



# Diploma in School Librarianship

DSL 2021/2022

## 1) Introduction

According to the educational reforms introduced in the year 1998, the school library, the audio-visual unit, and the Computer Lab of the school was combined and renamed as the School Library and Learning Resource Centre. Accordingly, the role of the school / teacher Librarian has become teaching information skills, teaching participation, facilitating independent learning, and teaching to read. By this it is expected to improve the quality of the resource based teaching and learning processes. The Diploma in School 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 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) (as per the old syllabus, passing 04 subjects or as per the new syllabus, passing 03 main subjects)

OR

Passing GCE (O / L) and the **Certificate in School Librarianship** awarded by the National Institute of Libraries and Information Sciences, University of Colombo.

## 4) Learning Outcomes

After completing this course, the participants will be able

- To understand the new trends in the school library,
- To discover the contribution of the school library to the resource-based teaching / learning process;
- To 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) **Course Duration:** 12 Months
- 7) **Medium of Instruction:** Sinhala OR Tamil (A program in any language will be conducted only if an adequate number of students have enrolled).
- 8) **Mode of Study:** Due to COVID-19 pandemic, classes will be conducted only in online mode until further notice.
- 9) **Method of Evaluation:**  
Through classroom assignments and a written report.
- 10) **Evaluation Criteria:**  
An assignment must be completed for each module and a minimum of 50% or above must be obtained to pass that module. In addition, a written report on a given topic must be submitted and a minimum of 50% or above must be obtained to pass in the report.

**11) Course Fees:**

Application Fee	Rs.250.00
Registration Fee	Rs.1500.00
Course Fee	Rs.23500.00
Exam fees 150*6	Rs.900.00
Library Fee	Rs. 1000.00
Certificate Fee	Rs. 1000.00

**12) Date of Commencement:** September 2021

**13) Process of Applying:**

- Download the application from our website
- Fill the application form as clearly as possible
- Deposit Rs. 250.00 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.
- Forward the application and other attachments to the;  
"Senior Assistant Registrar  
National Institute of Library & Information Science (NILIS)  
University of Colombo  
Colombo 03"