

MYLIBNET (Mysore Library Network)

Mysore city is unique compared to any other metropolitan city due to the richness in information resources. It is also unique in a way where one can find information on many areas like food science, sericulture, speech & hearing, pharmacy, dentistry, polymer, medicine, archeology, anthropology, Indian languages and engineering at one place. Considering this uniqueness, the Mysore Library Network (MYLIBNET) was established at Mysore city in the year 1995 and the Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysore, being an active member of Mysore City Library Consortium (MCLC), is hosting this network in its premises.

CFTRI is one of the premier Sectoral Centres of NISSAT in the area of food science and technology. With this added advantage, MYLIBNET is working closely with MCLC to promote information services in Mysore city.

OBJECTIVES:

MYLIBNET is also having the same objectives like other library networks in India but with a difference. One of the main objectives of this network is to prepare a union catalogue of periodicals subscribed by the member libraries. Accordingly, most of the library networks have been compiling the catalogue either in hard copy or in electronic form. Due to information technology advancement, this catalogue is now made available on the Internet.

MYLIBNET has also compiled this catalogue in the year 1996 in the machine-readable form and developed a software package (floppy disk version) for searching this catalogue either by

institution name, journal title or by keywords. This software was released to its members in July 1996.

In order to have faster communication among libraries, MYLIBNET has been subscribing to electronic mail service of Education and Research Network (ERNET) of Department of Electronics (DoE), Govt. of India. Since the mail hub was located at Bangalore, which is 140 km away from Mysore city, all the members were provided with telephones with STD facility by their parent institutions to access e-mail service. Library and information science professionals from member institutions were trained on e-mail operation.

PROGRAMMES:

MYLIBNET is organizing various programmes regularly for the benefit of library and information science professionals. Some of them are:

Workshop on Multimedia Applications in Library and Exhibition of Multimedia Products

Seminar on Bar Code Applications in Library and Demonstration of Bar Code Products

Workshop on Internet Concept and Techniques and Live Demonstration of Internet Access over STD Line

Training Programme on Common Communication Format for the Creation of Databases

Seminar on Digital Library

Technical Seminar on Library Management System

Workshop on Internet and Web Publishing in collaboration with Academy of Information Science.

Workshop on Bandwidth Management