



Diploma in School Librarianship

(Course code : DSL)

DSL 2023/2024

1) Introduction

According to the educational reforms introduced in 1998, the school library, the audio-visual unit, and the Computer Lab of the school were combined and re-named as the School Library and Learning Resource Centre (SLLRC). Accordingly, the role of the School / Teacher Librarian has become teaching information skills, supporting teaching and facilitating independent learning of the students etc. By this, it is expected to improve the quality of the resource-based teaching and learning processes. The Diploma in School Librarianship aims to provide the appropriate knowledge, attitude and skills required to fulfill the new roles and to produce a group of professionals who can shoulder these new transformations.

2) Target Group

Those who already work in school libraries and those who would like to join a school library.

3) Entry Requirements

Passing GCE (A / L) **Old Syllabus:** Passing 03 subjects.
New Syllabus: Passing 03 main subjects.

OR

Passing GCE (O/L) and the **Certificate in School Librarianship (CSL) /Advanced Certificate in School Librarianship (ACSL) or Advanced Certificate in Librarianship (ACL)** awarded by the National Institute of Library and Information Sciences (NILIS).

4) Intended Learning Outcomes

After completing this course, the participants will be able to

- Understand the new trends in the school library,
- Discover the contribution of the school library to the resource-based teaching / learning process.
- Use online learning as a tool and
- Gain skills required to become an information literate person

5) Course Contents

1. School Library Learning Resource Centre
2. Information Literacy
3. Internet Literacy
4. Library Collection Management
5. Children and Youth Literature
6. Teaching Reading
7. Project

6) **Significance of the Program:** As shown in the Figure, completion of DSL will enable one to continue to Higher Diploma in Library and Information Management (SLQF Level 4) conducted by NILIS.

7) **Course Duration:** One year

8) **Medium of Instruction:** Sinhala/Tamil - A program in any language will be conducted only if an adequate number of students have enrolled, to study in that medium).

9) **Mode of Study:** All classes will be conducted only in online mode until further notice.

10) **Evaluation Criteria:**

By way of classroom assignments, end-of-semester written exams and a project report, students' performance will be evaluated.

11) **Award of the Diploma in School Librarianship Certificate**

Candidates must obtain at least 50% out of 100% for each subject including the Project Report, to obtain the Diploma in School Librarianship.

12) **Course Fees:**

Total Course fee is **Rs.27900/=** which can be paid in Full or in Two installments.

Installment	Amount	Due Date
First Installment	Rs.16,150	Before registering to the Course.
Second Installment	Rs.11,750	Before sitting the First Semester Examination

13) **Applications close on:** 15th March 2023

14) **Commencement of the Program:** June 2023

15) **Process of Applying:**

1. Download the application from our website (www.nilis.cmb.ac.lk)
2. Fill the application form as clearly as possible.
3. Deposit Rs. 300.00 as Application Processing Fee to the Account No. **086100101191736** of Peoples' Bank, Thimbirigasyaya Branch and paste the original receipt in the given cage in the Application Form.
4. Enclose certified copies of the birth certificate, GCE/OL certificate(s) , GCE/AL certificate, and the NIC.
5. Write the Course code on top left corner of the envelope.
6. Post the application and other attachments to the,

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