in all government institutions of the Kashmir division. NDLI is a National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT) Project, developed by the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IIT KGP), under the aegis of the Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India (GoI).

*Source* KL News Network  
Details available at <<https://kashmirilife.net/dsek-moots-national-digital-library-to-promote-e-learning-326843/>>

## President Murmu Says National Virtual Library of India Is Being Developed to Fulfil the Vision of One Nation–One Digital Library

President Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated the Festival of Libraries 2023 at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. The two-day Festival, which is being organised by the Ministry of Culture, will

highlight iconic libraries from across the world to initiate a conversation on the modernization and digitization of libraries in India. Speaking on the occasion, President Ms Murmu said, the development of libraries is linked to the development of society and culture. She said it is also the measure of the progress of civilisation and culture. The President added that Libraries were used to act as a bridge between developed civilizations. President said, the effort to modernize and digitize libraries is very important. She said that libraries have become more accessible with the use of information and communication technology.

*Source* News on Air  
Details available at <<https://newsonair.gov.in/News?title=President-Murmu-says-National-Virtual-Library-of-India-is-being-developed-to-fulfill-the-vision-of-One-Nation-One-Digital-Library&id=465547>>

## Digital Public Library of America Launches App to Freely Access Banned Books Utilizing GPS-based Geo-targeting

The Digital Public Library of America has taken a daring stand for intellectual freedom with the launch of 'The Banned Book Club', a groundbreaking programme that grants users free access to books that have been banned in their local areas. With book bans on the rise and censorship knocking at the doors of libraries, this initiative leverages the power of technology to ensure every American can freely read the literature of their choice.

*Source* Hindustan Times  
Details available at <<https://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/digital-public-library-of-america-launches-app-to-freely-access-banned-books-utilizing-gps-based-geotargeting-101690382639832.html>>