



Diploma in Public Librarianship

(Course code: DPL)

DPL 2024/2025

1) Introduction

Today, the Public Library is being transformed into a community development center and the social and cultural role of the public library is ever-widening beyond the traditional services like book issues, reference services, and project-based services. Therefore, it has become vital for those who already work in public libraries, as well as those who would like to join a public library, to have a much wider knowledge of the social and cultural contexts of the public library. The Diploma in Public Librarianship intends to provide the appropriate knowledge, attitudes and skills required to fulfill the new roles, and to produce a group of professionals who can shoulder the societal and cultural transformation.

2) Target Group

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

3) Entry Requirements

Passing GCE (A/L) **Old Syllabus:** Passes in 04 subjects
New Syllabus: Passes in 03 main subjects

OR

Passing GCE (O/L) and the **Certificate in Public Librarianship (CPL) / Advanced certificate in in Public Librarianship (ACPL) or Advanced Certificate in Librarianship (ACL)** awarded by the National Institute of Library and Information Sciences.

4) Intended Learning Outcomes

After completing this course, the participants will be able to:

- Understand the new role of the Public Library,
- Identify the role of the Public Library in community-based development,
- Understand the contribution of the Public Library in the cultural promotion.
- Identify how modern information technology can be used in community development.

5) Course Contents

1. Introduction to Librarianship
2. Collection Development & Management
3. Information and Communications Technology for Libraries
4. Information Resources and Services
5. Project Report writing
6. Media and Cultural Literacy
7. Indigenous Knowledge
8. Community and the Public Library

6) **Significance of the Program:** As shown in the figure, completion of DPL will enable to continue to Higher Diploma at SLQF Level 4.

7) **Course Duration:** 12 Months

8) **Medium of Instruction:** Sinhala OR 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 in hybrid mode.

10) Method of Evaluation:

For each taught subject, 50% shall be added from all classroom assignments/assessments/term papers etc. The balance 50% shall be added from the written examinations held at the end of the semester. The Project Report will be assigned marks out of 100%. All end of semester written examination will be held in online mode until further notice).

11) To Obtain the Diploma in Public Librarianship Certificate

A minimum of C pass (minimum of 50%) must be obtained for each subject including the Project Report. If D or E passes are obtained for three subjects or less, those subjects can be repeated.

12) **Course Fees of DPL:** SL Rs.29,000/- (Can be paid in two installments)

13) **Selection Interview:** 06th January 2024

14) **Commencement of the Program:** February 2024

15) Process of Applying:

1. Download the application from our website (<https://nilis.cmb.ac.lk/home/>)
2. Complete the application form as clearly as possible.
3. Deposit Rs. 300.00 as the Application Processing Fee to the Account No. 086100101191736 of Peoples' Bank, Thimbrigasyaya Branch and attach the original receipt in the given cage in the Application Form.
4. Attach certified copies of the birth certificate, GCE/OL / GCE/AL certificate, and the NIC.
5. Visit NILIS on **06th January 2024 at 9.30 am** with the originals of all certificates mentioned above

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