



# Medical Library News

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*“The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library” – Albert Einstein.*

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## *Get to Know Your Library*

The Medical Library of the University of Kelaniya was established in 1991, based on the foundation laid by the library of the North Colombo Medical College (NCCMC). The library's main objective is to fulfill the information needs of academic staff and students of the Faculty of Medicine by providing information resources required for the educational and research programs of the faculty.

## *Library Services*

The Medical Library offers a wide range of services catering to its users' diverse needs.

- ❖ **Lending Services:** The Library provides convenient access to library materials and lending services for all users via an organized and efficient circulation system.
- ❖ **Reference Services:** Library reference services are designed to help users find the resources they need and the answers they seek via specialized services.
- ❖ **Document Delivery Service (DDS):** The Library offers the Document Delivery Service (DDS) for students and staff of the faculty. Students and staff could request full-text articles and book chapters not available in the Library via this service. You may fill out the DDS Request Form online or send your request to the Library via Email: [libmed@kln.ac.lk](mailto:libmed@kln.ac.lk)
- ❖ **Current Awareness Services:** Users are informed the new resources, new additions and new services introduced to the library via e-mail, Notices and Memos.
- ❖ **Information Literacy Instruction:** Library conduct workshops, webinars and one-to-one sessions to teach users how to search information efficiently, and cite information accurately. One-to-one sessions on Database Searching are conducted on request.
- ❖ **Reader Advisory Service:** Library handles various user queries on information and provides proper guidance to users.
- ❖ **Virtual Reference Services:** In addition to in-person assistance, library offer virtual reference services. These services enable users to seek guidance remotely through email.

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*“One best book is equal to hundred good friends, but one good friend is equal to a library”*  
–Abdul Kalam.

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## ***Know Your Library's Digital Resources***

### **Online Catalog (OPAC)**

All Library books and other resources, including Postgraduate Theses, Research Reports, and bound Journals available in the library, can be searched via the Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC).

### **Past Paper Repository**

This repository archives all Past papers of the University of Kelaniya's MBBS, SHS, and Occupational Therapy Examinations.

### **E-Books & Journals**

The library provides online access to over one thousand book titles and journals via ProQuest EBook Central Book Database, Oxford University Press Journals & Oxford Medicine Online Books platforms, EBSCOHost Database & Traylor Francis Books and Journals Platform.

### **Research4Life**

Research4Life provides free or low-cost online access to leading journals and books in the fields of health, agriculture, environment, applied sciences, and legal information.

### **Research Repository**

Research papers and conference abstracts published by the faculty staff members and postgraduate theses.



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*“I’d be happy if I could think that the role of the library was sustained and even enhanced in the age of the computer” – Bill Gates*

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## **News Corner**

### **Library Reward Program**



Giving away the **Best Library User Award** is a better way to promote the library resources and facilities, motivate the current library user community, and attract more users to the library. For the first time in the library's history, the faculty library rewarded the best user. The Best Library User is selected based on the frequency of checkouts of library materials, as these users demonstrate a strong interest in the library's resources and are likely to appreciate a reward.

We are delighted to announce the finalists for the Best Library User Award for the Year 2022:

Miss H. D. Melani Rashmika (ME/2015/122)  
 Mr. P. A. Dion Sashen Perera (ME/2019/008)  
 Mr. W. Ashan Kavishka (ME/2020/205)

### **Online Library Quiz**

The Medical Library introduced an **Online Library Quiz** on Moodle platform to make students more aware of the E-resources available in the library and increase the usage of E-resources. This type of contest makes students motivate and helps the library to reward its users. It is the first collaborative activity completed jointly with the Library Student Affairs Committee.



Here are the Winners of the **Online Library Quiz**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

Miss M H Maryam (F/ME/2020/201)

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place:**

Miss A. A. Nadeera Abayasundara (OT/2020/015)

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Place:**

Miss W. H. Gayathma JayavI Perera (F/ME/2020/200)

#### **Merit awards**

Miss A. S. Sewmini Somarathna (ME/2017/141)

Miss M. N. Fathima Sumaira (ME/2021/046)

Miss M. A. G. Mandira Chamodi Mahaarachchi (OT/2020/009)

***We Congratulate all Winners!!!***

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