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Library & Information Professional | Digital Libraries | Knowledge Management

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Library and information professional with an M.Phil in Library & Information Management and over 13 years of experience across government college, medical sciences, and school library settings. Skilled in front-line circulation and patron services, collection and shelf maintenance, library automation, and reading list and acquisitions coordination. Published researcher and Central President of the Sindh College Library Association, recognised nationally as a Top Ten Best Librarian and listed in Pakistan's National Scientist Directory. Combines strong customer service and administrative organisation with hands-on library automation and digital archiving expertise, including founding a library management platform (PLiMS) currently in development — well suited to delivering an excellent, technology-enabled patron experience in a busy university library.

CORE SKILLS

Circulation & Front-Desk Services • Patron Account & Dispute Resolution • Collection & Shelf Maintenance • Reading List & Acquisitions Coordination • Interlibrary Loan & ILS Management • Library Automation (Koha, SLiMS, GreenStone, LiMS, MARC, RDA) • Digital Archiving & Digitisation • Database & Web-Based Research Resources • Microsoft Office Suite • Staff Training & Mentoring • Research Methodology & Academic Writing • Social Network Analysis • Presentation & Problem-Solving

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Librarian | College Education & Literacy Department, Government of Sindh

March 2012 – Present

Karachi, Pakistan

- Oversee all library circulation operations — check-in/out, holds, reserves, and overdue processing — for a government college serving hundreds of patrons, ensuring a consistently welcoming first point of contact.
- Manage patron accounts, resolve borrowing disputes, and enforce library policies using judgement and initiative to ensure equitable access to resources.
- Coordinate interlibrary loan requests and manage the Integrated Library System (ILS), improving resource sharing and retrieval efficiency.
- Maintain and update circulation statistics, acquisition records, and other routine spreadsheets and reports in line with departmental formats and templates.
- Maintain accurate shelf organisation and supervise reshelving activities, plus equipment and computer upkeep, to support a positive patron experience.
- Coordinate reading programmes for students, including Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) sessions, and support acquisitions processing and reading list preparation with faculty.
- Train and mentor junior library staff and interns on customer service standards, circulation procedures, and digital resource access.
- Represent the library at institutional and professional events, including organising library and Independence Day events for colleges under the Directorate of Colleges, Karachi Region.
- Recognised as a Top Ten Best Librarian & Resource Person by the Department of College Education, Government of Sindh (2020).

Assistant Librarian (Evening) | Karachi Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS)

December 2016 – August 2023

Karachi, Pakistan

- Managed daily circulation operations for a medical sciences library, supporting students, faculty, and clinical staff.
- Educated patrons on borrowing rules, database access, and digital resource use.
- Trained junior staff on customer service protocols and library automation systems.

Librarian | Army Public School and College System (APSACS)

January 2011 – January 2012

Karachi, Pakistan

- Managed daily library operations, patron accounts, and staff training for a school and college library.

Central President | Sindh College Library Association (SCLA)

2021 – 2023

- Led a professional association representing college librarians across Sindh, coordinating events and advocating for professional development and library standards.

LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY & PROJECTS

- Founder and developer of PLiMS (Pakistan Library Management System), a library automation platform being built for Pakistani library professionals — live demo: <https://plims3-studio.ai.studio/>
- Designed and built "Stackrow," a full-stack library management system for a college library, including librarian and student roles, catalogue browsing, and fine-tracking features.
- Developed a library website front end for Quaid-e-Millat Government Degree College, including an online catalogue interface and an AI library-assistant chatbot concept.
- Deputy Country Coordinator, Pakistan SLiMS Community (2019–Present), and delivered SLiMS and Koha ILS training as a resource person for the Pakistan SLiMS Community, LISAS University of Sindh, Sindh College Library Association, and the Pakistan Library Club (2017–2021).

EDUCATION

M.Phil in Library & Information Management

Superior University, Lahore, Pakistan | 2019–2021

Master of Library & Information Sciences (MLIS)

University of Sindh, Jamshoro, Pakistan | 2008–2009

One-Year Chinese Language Course (HSK Level 4)

Southwest University of Science and Technology (SWUST), Mianyang, China | 2023–2024

Diploma in Child Psychology — Alison (Online), 2025 | TEFL Certificate (120 Hours) — TEFL Professional Institute, 2025

SAQA Verification (South Africa): Master of Library Sciences — Level 09, 120 Credits, 2024

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- Listed in the National Scientist Directory (NSD) by the Pakistan Scientific & Technological Information Centre (PASTIC), under the Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) and the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of Pakistan.
- Best Librarian Award — Top Ten Best Librarian & Resource Person, Department of College Education, Government of Sindh (2020).
- Successful Implementation of SLiMS Software — NewPort's Institute of Communication and Economics (2020).
- EF SET C1 Certificate (B2 Upper Intermediate) — EF SET (2025).
- Technical Writing Skills (6 courses) and Research Data Management (5 courses) — Researcher Academy, Elsevier (2025).

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Comparative Study of Koha and SLiMS Features in Public Sector College Libraries of Sindh — *Library Philosophy e-Journal*, 2022

Perception of College Librarians about Faculty Status in Libraries of Sindh — *Library Philosophy e-Journal*, 2021

The Impact of WhatsApp Usage on Academic Purpose Among Students of Higher Education Institutes of Sindh Province — *Journal of CB*, 2021

Information Seeking Behavior of Users on Electronic Resources During COVID-19 in Pakistani University Libraries — *Journal of CB*, 2021

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & LEADERSHIP

- Central President — Sindh College Library Association (SCLA), 2021–2023
- Deputy Country Coordinator — Pakistan SLiMS Community (PSLiMS), 2019–Present
- Member — Pakistan Library Association (PLA), 2019–Present
- Press Secretary (College Unit) — Sindh Professor Lecturer Association (SPLA), 2012–2016

LANGUAGES

English — Excellent, C1 Level (EF SET Certified) | Chinese — HSK Level 3 (Upper Intermediate) | Urdu — Native | Sindhi — Native

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Information Management System for Marketing Local Tourist Attractions — case study based on library and archive information (2013).
- Big Data Application in Public Library Systems — explored integration of big data technologies for improved resource management (2013).
- Library Project — Centre for Peace and Civil Society (CPCS), Hyderabad (2009–2010).

References available upon request