Women's Christian College



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INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRE





ABOUT THE LIBRARY

The Information Resource Centre (IRC), the erstwhile library, was initially located in the upper floor of Doveton House with the collection of donated books by friends of the college. The new library building was established on 28th January, 1966. The American Associate Board and the UGC helped with funds for this project, and the alumni of Mount Holyoke College generously equipped the library with books, periodicals and journals.

Currently, the 14,740 sq.ft library with 425 seating capacity houses 92000 plus print documents and a wide range of e-resources. It subscribes to database comprising a vast eresource collection 7,99,500+ e-books and 7391+ e-journals (through NLIST, NDLI & EBSCOhost) catering to needs of the entire WCC community. IRC works from 7.30am to 6.00pm on all working days for students and staff of the college. Apart from the required standard infrastructure, the library is Wi-Fi enabled and fully automated using ILMS -Autolib with bar-code/RFID facility. IRC is centrally located to all the academic and administrative blocks. It has adequate computers, projector, interactive board, large television that augments the usage of ICT facilities. The collection is open access and classified using Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC). It has augmented the services in 2023 with International Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC), and Library Mobile App. Complete safety is ensured with surveillance cameras, fire Extinguishers and ramp facility. Library Executive Committee acts as an advisory committee, meets annually and discusses library expenses, services, policies and procedures. The reference section of the library is equipped with research carrols and a sufficient number of computers with laptop facilities. Digital Library Section has a projector, interactive smart board, desktops access with Wi-Fi facility. 24/7 remote access is provided to access external resources though NLIST, EBSCOhost and NDLI. Registered with expert database VIDWAN and IRINS web-based Research Information Management Service to measure the research impact. Library subscribes to Turnitin plagiarism detection software to uphold academic integrity. To augment the gateway to researchers MoU is signed between WCC and INFLIBNET Shodhchakra in February 2024. Institutional Repository provides access to the College magazine from 1915 till date. The collection of the library's archives with rare books, WCC's author's corner, photographs, manuscripts, artefacts, digitized College magazines etc., are a boon to the digital humanity.

In addition to modern facilities, the library promotes Indian traditional practices of Indigenous Herbal methods of pest control systems. It enhances the services by collaborating with other prominent libraries through institutional memberships. On an average usage of the library per day has considerably grown from 145 plus to 300 plus in the last 5 years. Systematic Information Literacy programs, Readers Forum, Bibliographic compilations, Know Your Library tours, National Library Week, conference, workshops, FDPs are conducted to connect, augment usage and to promote research activities to ensure maximum ROI. Exclusive sections for competition examinations, foreign languages, women's studies cater to specific requirements. Aiming at the goal for inclusive education, the library has opted for Sugamya Pustakalaya membership, Pearl Open Book Scanner with JAWS software to visually challenged students.

LAYOUT

Ground Floor

Gate Entry Monitoring System Circulation Counter New Arrivals Journal Display Area **Newspapers Section** Librarian's Office **Braille Section Photocopying Section Student Browsing Centre** Reading Hall 1 & Stack Area (General - Physics) Women's Studies Corner Reading Hall 2 & Stack Area (Chemistry - Arts) Foreign Languages Corner **Environmental Studies Corner** Rest Room







First Floor

Reference Hall
NPTEL Corner
Competitive Examinations Collection
Reading Room (Relaxed reading)
Faculty Browsing Centre
Digital Library
WCC Archives Room
Faculty Rest Room



Mezzanine

Fiction Section Stack Area (Languages, History, geography & auxiliary disciplines)



COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT



NEW ARRIVALS

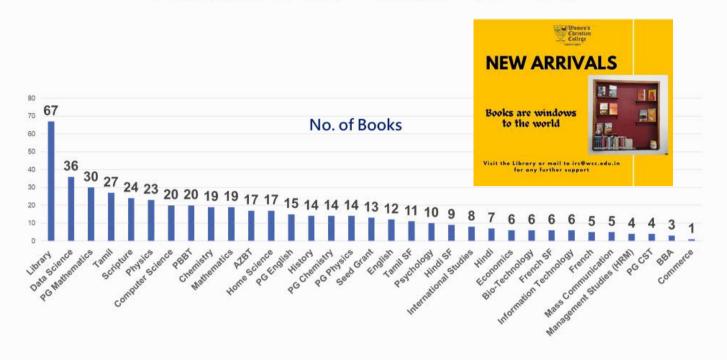
Books are windows to the world



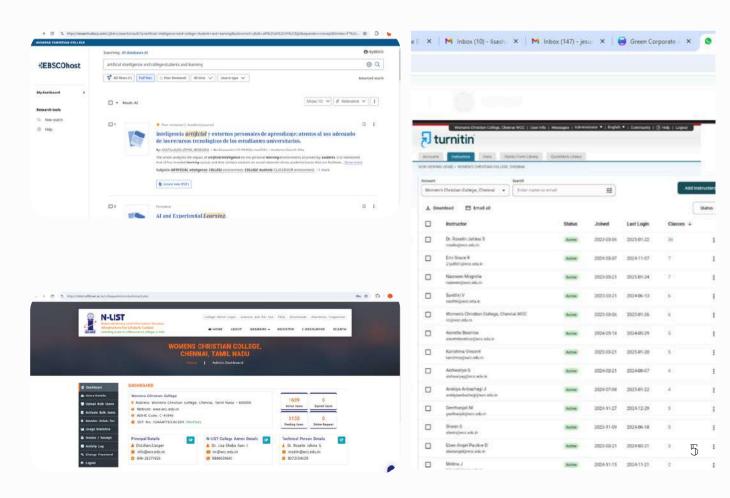
Visit the Library or mail to irc@wcc.edu.in for any further support

Collection Development

Purchased 492 + Gratis 134 = 626



E-RESOURCES



FOOTFALL & USAGE



Monthly Growth in Footfall & Transactions



This chart shows the growth of footfall and transactions of academic year 2023-24. Footfall data indicates a rise in activity, while transaction volume reveals shifts in book lending behavior.



Footfall (216 days)

2023-24 Footfall	47323
2023-24 Transactions	23068

No of e-resources with full text access	Usage report from the service provider
EBSCOhost 19822 = Total number of journals & magazines indexed and abstracted (17850 are peer-reviewed) 2229 = Total number of journals & magazines in full text (1740 are peer-reviewed)	14775 (Total searches)
NUST 6,000+ journals, 1, 99,500+ e-books under N-LIST and 6, 00,000 e-books through NDLL	5983 (Pages viewed)

Information Literacy Program

Name of the Programme	Date of conducting activity	Target Group	No. of participants
Information Resource Centre (IRC) Orientation programme for Newly admitted students	21.06.2023	All First year students	•
New Faculty Orientation	27.06.2023	All Departments	*
User Education	03.07.2023	II M.Com	40
User Education	03.07.2023	II ZBT-NME	17
Library Orientation	04.07.2023	I BA English	65
Library Orientation	10.07.2023	I BA History	29
Library Orientation	11.07.2023	I MA Communication	10
Library Orientation	14.07.2023	ІІІ РВРВ	38
Library Orientation	17.07.2023	I NUC	46
Library Orientation	18.07.2023	I B.Com (H)	40
Library Orientation	31.07.2023	I M.Com	36
Library Orientation	14.08.2023	I M.Sc FSM &FSN	48
Library Orientation	14.08.2023	I Psychology (Shift II)	27
Library Orientation	18.08.2023	EVS	37
Library Orientation	19.08.2023	I BBA	70
Library Orientation	23.08.2023	I B.Com (A&F)	62
Library Orientation	24.08.2023	I B.Com	66
Library Orientation	11.09.2023	I & II PG Data Science	35
Library Orientation	13.09.2023	I Psychology	50

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE







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EXPENDITURE

Rs. 23,04,570.74

Print Periodicals Rs. 1,45,926/-

e-Resources Rs. 4,47,821/- AMC & Maintenance Rs. 1,42,960/-

Infrastructure Rs. 3,72,918/-

Turnitin Similarity Detection Tool Rs. 6,99,704.55/- Pearl Open Book Hi-Speed Scanner Reader and JAWS Talking Screen Reader Rs. 1,23,900/-

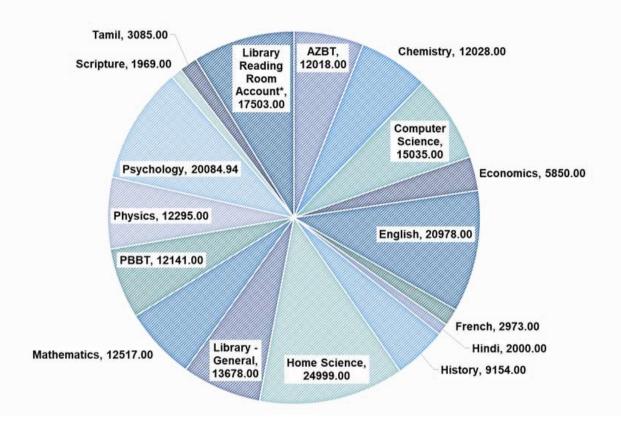
Institutional Memberships Rs. 25,100/-





Expenditure on purchase of books/ e-books and subscription to journals/e-journals during the year (INR in lakhs): Rs. 23,04,570.74/-

Expenditure on purchase of books (Print) – 3,46,241.19/-/Expenditure on subscription to journals/e-journals – 5,93,747/Other Expenses – 13,64,582.55/Month and Year of expenditure – June 2023 – May 2024



Management & SF Book Expenses









January, 2024 - Three computers at the library were equipped with JAWS talking screen readers for the visually challenged students (Divyangjan), which were purchased through the Karishma India Literacy Project. Furthermore, a sophisticated camera device known as the Pearl Openbook Hi-speed scanner reader version 9 was purchased. This device turns a PC running the Openbook OCR software into a high-speed text reading system, allowing visually challenged students to read on their own. Three visually impaired students receive training on a regular basis.

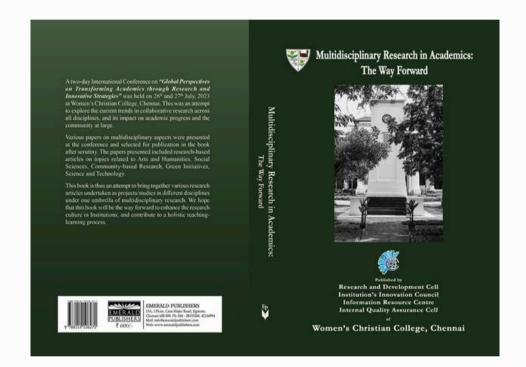


January 19, 2023 - Dr. J. Lisa Sheba Rani, Librarian was nominated as the Nodal Officer for the 'Shodhchakra' (https://shodhchakra.inflibnet.ac.in/) related activities for Women's Christian has received College. **WCC** the credentials to access ShodhChakra on 9th February 2024. In February 2024, a program of orientation and training will be held for researchers, guides, and other concerned officials by Shodhchakra team. Memorandum of Understanding Women's Christian (MoU) between College, Chennai, and Information and Library Network Centre, Gandhinagar, for Shodhchakra shall be signed after all formalities have been satisfactorily completed.

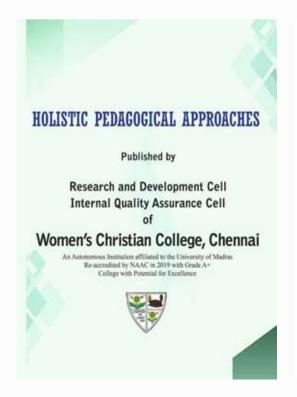
PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Lisa Sheba Rani. J & **Dr. Roselin Jahina. S** (2023). Archives and Libraries: An Index to Digital Humanities. In Multidisciplinary Research in Academic: The way Forward (pp. 25-31). Chennai: Emerald Publisher.

Dr. Lisa Sheba Rani. J & Dr. Roselin Jahina. S (2024). Establishing a Visually Impaired Students; Learning Nook at Women's Christian College & Library to Promote Inclusive Education in Compliance with NEP 2020. In Holistic Pedagogical Approaches (pp. 82-95). Chennai: Emerald Publishers.







Establishing a Visually Impaired Students' Learning Nook at Women's Christian College's Library to promote Inclusive Education in Compliance with NEP 2020 Dr. Lisa Sheba Rani J Dr. Roselin Jahina S Librarian Information Resource Centr 'omen's Christian College, Chennai Abstract This abstract outlines the efforts that are to be taken to create a Visually Impaired Students' Learning Nook in the library of Women's Christian College, Chennai in accordance with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. By providing visually impaired students with an accessible and encouraging learning environment, the main goal of this project is to promote inclusive education. The NEP 2020 emphasizes the value of equitable and inclusive education - learning for all and offers a thorough framework for accomplishing this objective. The proposed Learning Nook will be equipped with state-of-the-art modern assistive technologies, including screen readers, braille displays, accessible computers software and membership with DAISY Forum, Sugamya Pustakalaya for accessible education to strengthen the learning sources and services for visually impaired students. Additionally, the Nook will offer a wide range of accessible educational materials, including textbooks in braille and digital formats, reinforcing the NEP's emphasis on using

PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Dr. Lisa Sheba Rani J & Dr. Roselin Jahina S, participated in a one-day Training program of Turnitin: Academic Integrity in the Age of AI on 21st July, 2023 at The Residency Towers, Chennai.

Dr. Lisa Sheba Rani J (Convenor) & Dr. Roselin Jahina S - Editorial Members of the book Multidisciplinary Research in Academic: The way Forward, Chennai: Emerald Publishers. ISBN: 9788119106271. Book was launched during the 'International Conference on Global Perspectives on Transforming Academics through Research and Innovative Strategies' Organised on 26th & 27th July 2023, Women's Christian College, Chennai and also Organising Committee Members.

Dr. Lisa Sheba Rani J - External member for Board of Studies of PG & Research Department of Library and Information Science, Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli. Invited on 26th May, 2023.

Dr. Lisa Sheba Rani J - Completed the UGC Sponsored Refresher Course in Library and Information Science from 18th October - 31st October, 2023 in UGC-MMTC, Pondicherry University with A+ grade.

Dr. Lisa Sheba Rani J - External panel member for Doctoral Committee meeting of Library and Information Science, Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science, Chennai, attended on 10th November, 2023.

Dr. Lisa Sheba Rani J - Resource Person for the workshop on Design Thinking conducted by WCC Institution's Innovation Council on 05th January, 2024. Design Thinking Workshop on 05.01.2024 @ WCC

Dr. Lisa Sheba Rani J - Resource person for the workshop on Design Thinking conducted by the Department of Computer Applications in collaboration with Institution's Innovation Council on 30th January, 2024.

Dr. Roselin Jahina S - Participated in the Leadership Seminar for Higher Education Leaders conducted by CHRIST University Higher Continued...

PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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Dr. Lisa Sheba Rani J, Librarian, participated in a one-day awareness program on ORCID and INFLIBNET Services for Scholarly Communities at the College of Engineering, Anna University on 11th January, 2024.

Dr. Lisa Sheba Rani J and Dr. Roselin Jahina S travelled to Masinagudi as part of the Rejuvenation Program. A **session on 'Motivation'** was given by **Dr. Lisa Sheba Rani J** on January 25, 2024. There were 28 faculty members involved (January 25-27, 2024).

Dr. Lisa Sheba Rani J - Served as a **Rapporteur** in a Technical Session in the 3rd edition of the **International Conference on Knowledge Management in Higher Education Institutions (ICKHI 2024)** held online on 30th & 31st January, 2024. Organized by Central Library, Manipal University, Jaipur in association with King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok, Thailand.

Dr. Lisa Sheba Rani J - Resource Person for "Libfest '24" organized by Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed College for Women (Autonomous), Chennai on 26.02.2024. Delivered a lecture on 'Connect the Dots' focusing on effective usage of e-resources.

Dr. Lisa Sheba Rani J & Dr. Roseline Jahina S served as Organizers in State Level Chennai Literary Festival 2024 hosted by Government of Tamilnadu at Anna Centenary Library from 27th to 29th February, 2024.

Dr. Lisa Sheba Rani J - Appointed as an **External Expert Member** for the Annual Library Audit of Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College, Chennai held on 6th March, 2024.

Dr. Lisa Sheba Rani J - Resource Person for the topic "Plagiarism: Ways and Means to Curb the Menace in AI World" organized by IQAC, St.Mary's College, Thoothukudi on 13.03.2024.



External Expert Member for the Annual Library Audit



Receiving Refresher Course Completion Certificate at UGC-MMTC Pondicherry University.



Design Thinking Workshop on 05.01.2024 @ WCC



One-day awareness program on ORCID and INFLIBNET Services for Scholarly Communities at the College of Engineering, Anna University, Chennai on 11.01.2024





Rejuvenation Program at Masinagudi, Karnataka from 25 to 27 January, 2024

EVENTS AND INTIATIVES



Dr. Yesan Sellan, Assistant Professor, PG & Research Department of Library & Information Science, Bishop Heber College @ IGCPARIS 2023 - International Conference on Global Perspectives on Transforming Academics through Research and Innovative Strategies

Workshop was organized for faculty members and Research Scholars on the title "Effective EBSCOhost tool for authors" on 20th July 2023 (Online). Dr. Periasamy Pradeep Ravichandran, Training Manager - South, India, EBSCO Information Services & Samp; IEEE Xplore Digital was the resource person. 39 (Faculty members and Research Scholars) have participated. **Participants** sharpened their skills in effectively utilizing the EBSCOhost research platform. A hands-on session allowed for practical application, enabling them to practice searching and navigating the database. The training also included guidance on authenticating the mobile app, facilitating convenient access to research resources anytime, anywhere. This webinar enhanced participant's digital literacy and fostered self-directed learning, empowering them to conduct independent research more effectively.





IGCPARIS 2023 - **International Conference** on Global Perspectives on Transforming Academics through Research and Innovative Strategies, July 26th and 27th, 2023 jointly organized by Research and Development Cell, Information Resource Centre, Institution's Innovation Council & Internal Quality Assurance Cell. A book titled "Multidisciplinary Research in Academics: The Way Forward" was released during the inauguration ceremony.







Co-ordinated **Maaberum Tamil Kanavu** event on 28th July 2023 for all final year UG students to spread awareness on Tamil language and its rich culture. Karu. Palaniappan was the chief guest of the event.

Chennai Student's Readers Forum (CSRF) was installed on 8th August 2023. Mr. Manushya Puthiran, Chairman, Local Library Authority and Mr. G. Olivannan, Coordinator, CSRF were the chief guests. 147 students have participated in the event. 82 students and 4 faculty members were added into CSRF club members group.





Book Fair 2023 was organized from 16th and 17th August 2023 at the Assembly Hall. Nine book suppliers/publishers have participated in the event. Around 2000 students have visited the stalls.



Madras Day 2023 was celebrated on 22nd August, 2023. Books on the theme 'Madras/Chennai' were displayed in the library. Students were encouraged and invited to participate in the Madras Day Essay competition titled 'Madras: A City of Heritage and Diversity" to display their writing skills and to celebrate the rich cultural heritage, vibrant history and unique diversity of our beloved city. Below students won the prize.

1st Prize - Stalina S - AZBT

2nd Prize - Kuyil Mozhi M - PG English

3rd Prize - Madhumitha A - Home Science



Indigenous Herbal Practices workshop was organized on 1st September, 2023. 32 faculty members participated and have experienced making fragrant customized indigenous herbal pest control sachets and have learned effective methods for employing herbal products for anti-bacterial and anti-fungal, odor-free cabinets, clean book shelves, and clean surfaces. The participants received instruction on how to recognize the plants and herbs best suited for natural pest management. Additional advice on when, where and how to use these organic products was provided by the trainer. This course helped participants develop their go green concepts and self-directed learning skills so they may follow their enthusiasm for rich traditional practices. The participants were given 5 sachets of herbal pesticide.







The Chennai Students' Readers Forum, the Information Resource Centre with the Departments of English (Shifts I & II). Women's Christian College, Chennai organised a **Meet the Author** session with the Tamil writer, Mr. Baya Chelladurai on the 19th September, 2023. 115 students and 13 faculty members and 2 library staff were present as audience. The session not only engaged the students in a relaxing session of story-telling but also created general awareness on the need for deconstructing established social norms that oppress and undermine a section of the society.

IRC has celebrated the **National Library Week**2023 with various events from 14th to 18th
November, 2023. Screening of documentary Film,
Book Talks, Book Review submissions, Poster
Designing, Book Swap, and Step into the Library.
The objective of the National Library Week was to
make the users connect, understand and utilize
the services and facilities available from the
College Library. The footfall of the library has
increased in this particular week, 2127 users have
visited the library.



Hands-on-training was given on 'Effective Search **Techniques** and Application in Research' on 21st and 29th November 2023. 35 students and 3 faculty members from the department of Advanced Zoology & Biotechnology the participants. With objective to create awareness on the availability of subscribed and open access database, e-journals, e-books, to train the students in using the online tools effectively for their research work and to provide tips on efficiently using AI Tools to augment the project writing.





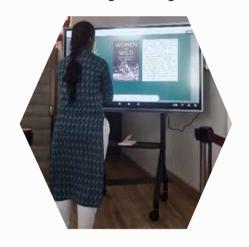






January 19-20, 2024 – In collaboration with Department of Commerce (Honours), IRC has organized a **workshop** on 'Building a Culture of Academic Integrity – The Library's Role'. There have been 32 student participants





January 30, 2024 - Procured **Smart Interactive Display Board** and is available in the Digital Library.

January 2024 - New **Wi-fi connection** is provided for Reading Hall 1, Reading Hall 2 and Reference Section.

February & March 2024 - NSS, Young Indians Club and Rotaract Club students have supported in cleaning up and maintenance activities of the library.







Chennai Youth Literary Festival 2024 (19th and 20th February, 2024 at WCC & 29.02.2024 at ACL): WCC is one of the five colleges chosen for participating in intra-college Chennai Youth Literary Festival 2024. On 19th and 20th February, 2024 ten various literary competitions were held in the premises as part of this fest. Co-ordinators Dr. Lisa Sheba Rani J, Dr. Bavani Rekha. A, Dr. Phebe Stella. A and Dr. Roselin Jahina. Shave worked towards onducting these events in collaboration with Chennai Students' Reader Forum. 110 students have registered, out of which 97 students have participated in ten various competitions. 25 students from WCC have won 30 cash prizes. The College has received Rs.1,49,000/- as prize money, honorarium for juries and miscellaneous expenses. On 29th February, 2024 the winners and the

co-ordinators have attended the Youth Literary Festival 2024 (27-29.02.2024) that happened at Anna Centenary Library and received the cash prizes Rs. 1,20,00/- and certificates.



Book Launches - 8/12

Author	Book Title	Date of Launch	Department
Dr. Anupama C & Ms. Anna Mathew	Redefining Narratives: Contemporary Perspectives and representation (English)	19.03.2024	English
Dr. P D Sherlin (Editor)	History of Japan since 1945 (English)	27.02.2024	History
Ms. Carolina Salomi S	Thir13en (English)	27.02.2024	Physics (21PHY40)
Ms. Carolina Salomi S	Midnight Sun (English)	27.02.2024	Physics (21PHY40)
Ms. Nandhini V	Kadanthu Pogum Megangal (Tamil)	27.02.2024	Chemistry (22PCH18)
Ms. Seethalakshmi	Kilinjalgal (Tamil)	27.02.2024	Mathematics (22PMA26)
Ms. Seethalakshmi	Kaarigai (Tamil)	27.02.2024	Mathematics (22PMA26)
Women's Christian College	Multidisciplinary Research in Academics: The Way Forward	26.07.2023	R & D Cell, IRC, IIC & IQAC







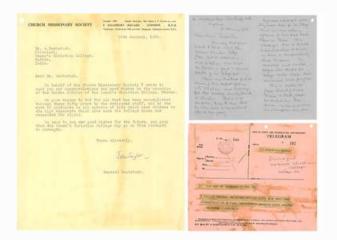
On March 8, 2024, the **Travelling Library** made a visit to the Women's Christian College library. A collaborative effort between the Chennai Photo Biennale Foundation and WCC Library, the event showcased a diverse collection of photobooks. During the visit, the team engaged with students, discussing the featured photobooks, their creators, thematic content, and design aesthetics. Student participation was enthusiastic, with keen interest shown in exploring the book collection and learning about available workshops and internship opportunities. The event was attended by 49 students and 5 faculty members.

In Pipeline - Future Plans

Initiatives aimed towards following Green Library concepts.

Building a Collection based on Braille Books.

Indexing and digitizing all the documents and photographs collected in WCC Archives.



HERITAGE CENTRE (ARCHIVES)



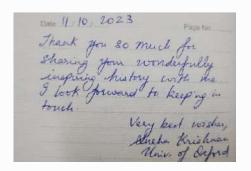
Dr. John Varghese, Principal with his friend at the Heritage Centre (Archives)

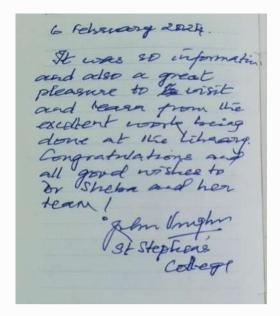


Dr. Syna Soosan Abraham and Team from Union Christian College, Kerala



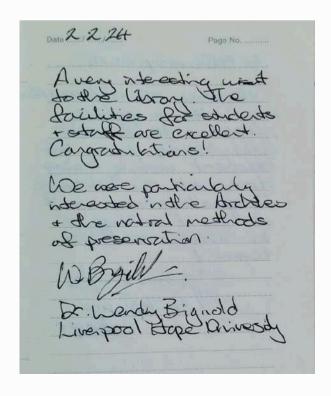
Dr. Sneha Krishnan, Associate Professor in Human Geography, School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford at WCC Library







Prof. Stanley & Baker, Letourneau University, Texas



EARN WHILE YOU LEARN SCHEME



S.N O	NAME OF STUDENT	REGISTER NO.
1	Ms. Nandhini Murugesan	21PYY25
2	Ms. Archanashree Muthukumaran	22CSC03
3	Ms. Helen S	22PCM40
4	Ms. Prathipa A	21MAT47
5	Ms. Gheny Sheerah	22PMC16

S.N O	NAME OF STUDENT	REGISTER NO.
1	Ms. Atchaya	22PHY06
2	Ms. Jessica Francis	22PHY20
3	Ms. Spergy V	22CEM65
4	Ms. Venantius J. T. Anitus	21BBA54
5	Ms. Gheny Sheerah	22PCM16
6	Ms. Tinhoithem Haokip	23PDH01

LIBRARY TEAM



Sitting (L to R): Ms. Eleena S, Ms. Kavitha M, Mr. Palani A, Dr. Lisa Sheba Rani J, Dr. Roselin Jahina S, Ms. Veni Metilda G, Ms. Jothi C, Ms. Indira J.

