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## APS MARTYERS DAY CEREMONY



To express solidarity with the 147 martyrs, including 122 innocent school children of the Army Public School Peshawar, in one of the most horrific acts of terrorism ever witnessed, COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT) observed the first anniversary of the tragic incident to express solidarity with families of those who had lost their lives. Rector CIIT, Pro-Rector CIIT and In-charge Islamabad Campus paid homage to the martyrs in their separate messages and informed the audience that a delegation from CIIT will soon be visiting APS, Peshawar, on invitation from its administration.

The day started with *Fatiha* and prayers for the deceased souls. CIIT students expressed solidarity with the martyrs by wearing black arm bands, reciting poems and delivering speeches, prepared especially for the occasion. *Quran Khawani* was offered at the CIIT Mosque followed by a 'vigil march' by over 3,000 persons, including students from all departments, faculty members and staff. They marched and gathered in front of the library where they lighted candles and levitating lanterns.

CIIT's Centre for Policy Studies (CPS) also collaborated with Pakistan Sweet Homes, an orphanage, for organizing a similar vigil in Sector H-9, in which around 100 orphan children marched clad in army uniforms, along with students from CIIT and some other universities. Holding banners and placards with messages admiring the Pakistan Army and condemning terrorism, the event stirred emotions even when the little angels began singing tributes in the remembrance of the heroes of the tragic incident. Patron-In-chief Pakistan Sweet Homes Mr. Zamurrad Khan and Ambassador Fauzia Nasreen, Head CPS at CIIT also addressed the participants and prayed to the Almighty for spiritual strength so that the nation could rise from the tragedy much more resilient and determined to root out terrorism from society.

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## News at CIIT Islamabad Campus Library

### A Delegation from Aga Khan University Library Visited CIIT Library

A delegation from Aga Khan University library visited CIIT library on 27th November, 2015. The guests were warmly welcomed and briefed by Mr. Abdul Rehman (In charge Library) CIIT. Later on, the delegates including Mr. Normand Demers, University Librarian and with his team members (Mr. Ashraf Sharif and Qammer Naveed) had a visit of different sections of the library and fruitful meetings with CIIT professionals. Mr. Normand Demers highly appreciated the infrastructure of the library and its services.



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### Nobel Laureate Tawakkol Karman

#### Visited CIIT Library

Nobel Laureate Tawakkol Karman Visited CIIT Library on 2nd December, 2015. The worthy guest was warmly welcomed by Mr. Abdul Rehman (In charge Library) CIIT. The In charge library briefed the honorable guest about CIIT library resources and services. The guest also witnessed the exhibition which was arranged in the library.



### Training workshop on "Standard Practices in Urdu Romanization and RDA

Library organized a training workshop on "Standard Practices in Urdu Romanization and RDA (Resource Description and Access) for the staff. The workshop was organized with the cooperation of Library Of Congress (Islamabad Office). Mr. Bashir Khan was the resource person of the workshop. Mr. Normand Dammers (University Librarian), who was visiting the library distributed the certificates among participants of the workshop.



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## Achievement



Ms. Syeda Nasreen Sultana, Adviser, Library and Information Services, has been elected as the Secretary of the Advisers Forum with unanimous support of the worthy members.

The Forum has also designated her as Secretary of the Task Force, establish by the Advisers Forum for preparing the Strategic Plan of CIIT.

## Access to Scopus is Provided to CIIT Family

CIIT (Islamabad Campus) is pleased to share that educational fraternity of CIIT has been provided access to the world renowned abstract and citation database (Scopus).

# Scopus

Scopus is the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature: scientific journals, books and conference proceedings. Delivering a comprehensive overview of the world's research output in the fields of science, technology, medicine, social sciences, and arts and humanities, Scopus features smart tools to track, analyze and visualize research.

# News at CIIT Islamabad Campus Library

## German Ambassador Visits CIIT (Islamabad Campus) and Library

German Ambassador to Pakistan, Ms. Frau Ina Lepel, Visit CIIT (Islamabad Campus) and Library on October 04, 2015.

Hafiz Abdur Rehman (Incharge Library Information Services) greeted the honorable guest in the library and took them to a round of various sections of the library. He also briefed the honorable guest about the various library services, resources and facilities, especially about the German Study Corner.

German Ambassador was extremely delighted to see the collection on and about Germany and German Language.



## Inauguration of Japan Corner at CIIT (Islamabad Campus) Library

A newly-built Japan Corner sponsored by the Nippon Foundation and the Embassy of Japan in Pakistan was inaugurated on 20th October, 2015 here at the central library of COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT) Islamabad. Ambassador of Japan Hiroshi Inomata along with Rector CIIT Dr. SM Junaid Zaidi inaugurated the Japan Corner.



## Participation in ICIML Conference

In commemoration of the 100 years anniversary of the department establishment, the Department of Information Management at University of the Punjab celebrated the occasion by arranging an international conference. Around 300 information professionals from all over the world graced the occasion on 10th November, 2015. The CIIT library professionals also actively participated in the conference. The conference was a great venue for the library professionals to interact with each other and for sharing ideas on emerging trends. The staff of Islamabad Campus Library actively participated in the conference.



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## Participation in “PLA South Asian Libraries Conference”



Pakistan Library Association Punjab Branch organized “South Asian Libraries Conference on “journey through print to digital information and beyond” held on 12-13 October 2015 at Lahore University of Management Sciences. More than 430 participants across Pakistan, including 8 Indian delegates attended the South Asian Libraries Conference. 40 research papers in three parallel sessions were presented, 7 online Skype presentations from Korea, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Poland, UK, USA and Canada with time differences were arranged, international scholars messages through net were arranged. Education Minister, Chairman PHEC, 10 VCs and Rectors, Registrars, DGS, Deans and Directors participated in the conference and chair the sessions.

## Lifetime Achievement Award

It is an honor for the CIIT library community that Raja Muhammad Ibrahim as President, Pakistan Library Association (Headquarter) has been awarded with “**Lifetime Achievement Award**” by the Pakistan Library Association, Punjab Branch. The award was presented to him during the PLA South Asian Libraries Conference on “journey through print to digital information and beyond” held on 12-13 October 2015 at Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS). The whole library team of CIIT congratulates Raja Muhammad Ibrahim on this marvelous achievement.



## Conference Paper Presentation

Mr. Shahzad Abbas, Assistant Librarian, represented the CIIT Islamabad library at “PLA South Asian Libraries Conference” by presenting his paper in the conference. The title of his study was “**Acceptance of Mobile Phone Applications in University Libraries in Pakistan: An empirical study by using Technology Acceptance Model**”.

**Abstract:** The purpose of the study is to investigate the need of mobile technology in libraries of Pakistan by using Technology acceptance mode. The acceptance of new technology in libraries by students of higher education institute is evaluated in this study. 245 Students were surveyed for collecting data through questionnaire from library of higher education institute. Statistical techniques such as descriptive statistics, correlation, simple and multiple regressions were employed. This study employed technology acceptance model for evaluating the accepting behavior of mobile technology in the libraries. This study revealed that most of the student use mobile technology and for technology acceptance they require ease-of-use facilities. Perceived usefulness also have firm effect on the behavior of accepting the new technology in libraries. By basis of this study future research will be done to recognize the requirement of the students to launch this technology in higher education institution of Pakistan. This research is considered to be the initiative study toward the launching of mobile technology concept in the libraries of Pakistan which bring these libraries in new era of digitalization. The result obtain in this study provide reference for further research.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Heartiest congratulations to Ms. Ayesha Samar as she has been promoted from Library Assistant to Assistant Librarian. Ms. Ayesha joined CIIT Islamabad campus library in February 2009. Earlier she has been serving in CIIT Lahore campus library from 26th June, 2006 to January 2009. The whole library staff wishes her good luck for more success in future.



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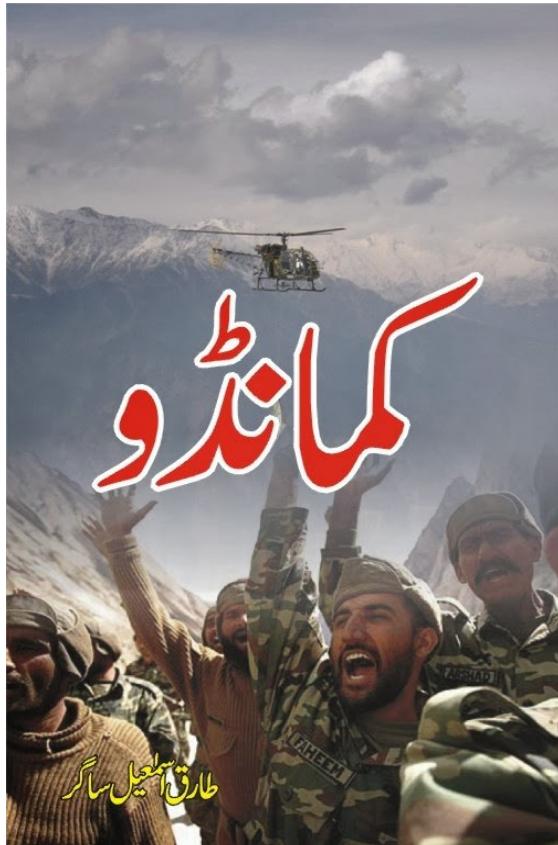
## Farewell to Mr. Asif Sadheer

It is a matter of great pleasure that Mr. Asif Sadheer (Library Assistant) at CIIT Islamabad got selected for a senior position at State Bank of Pakistan Library, Karachi. The whole library team congratulates him on his selection and wishes him best of luck for his future endeavors. Mr. Asif Sadheer was serving in CIIT library since 2009. He worked in different sections of the library and proved his professional skills and expertise to a great deal.

In order to pay tribute to this library devotee, the CIIT library team arranged a farewell party on 21st of December, 2015. During the farewell party, the library team members appreciated the work of Asif Sadheer and shared their experiences with him. In recognition of the devoted work of Mr. Asif Sadheer, the Incharge of CIIT Islamabad Campus Library presented him gifts and souvenir. The party ended with words of thanks and good-luck and off course with memorable pictures.



## Suggested Reading



### COMMANDO by TARIQ ISMAIL SAGR

Commando is a beautiful and interesting Urdu novel written by Tariq Ismail Sagar, who is a renowned Urdu fiction writer, novelist, short story writer, columnist and current affair specialist. He is one of the most famous contemporary Urdu fiction writers in Pakistan. The man who takes his responsibility as novelist, journalist, dramatist and current affairs specialist with iron hands. The icon of both electronic and paper media. The man with an asset of sixty plus books, twenty three drama serials and thousands of articles. He is the one who has given Pakistan film industry the breakthrough script of the movie "Salakhein". The man who has the firm command over the workings and the networks of world wide intelligence services. The man who is ranked among the best selling novelist of South Asia. His books are sold like hot cakes. People all around the globe wait for his writings. As a matter of fact, many of his books are translated into English for non-Urdu speakers. Hundreds of thesis has been written on his writings and services. No doubt, he is the living legend of Pakistan. Some of his renowned publications are, RAW, Jasoos Kese Banta Hay, Maik jasoos tha, Ay rahey haq k shaheed, Yalghar and Shikanja etc.



## Chronology of Open Access History



### 2002

The [Budapest Open Access Initiative](#) calls for “free and unrestricted online availability,” aka open access.

### 2003

The [Public Library of Science](#) (now PLOS) begins to publish PLOS Biology as a new and prominent open access journal.

The [Bethesda Statement on Open Access Publishing](#) defines an open access article as freely available and secured for posterity in a reliable digital repository.

### 2008

The US Congress approves a policy that requires all papers resulting from funding by the National Institutes of Health be made available through PubMed Central (open access) no later than 12 months after publication.

### 2010

The -Scholarly Publishing Roundtable in the US releases a [report](#) on how to improve access while respecting interests of publishers, librarians, and researchers.

### 2012

In the UK, the [Finch Report](#) lays out a strategy to ensure immediate open access to research funded by the government.

### 2013

The US Office of Science and Technology Policy issues a [directive](#) that all federal agencies must ensure that the research they fund will be open access.

### 2014

K|N Consultants launch the [Open Access Network](#), a strategy for cost-sharing and sustainable open access in the social sciences and humanities.

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## News and Events at CIIT Library (Lahore Campus)

### Anti-Smoking Walk 2015

To eradicate the smoking in campus, a walk was arranged. The walk was arranged by "Department of Humanities" all the students and faculty members of Humanities and other Departments participated in the walk. Library staff also warmly participated in the walk. The closing ceremony was held outside the library.



### Participation in an international conference in India

It is a great honor for CIIT Library Lahore to share the news that Muhammad Tariq, Library Incharge was the part of "100 years celebrations of LIS in Asia" and participated in an international conference entitled "IATLIS" held at Chandigarh, India. Muhammad Tariq presented his research paper entitled "Effective Alternative, sources of academic information in case of devoid internet facility: a phenomenological study". Muhammad Tariq also chaired a session in the conference, which is another honor for CIT Lahore Library. The library staff congratulated him on his wonderful success.

### Participation in "ICIML Conference 2015"

As per practice, the library staff from CIIT Lahore, actively participated in the international conference held at Punjab University, Lahore. Muhammad Tariq, Library Incharge, also presented his research paper entitled "Is English Language a barrier in Research Productivity among Information Professionals? A descriptive study". The library staff congratulate all the authors of the paper including Ms. Tooba Yasir and Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman for their effortless contribution to this innovative paper as co authors. Muhammad Tariq also conducted a session as secretary. Moreover, three members from library staff Ms Nasira Munir, Ms Aiman Shahnawaz and Mr. Zaib Hassan attended the conference.



### Completion of MLIS

It is a matter of immense pleasure that one more library staff member from CIIT Lahore Library has enhanced his qualification in the field of library science. Mr. Sajjad Ahmed successfully completed his MLIS degree from Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU). All library staff congratulate him for achieving a great academic mile stone.

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## News and Events at CIIT Library (Lahore Campus)

### Visit of Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC)

For the accreditation of engineering programs at CIIT Lahore, Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) team visited the library, accompanied with Dr. Sobia Baig (HOD), EE department and Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Asif. Tariq Najmi, Incharge Library Information Services, welcomed the guests and briefed them about the various facilities / services being provided to the students and faculty of CIIT Lahore. Later on, the guests visited different sections of the library. The guest appreciated library sources and services.



### Access of SCOPUS

CIIT Lahore got access to "Scopus" database. This database consisted of peer reviewed literature of journals, books and conference proceedings along with the tools to track, analyze and visualize research in almost all areas of study including science, general science and arts. The access to "Scopus" will help the researchers/faculty of CIIT to increase their research up to the expected higher position in ranking for the next year. This can happen by making the best use of "Scopus" that is the resource for QS from which it gets the research data for ranking. The CIIT Lahore Library is very much thankful to CIIT Islamabad Library for providing this access to CIIT Lahore.



### Luddo Competition

As part of student's week activities, a Luddo competition was held in CIIT Lahore Library, all library staff participated in this competition. Ms Nasira Muneer won the tournament and got a trophy from Muhammad Tariq Najmi, In charge CIIT Lahore Library.

### Movie Shows in Student Week



Library Information Services, CIIT Lahore successfully organized movie shows during student's week. Faculty, staff and students participated and enjoyed the movie shows with their family members.



### Participation in South Asian Libraries Conference

LUMS hosted the prestigious South Asian Libraries Conference (SALC 2015) from October 12-13, 2015. Mr. Tariq Najmi, (Incharge, COMSATS Lahore Library) actively participated in the conference. He was the chair of "Foreign Delegates Facilitation Committee" and also chaired the "Think Tank - 3 on "Developing Libraries for the 21st Century" and presented his report in the concluding session. He also conducted a full session, during the conference. Muhammad Ishtiaq (Assistant Librarian) and Sajjad Ahmad (Library Assistant) also participated in the conference.



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## News and Events at CIIT Library (Lahore Campus)

### Book Fair 2015

The 17th Book fair of COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (Lahore Campus) was held in November 2015. The main idea of this exhibition was to develop reading habits and create interest of reading among students and faculty. The other purpose of this exhibition was to introduce the educational community of CIIT to the leading book companies and their latest collection of books. Worthy Director, Dr. Qaisar Abbas, inaugurated the grand book fair. Twenty one vendors participated in this grand event. Faculty members visited and selected the books of their own use and for the library as well.



### Glittering Director's Dinner Celebrated in Ziafat Restaurant LHR

Library staff, CIIT Lahore has arranged a welcome plus Fair Well Dinner in the honor of Dr. Qaisar Abbas, worthy Director CIIT Lahore, Dr. Mahmood Ahmad Bodla (Ex Director CIIT Lahore) Vice Chancellor Leads University, Dr. Talat Afza (Ex Convener Library Affairs Committee, CIIT-Lahore) Vice Chancellor Women University Bahawalpur. All library staff includes Dr Robina Farooq (Convener library affairs committee) and Muhammad Tariq Najmi was there to welcome the guests for the wonderful dinner. Dr. Qaisar Abbas (Director CIIT- Lahore) and Dr. Robina Farooq (Convener library affairs committee) presented the souvenirs to the Ex Director and Convener. The dinner was well organized and all the participants really enjoyed this get together.

## News and Events at CIIT Library (Sahiwal Campus)

### Library Information Services, CIIT Sahiwal

The library is serving its community with up to date information through different sources including digital library, online research journals, periodicals, etc. All users including faculty, staff and students, are encouraged to make full use of the available resources. The library has acquired vast variety of hardbound volumes and reference material on subjects such as Business, Marketing, HRM, HRD, Management, Finance, Economics, Research, Computer Science, Mathematics, Bio-Sciences, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Social Sciences, English, Urdu, Islamic Literature, Pakistan Studies, Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, Atlases, Year Books, Handbooks, etc. The library has open shelf system with wide range of books, Audio-Visual Material, CDs, Data Bases, Newspapers, National and International Journals / Magazines, Thesis, Projects, etc. The facility of more than 30,000 online research journals / Magazines and more than 10,670 books on different subjects through HEC Digital Library Program, is also accessible here at Sahiwal.

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## Should Hackerspaces Replace Libraries?

***Technology has made accessing information more equal but as it develops we need to ensure that access to the software and hardware is possible for all and not just the wealthiest. Converting public libraries into hackerspaces might be our way to do that.***

By James Coe Via [http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/james-coe/hackerspaces\\_b\\_8277576.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/james-coe/hackerspaces_b_8277576.html)

Library use is on the decline. Since 2009, the number of branches open in Britain has fallen by 8%. In the same amount of time the number of total visits have dropped by 40 million. The amount of titles available, number of paid staff and size of budgets have also decreased. Despite this, 8 in every 10 people still see libraries as valuable. Why is it that they can be both valuable and under-used at the same time?

It's simple, we value the principles they embody; a collective commitment to establishing a place where we can come together to share ideas and educate ourselves. We do not, however, place the same value on the services they offer. In other words, we like the idea of having libraries but we just don't care as much about using them.

The internet has revolutionised how we ascertain information. We no longer have to endure the ceremony of searching the library catalogues, checking if the book is in stock and then hunting it down in the labyrinth of shelves. If we need information today, we use Google, YouTube or Amazon. In an age where information is in the ether, we no longer need physical monuments to the sum of human knowledge.

There is still a place for libraries in the modern world, we just have to reimagine what services they offer. Modern society is dependent on computers and yet hardly any of us know how to code, animate, edit video, create a design plan or use a 3D printer. This is as true for the younger generation as it is for the old, in 2014 only 2.6% of students attempted a computing GCSE and in the past 10 years the number of A-level students studying computing or IT has nearly halved - from 24,594 in 2004 to 13,650 in 2014.

Enter Hackerspaces. A 'hackerspace' (also referred to as a hacklab, makerspace or creative space) is a place where people can readily access computers, technology, scientific equipment and tools to innovate. Common features of hackerspaces include plenty of tabletops and workbenches, a video projector for presentations, computers loaded with video editing software, small hand tools, benchtop power supplies, 3D printers and related goods, scientific supplies and equipment, a lending library of books and journals and of course, computers.

The value of hackerspaces is that they, like traditional libraries, democratise educational tools. Developing an app or editing a video at home requires hundreds, if not thousands, of pounds worth of investment. This is an obvious hurdle for many people looking to innovate. By pooling our resources and making technology available we can encourage entrepreneurial activity and create a visible place for companies to showcase new products and recruit talented people from a diverse set of backgrounds. We can also help breathe new life into the high street by promoting a community of people, young and old, who can come together to share ideas, teach one another and participate in the use and development of free software.

Libraries are a valuable public institution but we need to accept that their days in their current form are numbered. If we don't soon reconsider how they can become more relevant to our modern needs then we run the risk of losing them and everything they represent. That would be a serious mistake. Converting some public libraries into hackerspaces would be a step in the right direction.



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