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ROJA MUTHIAH RESEARCH LIBRARY TRUST

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Main Objectives of the Trust

The Roja Muthiah Research Library Trust endeavors to:

- undertake and enable development of research libraries and archives relating to south Indian studies in order to serve the needs of scholars;
- preserve and conserve documents of value for research;
- gather and generate knowledge about libraries and archives;
- disseminate that knowledge;
- train librarians and archivists;
- engage in international collaborative efforts for the betterment of services to readers; and
- engage in research in the areas of humanities and social sciences.

The Roja Muthiah Research Library Trust's principle current objectives are maintenance and development of the Roja Muthiah Research Library and affiliated bodies such as the Indus Research Centre.

We acknowledge with gratitude the support of

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And all the donors who have generously supported the library.

Annual Report Narrative

2014-15 has been a fruitful year for the Library. After two consecutive years of financial crisis, RMRL has received project grants and funds this year. The Library received two major grants – one from the Navajbai Ratan Tata Trust for undertaking paper conservation work. Through this project, RMRL will be setting up a conservation studio and will be conserving rare imprints in its collection. We strongly trust this project will become a model for undertaking paper conservation in India. The second is from the Endangered Archives programme (EAP) to digitize rare imprints. RMRL has started the digitization work and field visits are being made in various parts of south India in search of rare imprints.

In addition to the project grants, the Library also received a few donations towards a corpus. As in the past many new people have donated books. To deal with space issues new compact shelves have been ordered to stack new donations.

An endowment has been constituted this year to honour Prof. V. Arasu who retired recently from the University of Madras. A fund has been endowed in his name as “Prof. V. Arasu Endowment Lecture Series” by his students.

To boost research activity in Indus Research Centre, a bulletin authored by Dr. Iravatham Mahadevan has been published as “Dravidian Proof of the Indus Script via the Rig Veda: A Case Study”. This emphasizes the need for multilingual research especially in Tamil, Sanskrit, Pali and other languages. In order to expand as a research institution RMRL has been approaching some of the renowned universities for affiliation. This will help scholars to undertake research in house utilizing RMRL’s material.

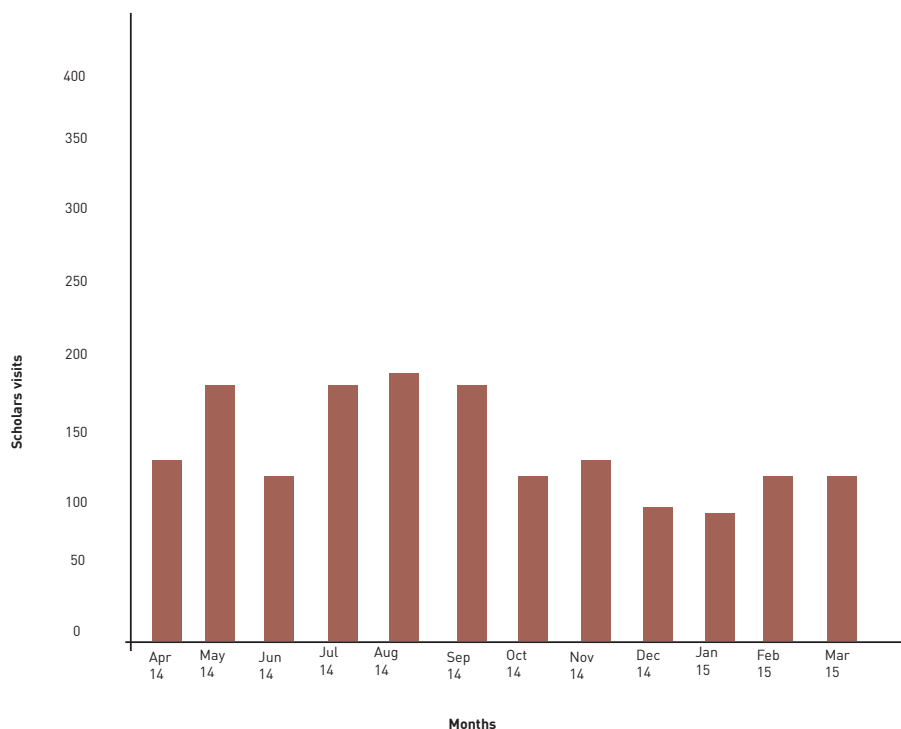
RMRL has been approaching corporates to get funds through Corporate Social Responsibility. Thanks to the Government of India for including libraries and heritage institutions to be supported by CSR. RMRL sees hope in the future for taking up more activities.

G. Sundar
Executive Trustee
August 2015

Reference Services

1610 scholars visited the Library for their research work during this year. As in the past M.Phil. and Ph.D. scholars as well as writers, freelance researchers and journalists have used the collection. 4857 books and 6,983 periodicals have been put to use multiple times. In addition to the above figures, several scholars have received support over telephone and email services. Microfilms are also being put to use for their research work. In addition to the existing OPAC system in the reference section, two systems have been installed with JISIS database for convenience of the scholars. The data can be searched in Tamil using UNICODE.

Scholars visits to RMRL in 2014-2015: An overview



Donors List*

Individuals

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Tikkatir Apis, Maturai

* This list provides the names of donors who have donated more than 10 numbers of print or audio records

Documentation and Acquisitions

7306 books were catalogued this year. This includes 1469 books from Mu. Arunachalam's donation. These books were catalogued and now available in our online database for the educational community. The breakup of the catalogued books is given in the table.

Period	Tamil	English	Total
1839-1899	132	2	134
1900-1999	2739	807	3546
2000-2012	2580	1046	3626
Total	5451	1855	7306

Cataloguing of late Mu. Arunachalam's collection has been started. 2300 books were catalogued and the work is in progress.

Now, RMRL has online database in J-ISIS platform and it is accessed both internally and externally by the scholars. We have been experiencing the shutdown of the server. All efforts are being taken to resolve this issues.

Reprographic Services

RMRL has taken up the work of identification and digitization of rare Kannada imprints. This is through the funds the University of Chicago (UoC) received from the Endangered Archives Programme last year. As a trusted collaborator of UoC in India, RMRL has taken up this preservation assignment. Field visits are being undertaken in both Tamilnadu and Karnataka and rare materials have been identified. Digitization work has been started and it is in progress.

RMRL completed the digitization of Census of India volumes published in the years 1921, 1931 and 1971. To complete the quality control of digitized microfilms staff have been recruited and trained. GKD Charitable Trust has donated amount to undertake this work. The work has been going in full swing and will be completed soon.

Considering the safety of the digital content RMRL has generated in the past two decades a mass storage device has been purchased and installed in the Library. The process of transferring the digital content is under way.

Indus Research Centre (IRC)

During 2014-15 the Indus Research Centre (IRC) did not attract any new research projects or funding. And this has affected IRC plans to expand the Indus Concordance and make it available to the public in electronic form.. RMRL is working with Tamil University, Thanjavur, for affiliation so that IRC can formally conduct research activities in several areas including the Indus Valley Civilization and its script.

Research Activities

IRC is collaborating with the Institute of Mathematical Sciences in the area of Indus text analysis, specifically in the area of text segmentation. IRC continues to build on its collection of Indus research and reference materials. Dr. Iravatham Mahadevan has made a breakthrough in the analysis of the Indus script using his interpretive approach. His latest interpretations have been published by IRC as the fourth issue of the Bulletin of the Indus Research Centre and titled "Dravidian Proof of the Indus Script via the Rig Veda: A Case Study" Two articles, சிந்துவெளிப் பண்பாட்டின் வீழ்ச்சி & சிந்துவெளி எழுத்தாய்வுக்கு ஹேராஸ் பாதிரியாரின் பங்களிப்பு were written by Mr. C. Subramanian, research fellow at IRC, which were published in RMRL's newsletter Roja Ital.

Articles published in Roja Itai (RMRL's quarterly newsletter)

ஆய்ச்சியர் பாடிய முல்லைத் தீம்பாணி, நா. மம்மது, நிறுவனர், இன்னிசை
டிரஸ்ட்.

தமிழ் அச்ச வரலாற்றெழுதியலும் சேவியர் தனிநாயகம் அடிகளும்
கோ.கணேஷ், முனைவர்பட்ட ஆய்வாளர், உலகத் தமிழாராய்ச்சி நிறுவனம்

சிந்துவெளிப் பண்பாட்டின் வீழ்ச்சி ச. சுப்பிரமணியன், ஆராய்ச்சியாளர்,
சிந்துவெளி ஆராய்ச்சி மையம், ரோஜா முத்தையா ஆராய்ச்சி நூலகம்

அயோத்திதாசர் பார்வையில் விரியும் ஓளவையாரின் மாற்று வரலாறு
ஸ்டாலின் ராஜாங்கம், உதவிப் பேராசிரியர், அமெரிக்கன் கல்லூரி, மதுரை

பழைய திருப்பெருந்துறைப் புராணம் முனைவர் சு. வேங்கடராமன், ஆட்சிக் குழு
உறுப்பினர், செம்மொழித் தமிழாய்வு மத்திய நிறுவனம்

சிந்துவெளி எழுத்தாய்வுக்கு ஹேராஸ் பாதிரியாரின் பங்களிப்பு,
ச. சுப்பிரமணியன், ஆராய்ச்சியாளர், சிந்துவெளி ஆராய்ச்சி மையம், ரோஜா
முத்தையா ஆராய்ச்சி நூலகம்

ஆசாரக்கோவை, ஏலாதியிலுள்ள இரு பாடல்களின் யாப்பமைப்பு குறித்த சில
விவாதங்கள் (உரையாசிரியர்கள், பதிப்பாசிரியர்கள், யாப்பியலாய்வாளர்களின்
கருத்துகளை முன்வைத்து)

பத்தொன்பதாம் நூற்றாண்டில் விலாச நாடகங்கள்: வரலாறும் வாசிப்பும்
அ. மோகனா உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் தமிழ்த்துறை தியாகராசர் கல்லூரி மதுரை

Extension Activities

Lectures / Exhibitions / Documentary Screening

Prof. M. Anandakrishnan Endowment Lecture series



Dr. Indira Viswanathan Peterson
delivering a lecture

16 February 2015: Raja Serfoji II of Tanjore's Cholanadu pilgrimage and Kaveri delta temple networks by Dr. Indira Viswanathan Peterson

6 March 2015: Re-visioning the Sacred Geography of Early Modern Tamil Nadu by Dr. Anna Lise Seastrand.



Dr. Anna Lise Seastrand
delivering a lecture

20 August 2014 : Mr. Mr. S. Muthiah delivered his lecture titled "Memories of Madras"

22 August 2014 Prof. J. B. P. More delivered his lecture titled "Origin of Chennai/ Madras"

23 August 2014 Prof. Perundevi Srinivasan delivered his lecture titled "Mariamman at the Interface of Science and Religion"

5 December 2014: Seeing Voices: Imaging Applied to Early Recorded Sound Preservation by Dr. Carl Haber



Dr. Carl Haber,
delivering a lecture

Dr. Gift Siromoney Endowment Lecture series

14 November 2014: Dravidian Proof of the Indus Script via the Rig Veda: A Case Study by Dr. Iravatham Mahadevan. The paper was published as 4th volume of the bulletin of the Indus Research Centre and was release the same day before the lecture.



Dr. Iravatham Mahadevan.
delivering a lecture

Prof. V. Arasu endowment lecture



Ms. Va. Geetha, *delivering a lecture*

The lecture series was inaugurated at the RMRL as a gesture to honour Prof. V. Arasu. The inaugural lecture was delivered by Ms. Va. Geetha in the title “தமிழ் நவீனமும் சர்வதேசியமும் பாரதியார் முதல் பெரியார் வரை”.

Lectures Outside RMRL

Mr. Sundar's paper “தமிழியல் ஆய்வுகளாங்களாக உலக நூலகங்கள்” was presented in the conference “Prof. Xavier Thaninayagam Adikalar – 100” organized at the Loyolo college.

Mr. Sundar delivered his lecture “ஆதலினால் ஆவணப்படுத்துவீர்” in the Sangam 4 event organized by Tamil Maiyam.

Exhibitions

On the eve of the Madras week, the exhibition “Print culture in Cennaipattinam” was organized from 18th to 23rd August. This exhibition portrayed the books and periodicals published in Madras in the nineteenth and early twentieth century. The exhibition was well received by public and covered by media.

Documentary movies

“Hindustan Hamara - THIS COUNTRY IS OURS” a documentary movie directed by Mr. R. V. Ramani was screened in the Library .

Audit Report under section 12A(b) of the Income-tax Act, 1961, in the case of charitable or religious trusts or institutions

We have examined the Balance Sheet of **Roja Muthiah Research Library Trust** as at 31st March, 2015 and the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date which are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said trust.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the head office of the above named trust so far as appears from our examination of the books.

In our opinion and to the best of our information, and according to information given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view –

- (i) in the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named trust as at 31st March, 2015
- (ii) in the case of the Income & Expenditure account, of the excess of income over expenditure of its accounting period ending 31st March, 2015

for Bhaskaran & Ramesh
Chartered Accountants

Chennai
01 August 2015

A Bhaskaran
Partner

Audited Financial Statement**Balance Sheet as at 31.03.2015**

Particulars	31.03.2015		31.03.2014	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
SOURCES OF FUNDS				
Capital Fund		36,688,431		29,264,545
Endowment Fund		768,150		668,150
		37,456,581		29,932,695
APPLICATION OF FUNDS				
Fixed Assets				
Gross block	30,330,971		29,148,482	
Less: Depreciation	3,540,100		3,076,855	
Net block		26,790,871		26,071,627
Investments		718,000		718,000
Current Assets, Loans & Advances				
Accounts receivable		592,657		1,220,578
Cash and Bank balances		20,022,276		1,858,921
Loans & Advances		117,183		86,041
		20,732,116		3,165,540
Less: Current Liabilities and Provisions				
Current Liabilities		10,437,334		22,472
Creditors for supplies		347,073		
Net Current Assets		9,947,709		3,143,068
		37,456,581		29,932,695

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31.03.2015

Particulars	31.03.2015	31.03.2014
	Rs.	Rs.
INCOME		
Contributions Received	5,623,870	4,362,318
Donations Received	1,500,000	310,876
Other Receipt	529,801	260,151
Total Income	7,653,671	4,933,345
EXPENDITURE		
Operating expenses	30,005	267,046
Employee expenses	3,547,406	3,424,821
Administrative expenses	1,665,729	1,326,205
Depreciation	463,245	452,512
Total Expenditure	5,706,385	5,470,584
Excess of income over expenditure	1,947,285	(537,239)

Accounting Policies

i) Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention on accrual basis of accounting.

ii) Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period reported.

iii) Revenue Recognition

The Income from Digitisation, Documentation, Reprographics, Training and Reference Services is accounted on Accrual basis.

Donations are accounted on Receipt basis. Interest is accounted on Accrual basis.

Project Work in Progress has been recognized on percentage of completion basis.

iv) Fixed Assets

The Fixed Assets other than the Books owned by the Library are accounted at Cost and depreciated over the useful life of the asset.

The books & periodicals purchased for the collection are recorded at cost and not depreciated.

The books and periodicals received as donation are valued at fixed prices depending on the age of the book or periodical. These rates have been approved by the managing committee after considering the practices followed by similar organizations. These assets are not depreciated.

v) Depreciation

Depreciation on fixed assets is provided on written down value method at rates arrived at based on the useful life of the asset.

Depreciation in respect of additions made during the year and put to use for less than six months has been charged at 50% of the original rate for the block.

vi) Investments

Investments are recorded at Cost.

vii) Foreign Currency Transactions

Foreign currency transactions are recorded at the rates prevailing on the date of transaction.

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