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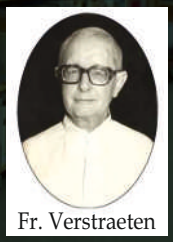
Fr. Verstraeten Central Library
NEWSLETTER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Principal's Message

The publication of the inaugural issue of the Fr. Verstraetan Central Library bi-annual newsletter fills me with pride and excitement.

I do believe that a library is the throbbing heart of a higher educational institution. This newsletter is a fitting and appropriate statement and testimony to that end.

As the embodiment of the spirit and essence of this college, our library fosters and supports a community of learners, scholars, and innovators. This newsletter is a celebration and a record of the essential role that the library plays in supporting student academic preparation and research, and faculty research, by providing a repository of extensive library resources that include not only books but also e-books, journals, e-journals, and databases. The library is equipped to support the needs and requirements of its stakeholders. And this newsletter will help to disseminate information about our library, its resources as well as its activities and extensive expansions in acquisitions that will benefit all.

I take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude and appreciation to Rev. Dr. Joseph Kulandai, SJ, the Assistant Director, Dr. Amitava Ray, Professor-in-Charge, Dr. Chinmay Mukhopadhyay, the Librarian, and all the library staff for their sincere and diligent dedication to ensure that the library fulfills all that is expected of it in the pivotal role that it plays. I wish to applaud and compliment the idea of publishing a newsletter that will certainly give provenance to that role.

Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ
Principal
Director, Central Library

Assistant Director's Message

Welcome to the first edition of our Bi-Annual Library Newsletter!

If you love books, chances are you love libraries too. Libraries are places where anything is possible; you can travel the world, uncover hidden mysteries, and even heal a broken heart—all within the walls of a library. Our College Library is a vibrant space for collaboration, innovation, and lifelong learning. Whether you are here to study, explore new interests, or simply find a quiet place to read, we strive to create an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere for all.

In our rapidly evolving world, the role of libraries has never been more critical or exciting. Libraries remain steadfast as hubs of lifelong learning and beacons of free and open access to information. As we navigate the challenges and opportunities of the digital age, our commitment is unwavering; to be a cornerstone of our student community, fostering knowledge, creativity, and connection. We are committed to being a versatile resource in this digital age, offering a blend of traditional and modern services to meet the diverse needs of our readers. While we continue to cherish and expand our physical collection of books, we are equally dedicated to providing a wealth of digital resources. In addition to our extensive resources, our dedicated staff is there to support you. We pride ourselves on creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone.

We take the next step forward to usher in the library newsletter and I am delighted to introduce our bi-annual newsletter. This will be a multifaceted communication tool that serves to inform, engage, educate, and connect with our community. It is intended to be a vital tool for connecting with our students and the community, and promoting the library's resources, services, and events. We hope to enhance awareness of library resources, promote events, support lifelong learning, foster community involvement, and advocate for the library's mission and value.

I place on record my gratitude to Father Principal for supporting us in all our endeavours. I take this opportunity to thank our Librarian, and all the staff members for their hard work, dedication and commitment. Our thanks to our professors and students for being a part of our library community. I am sure, together, we can explore the endless possibilities that lie ahead.

Warm regards,

Rev. Dr. Joseph Kulandai, SJ
Vice Principal, Dept. of Commerce (Morning)
Assistant Director, Central Library

'Inside a library, we feel like standing at the crossroads of thousands of avenues.' ~ Rabindranath Tagore

Role of Libraries in Higher Education Institutions

The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 signifies a significant transformation in the educational landscape, with a strong emphasis on the role of libraries in academic institutions. The evolving role of academic libraries is focused on blending traditional services with innovative practices to support educational excellence, encourage research, and meet the diverse needs of students and faculty.

It envisions libraries as dynamic spaces that facilitate a broader range of educational activities including being a resource centre, a learning hub, and integrating technology to enhance access to information and support digital learning. This new era presents numerous opportunities for libraries to innovate and expand their impact through collaborative networks, community engagement, open access resources, and fostering an innovation hub.

St. Xavier's College Library is proactively aligning itself with the objectives of NEP, 2020. It has established collaborative networks with other libraries and information institutions, strengthened its digital resources, and built an e-resource library. The active feedback mechanism further demonstrates its commitment to continuously improving its services.

Dr. Chinmay Mukhopadhyay
Librarian

Role of Libraries in Research

Libraries play a crucial role in research by providing access to resources, supporting researchers in various stages of their studies, and fostering a conducive environment for scholarly activities. Libraries, the world over, see themselves as being at the forefront of moves to extend, exploit, and promote new forms of scholarly communication. This is not surprising, since their position as guardians of the academic record stretches back centuries. Libraries have often combined long-term perspectives with a commitment to innovation. The advent of the digital era has created new opportunities but the role of the librarians to act as protagonists, advocates, and innovators continues to prevail. The role now extends beyond being facilitators, to working with the stakeholders as champions of change for the benefit of the whole research community.

Libraries, globally, are engaged in collaborative initiatives to find the best ways to support the research process and extend affordable access to the rapidly growing volume of resources that is now available. The role of libraries in responding to an increasingly complex research environment, its response to the acceleration of digital and online publishing, given the increasing costs and the preservation requirements of research outputs, as well as their positioning and research data management is of paramount importance. Libraries are bringing knowledge and professional expertise to the task of enhancing the effectiveness of the research environment, which is placing them in the role of advocates and service integrators. The success of this activity has been underpinned by a strengthening of the natural tendency of libraries to form strong collaborative networks that can share knowledge.

Libraries are pivotal in supporting and enhancing research activities across various academic disciplines. The pace of change in the landscape of scholarly communication has created both significant opportunities and interesting challenges. The adoption of whole new areas of activity has transformed the way that libraries position themselves today.

Dr. Amitava Roy
Dean, B.Com. (Morning)
Professor-in-Charge, Central Library

'If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.' ~ Marcus Tullius Cicero

Central Library at a Glance

Library Automation: Library operations are fully automated using open-source software Koha (Ver: 20.11.08.000) through various modules such as library members registration, library items circulation, library materials cataloguing, serials cataloguing, management reports generation, tools, searching library materials, acquisition, and online support.

RFID Based Technology: Automation work in the library is enhanced by RFID based technology. RFID enabled five staff stations, two self-circulation kiosks and one pair of RFID enabled gate antenna are used for effective and efficient automatic execution of library works. It is supported with bar code technology also.

Library Collection: Includes books, rare books (digitised with UNESCO funding), e-books, digital databases, journals, e-journals, CD/DVDs, Reports, Ph.D. theses (hard copies and soft copies), etc.

E-books: From NLIST platform, Oxford University Press, Pearson, e-books from ProQuest, e-books from DELNET, etc.

Rare Books for Historical Research: These are digitised with UNESCO funding.

Digital Databases: CMIE-hosted Prowess IQ and Economic Outlook, ProQuest One Literature, IndiaStat hosted by Datanet, JGate (For Science & Technology and Social Science & Humanities) with a host of Open Access E-Resources for study and research.

E-journals: From Sage, Harvard Business Review, Wall Street Journal, Down to Earth, etc.

Journals: From Indian Academy of Sciences, IUP, Indian Journal of Marketing, etc.

Anti-Plagiarism Software: i-Thenticate hosted by Turnitin & DrillBit (For Regional Languages)

Fr. Principal & Vice Principals with Students and Staff at the Library

RFID Based Security

Overview of Total Collection of Printed Books, Journals & Magazines

As on 30-06-2024

	Central Library	Education Department	Raghabhpur Campus	Total
Total No. of Library Holdings	69,247	9,590	11,119	89,956
No. of books in Lending section	49,982	4,275	8,739	62,996
No. of books in Reading section	17,385	4,904	2,203	24,492
No. of Books in Book Bank Section	785	395	57	1,237
No. of periodicals	119	7	2	128
No. of CDs/ DVDs	753	24	120	897
No. of Reports	176	0	0	176
No. of Ph.D. Thesis	33	0	0	33
No. of Newspapers	10	2	3	15

Facilities and Services

- **Library Catalogue Access through Web OPAC:** Online Library of books, CD/DVDs, reports, e-books, e-journals, journals, Ph.D. theses, etc is accessible (24x7) within the library premises as well as **outside the campus** from the library website at www.sxccal.edu via Web OPAC section of Central Library where one can find the login portal using College CIN.
- Lending Service with RFID Technology
- Reference Service with Spacious Air-conditioned Reading Rooms
- Scientific Arrangement of Library Materials (based on DDC system and Koha ILMS)
- Online Books Reservation
- Online Book Renewal
- Email Alerts for Library Transactions
- Shelf Guide Display for Prompt Access
- Open Access for Users
- Book Bank Facility
- Previous Semester Question Paper Delivery
- Reprography Service
- Document Delivery Service
- Competitive Exam Corner
- Career Guidance Books
- New Arrivals Display at Reference Section
- Electronic Display Board for Library Information
- Display of Faculty Publications
- Newspapers' Corner
- Periodical Section
- Audio Visual Section
- Self-Circulation Service
- Access to Rare Documents
- Institutional Repository Using DSpace Open-source Software
- Property Counter
- Group Study Facilities
- Research Tools
- E-Attendance for Measuring Footfalls
- Online Database Access within Campus
- Online Access to E-journals within Campus
- Remote Access to Online Databases, E-journals, E-books
- Institutional Membership
- Free Book Distribution Service
- Services for Ex-Student, Alumni/nae
- Research Scholars Cell for Ph.D. Students
- Faculty Cell for Faculty Users
- Cubicle for E-Resource Access
- CCTV Surveillance for Security Measures
- Fire Extinguishers for Safety Measures
- Smoke Detection Alarm
- Preservation of Library Materials
- Book Binding Facility
- Compliance with ISO Standards for Better Accessibility and Traceability of Library Documents
- **Wi-Fi Facility:** Library premises are wi-fi enabled and fully air-conditioned
- **E-Resource Access Section for Advanced Studies & Research:** Fr. Verstraeten Central Library E-Resource Centre for Advanced Studies and Research is a newly developed state-of-the-art E-Resource Library equipped with twenty-five tabs.

RFID Enabled Self Circulation Kiosk

Computerised Attendance System

'You'll never be alone if you've got a book.' ~ AI Pacino

E-Resources

- INFLIBNET-NLIST
- JSTOR
- National Digital Library of India
- The National Archives of India
- DELNET
- Indiastat [Online Database]
- ProQuest One Literature
- Prowess IQ [Online Database]
- Economic Outlook [Online Database]
- Oxford E-Books (Economics, Physics, Sociology, Management, Mathematics, Biotechnology)
- Pearson E-Books (Sociology, Political Sc, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, Mathematics, IAS Exam)
- Sage Journal
- The Economist
- Harvard Business Review
- J-Gate (E-Journals for Science & Technology and Social Science & Humanities)
- AIMS International Journal of Management
- Time
- Down to Earth
- The Hindu Business Line [Digital Version]
- The Hindu [Digital Version]
- The Wall Street Journal [Online Newspaper]
- Institutional Membership: British Council Library
- Institutional Membership: American Library
- iThenticate (Anti-Plagiarism Software with AI Writing Detection Tools)
- DrillBit (Anti-Plagiarism Software with AI Writing Detection Tools for Regional Language)

E-Resources Awareness Programme

Central Library E-Resources

Hidden Treasures

- De Ivstitia Et Ivre / Lessio E Societate, Avctore Leonardo, 1632.
- R. P. Jocobi Tirini / Tomas Primus – Joannis Girin & Bartholom Rivrre, 1678.
- Summa Theologiae / R. P. Martino Becano, 1679.
- Vener Abilis Patris Roberti / Tomus Secundus, 1700.
- Critit Der Reinen Bernunft / I. Kant, 1781.
- Die Relegion / I. Kant, 1793.
- Mystica Ciudad De Dios / Sor Maria De
- Perpetual Peace / I. Kant – London : George Allen & Unwin Ltd, 1795.
- Bum Envigen Frieden / I. Kant, 1795.
- Der Streit Der Facultaten / I. Kant, 1798.

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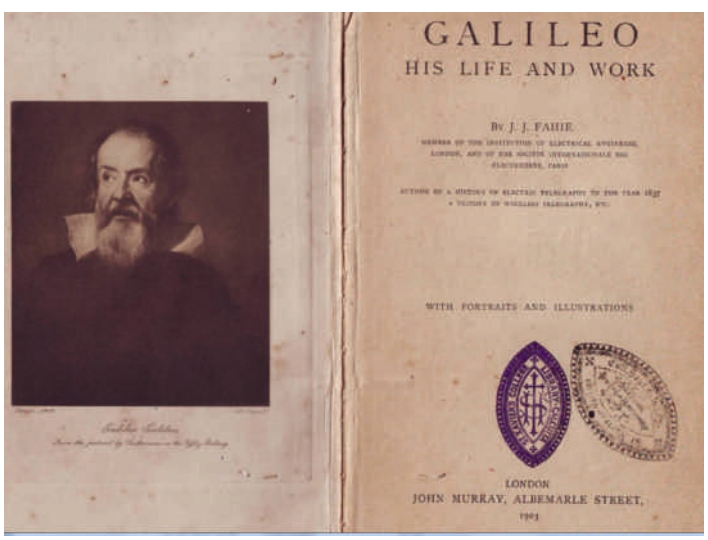

Galileo: His Life and Works (1903)

New Arrivals

- Introduction to computation and programming using python with application to understanding data / John V. Guttag
- Bayesian data analysis / Andrew Gelman
- Save the cat! the last book on screenwriting you'll ever need / Blake Synder
- (The) Hero with a thousand faces / Joseph Campbell
- Study package MCA entrances / Amit M. Agarwal
- UPSC 2024 IAS prelims / Arihant Pub
- Objective general studies / Manohar Pandey
- Gate tutor 2024: Electrical engineering / Prasant Bharti, Er. Bhavin Juneja, Gaurav Goel.
- Gate tutor 2024: Civil engineering / Prasant Dixit
- General Studies for civil services preliminary examination / Surender Singh and Virinder Parmar
- General Studies: for civil services preliminary examination / Arun Sharma, Madhukar Kumar Bhagat, Abhijit Guha
- BCA entrance examinations 2024: complete self study guide / Sanjeev Dixit, Sushil Singh, Deepali.
- Verbal ability and reading comprehension for CAT / Nishit K. Sinha
- Quantitative aptitude for CAT / Nishit K. Sinha.
- Logical reasoning for CAT / Nishit K. Sinha.
- How to prepare for logical reasoning for the CAT Common Admission Test & other management examinations / Arun Sharma
- How to prepare for data interpretation for the CAT : Common Admission Test & other management examinations / Arun Sharma.
- GMAT Common Management Admission Test 2024 / S. K. Sinha, S. Satyanarayan
- GMAT official guide quantitative review 2023-2024 / Joy Jones.
- GMAT official guide data insights review 2023-2024 / Joy Jones
- GMAT official guide verbal review 2023-2024 / Joy Jones.
- GMAT official guide 2023-2024 / Joy Jones
- Computer science & IT : GATE/IES/PSUs and other competitive exams / Surabhi Mishra
- MCA entrances : solved papers 2023-2011 / Amit M. Agarwal.
- KVS NTA-UGC NET/SET/JRF : teaching and research aptitude paper 1 2023 / K V S Madaan
- NTA/UGC NET/JRF/SET : computer science & applications paper 2 / Surabhi Sharma, Kailash Chandra Gururani
- Python for data analysis : data wrangling with pandas, NumPy and Jupyter / Wes McKinney
- Business analytics the science of data-driven decision making / U. Dinesh Kumar
- Quantitative aptitude for competitive examinations / R. S. Aggarwal

New Arrivals

Faculty Publications

'The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.' ~ Albert Einstein

Best Practices

- Open Access to Students
- Self-Circulation Kiosk
- Online Book Reservation
- Online Book Renewal
- Email Alerts (Issue/ Return / Fine)
- Book Bank Facility
- Institutional Repository
- On/Off Campus E-Resource Access
- Single Window Search
- State-of-the Art Reading Rooms
- Reference Facility
- Student Feedback System
- Institutional Membership (BCL, AL, NDL)
- Lending Facility
- Photocopy Facility
- Free Book Distribution
- Anti-Plagiarism Software Facility
- Fire Alarm System
- RFID Based Security
- CCTV Surveillance

Ph.D. Scholars who have successfully completed Ph.D. viva-voce (Jan.-June, 2024)

Sl No	Name of Ph.D. Scholar	Department	Date of Ph.D. Viva-Voce Examination
1.	Debjani Dutta	Microbiology	07-02-2024
2.	Dipanjan Basu	Commerce	19-03-2024
3.	Preeti Khan	Biotechnology	04-05-2024

Research Cell

Students Speak

1. "The Central library at St Xavier's College offers a welcoming atmosphere for all it's students .It has a diverse collection of books across diverse genres, catering to all ages and interests. The library also offers a wide range of e-facilties where students can lend and reissue the books at their own time and convenience .It also provides e- resources including a variety of journals, research papers, e- books making it convenient and user friendly for all it's visitors. The helpful and the knowledgeable staff are always ready to assist us with any inquires and recommendations, ensuring a personalised experience for every visitor."

   ~ **Siddhi Chopra** , *B.Com. Honours [Evening], Sem-6*

2. "I am writing to share my feedback on the college library facilities and services. I appreciate the vast collection of books and other academic resources available in the library. The environment provides a zone for great focus. Overall, my experience has been positive."

   ~ **Ritesh Kumar Tiwari** , *B.A. General, Sem-6*

3. "Fr. Verstraeten Central Library offers an extensive collection of books, journals, and digital resources that cater to every field of study that enhances one s knowledge to a great extent. Its commitment to accessibility reflects the library's role in supporting academic success and lifelong learning. Furthermore, the published works of Xaverians are available for reading so that students get nurtured by the spirit of Nihil Ultra and also get to know about the eminent contributions by the esteemed professors of our college. I'm immensely grateful to the Fathers for ensuring the library to be dynamic and enriching for education and discovery by students, faculty & researchers. Whenever I needed assistance with locating a book or navigating an online database, the staff were keen to guide me which was indeed very helpful. I truly cherish my time spent at the library!"

   ~ **Upasana Law**, *M.Com., Sem-4*

Upcoming Events

- Library Orientation for Freshers [July, 2024]
- E-Resource Awareness Programme for Staff and Students [August, 2024]
- One Day Library Seminar for Students [September, 2024]
- Library Book Exhibition [November, 2024]

Visit by the Students of Oslomet University, Norway

Reference Section

Library Front View

Library Entrance - Inside View

Periodical Section

Lending Section

Lending Counter

E-Resource Centre for Advanced Studies and Research

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