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This is the 12th issue of the **RASSL Library Newsletter**, an Electronic Newsletter issued by the Library Committee of the Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka.

Its objective is to deliver information on new books and periodicals added to the collection of the Library of the RASSL to its members.

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USEFUL INFORMATION

- ❖ **Library Catalogue:** Updated book catalogue of RASSL Library: <https://www.royalasiaticsociety.lk/raslib/>
- ❖ **RASSL Journal Articles:** An index of JRAASL articles up to 2019: <https://www.royalasiaticsociety.lk/raslib/>
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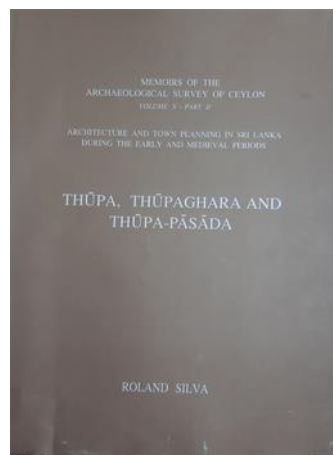
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Library Hours: Sunday to Thursday 9.00 am to 4.30 pm (Closed on Fridays, Saturdays and Public Holidays)

Gate Mudaliyar Abraham Mendis Gunasekera Collection.

The RASSL Library proudly welcomed the private book collection of Gate Mudaliyar Abraham Mendis Gunasekera (1869–1931) who was a member of RASSL. In order of precedence, Gate Mudaliyar (Wasala Mudaliyar) is the second which was awarded as an honour to Mudaliar of the Governor's Gate (Titular). Gate Mudaliyar Gunasekera was a leading literary figure in Ceylon. He had served as an Interpreter Mudaliyar to the Registrar General of Ceylon. He produced a book named Comprehensive Grammar of the Sinhalese Language as well as other Sinhalese-English and English-Sinhalese dictionaries. The book collection was donated by Mr. Samitha Sahabandu and facilitated by Mrs. Mandrie Sahabandu on 26th January 2026, and the collection will be kept in the reference library.

Donation of Dr. Roland Silva



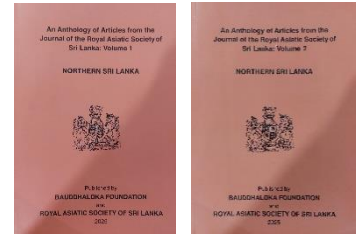
Deshamanya Vidya Jyothi Dr. Roland Silva (1933-2020) was a most prominent archaeologist and heritage manager known worldwide. He was the former Commissioner of Archaeology (1983-1990) and the pioneer Founder Director General of the Central Cultural Fund (CCF). He was a former Chancellor of the University of Moratuwa, former President of the World Body of Conservators, the first president of the ICOMOS International (International Council on Monuments and Sites) from Asia (1990-1999). Adding to these Dr. Roland Silva was the pioneer in the establishment of the Post Graduate Institute of Archaeology (PGIAR) and the pioneer founder President of The National Trust Sri Lanka. He was an honourable member of many other national and international professional institutions of Architecture and Archaeology.

The RASSL Library received a remarkable number of documents from his private collection which includes books, journals, conference proceedings mainly based on Art, Archaeology, History, Buddhism and other disciplines.

Donated Books

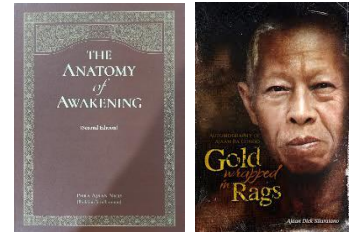
Buddhaloka Foundation

- An Anthology of Articles from the Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka: Volume 1 NORTHERN SRI LANKA. Colombo; Buddhaloka Foundation and Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka, 2025
- An Anthology of Articles from the Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka: Volume 2 NORTHERN SRI LANKA. Colombo; Buddhaloka Foundation and Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka, 2025



Ms. Upeksha Kodithuwakku

- The Anatomy of Awakening (2nd Edition): A Flash of Lightning in Darkest Night - Ajaan Nico Jotidhammo Thera. Gosingarama Mountain Hermitage, 2023
- Gold Wrapped in Rags: The Autobiography of Ajahn Jia Cundo - Ajaan Dick Silaratano (Translator). Lexington; Forest Dhamma Publications, 2024



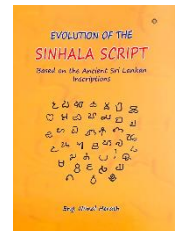
Ms. Sandaleka Lavanya Ranasinghe

- Essential Grammar: A Reference Book for Teachers of English – Parvati Nagasundaram. 2013
- English in Sri Lanka: Ceylon English Lankan English Sri Lankan English - Siromi Fernando, Manique Gunsekera & Arjuna Parakrama (Editors). SLETA (Sri Lanka English Language Teacher's Association), 2010 – 2 copies



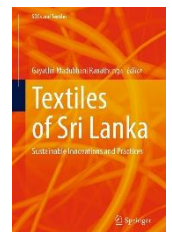
Mr. Nimal Herath

- Evolution of the Sinhala Script Based on the Ancient Sri Lankan Inscriptions - Nimal Herath. Nugegoda; Sarasavi Publishers, 2024



Prof. Gayathri Madubhani Ranathunga

- Textiles of Sri Lanka: Sustainable Innovations and Practices - Gayathri Madubhani Ranathunga (Editor). Singapore; Springer Nature Singapore Pte Ltd., 2024



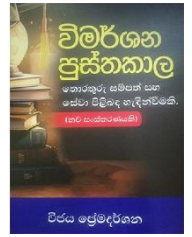
Mr. A. F. Sameer

- Geological Table of Sri Lankan Muslims: Family Tree Data - Mohammed Fazli Hussain Sameer & Ahmed Firoze Sameer. Colombo 6; Bits & Bytes, 1996
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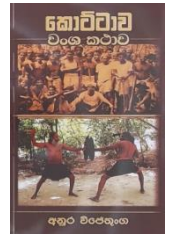
Mr. Wijaya Premadarshana

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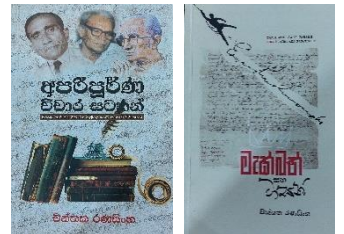
Dr. S. M. Karunarathne and Ms. Sandaleka Lavanya Ranasinghe

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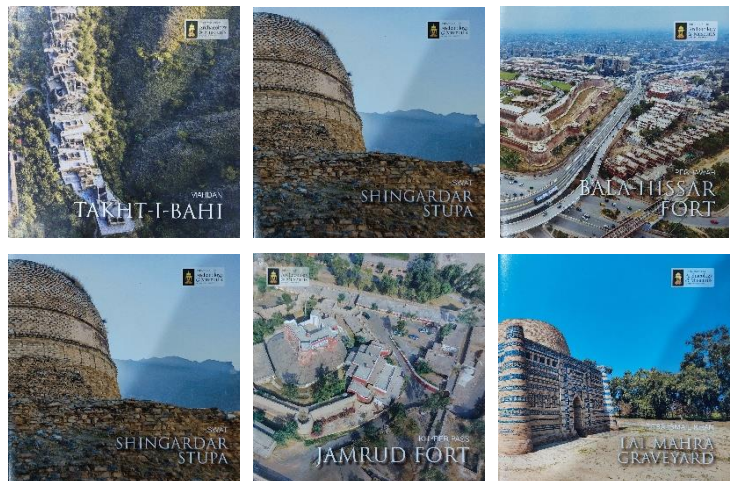
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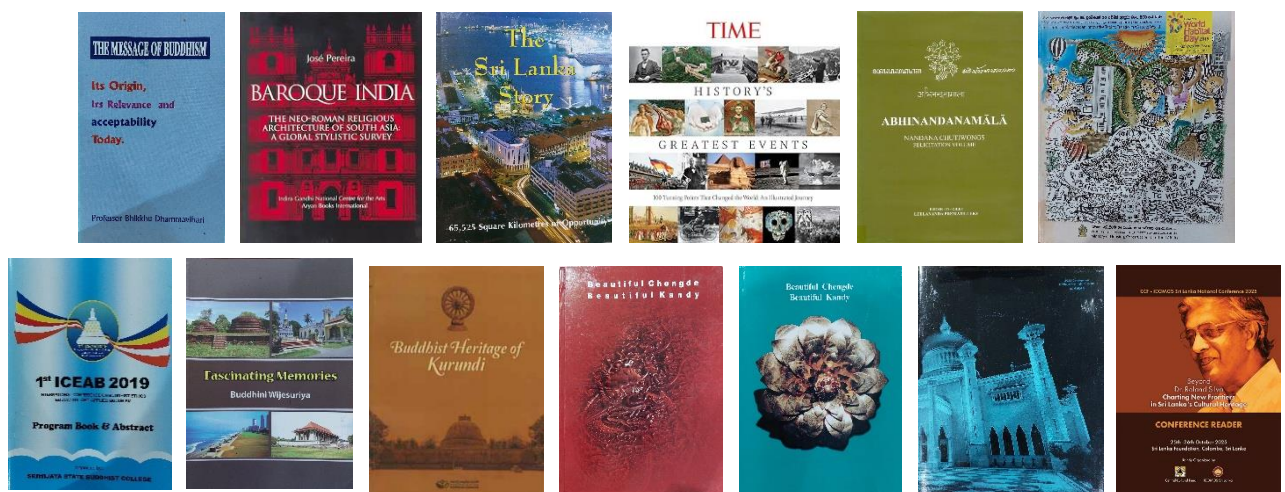
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- Swat: Shingardar Stupa
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- Swat: Odigram
- Swat: Saidu Sharif Stupa
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- Khanpur: Bhamala
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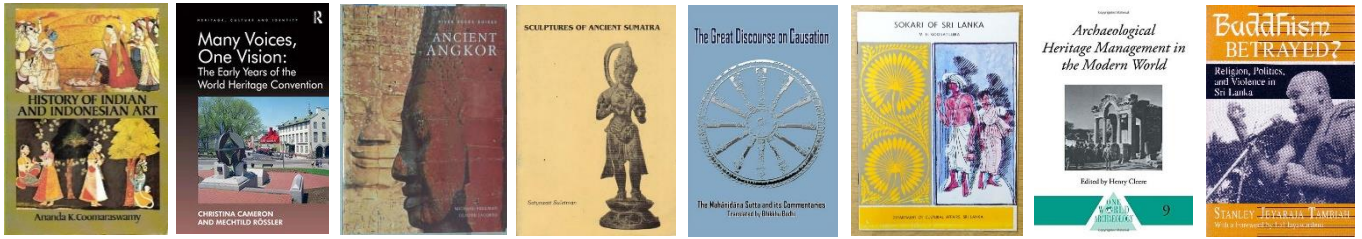


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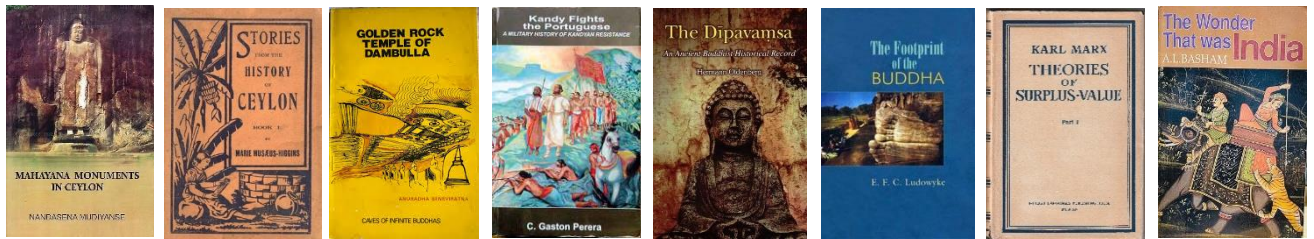
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- The Sri Lanka Story: 65525 square Kilometres of Opportunity. Colombo; BT Options, 2002
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- Teacher Performance Assessment in Education - R. C. Patel and Sujata Srivastava (Editors). Gujarat; Inter University Centre for Teachers Education, Department of Education, Faculty of Education & Psychology, The Maharaja Sayajirao University, 2019
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- Fascinating Memories - Buddhini Wijesuriya. Colombo 10; S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2021
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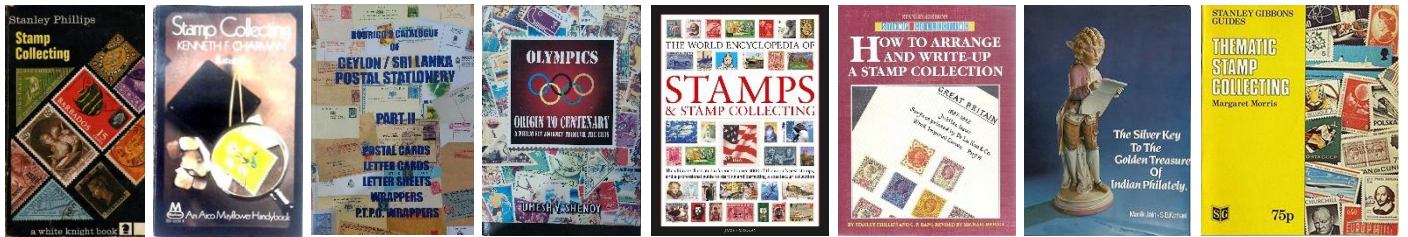
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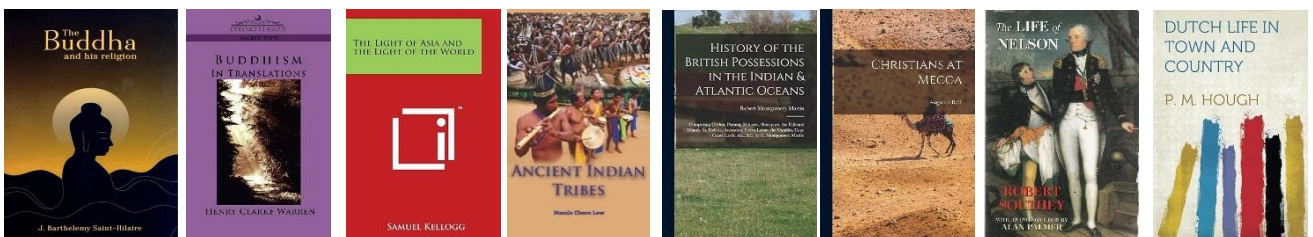
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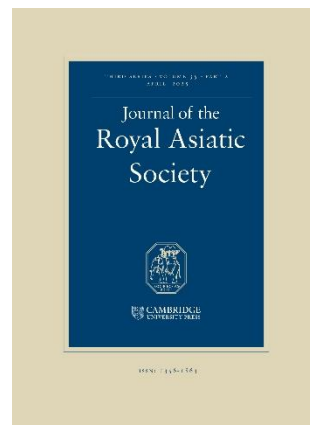
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- Mental Illness as Liminality or Social Deviance? Gleanings from Ancient Indian Literary Texts - Dipsikha Acharya and Sriya Sarkar
- Transcendentally Dynamic/Dynamically Transcendent The Ultimacy of Ç akti in the Philosophical Doctrines of Bengal Kalekula - Arghya Dipta Kar
- Public Health in British India: A Study on British Response to Leprosy in the Brahmaputra Valley - Nushar Bargayary and Ujima Basumatary
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- A Historical Note on Bhakti Movement of Medieval Assam - Bhaskar Jyoti Das
- Impressionable Minds and the Missionary Picturesque: A Study of the Nineteenth Century - Alicen Roshiny Jacob and Tessy Anthony C.
- Sisir Kumar Das: Comparative Literature in Indian Aspect - Saberee Mandal
- An Unidentified Image from the 18th Century CE Maghnowa Doul in Lakhimpur, Assam : Finding Interpretations - Siddhant Medhi
- Taranath Tarkabachaspate and Sanskrit Studies in Colonial Bengal - Pritam Goswami
- The Journey of Islamic Calligraphy - Farhin Saba
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- Sacred immigrants and travelling rituals: Malabar in the Sufi cosmopolis of the Indian Ocean - Parappu Kadavath Matra Abdul Jaleel
- Swaraj (circa 1885–1922): Gandhi and the early history of an untranslatable signifier - Ritwik Ranjan
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- The Sufi shrine at Dhar in central India: documents for an economic and institutional history - Saarthak Singh, Muntazir Ali, Vishwa Mohan Jha, Michael Willis
- The discourse of travel, society, and nation in Republican China - Antonio Eduardo Hawthorne Barento
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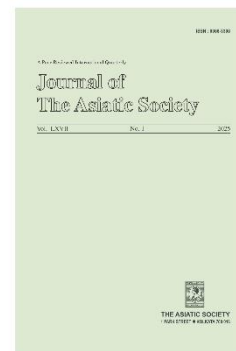
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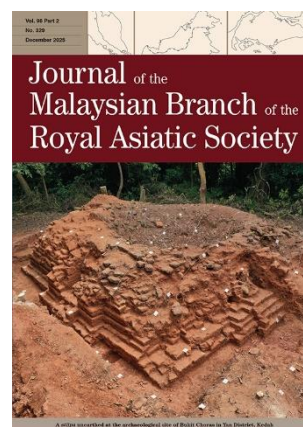
- Trump, Greenland and fear of freedom - Hans Lucht
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- The midlife crisis as a middle-class malaise - Hadas Weiss
- The re-sinification of San Jose's Chinatown: Multiple Chinas in Costa Rica - Monica DeHart
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- Clementi and the Colonial Office: Tensions over Decentralisation Policy in the Malay States, 1930–34 - Brian T. Urwin
- Muddy Waters: The Lost Sungai Lumpur - Teckwyn Lim, Peter Leong
- The Genesis of Malayan Chinese Civil Society's Struggle for Constitutional Equality, in Particular Jus Soli - Helen Ting, Siew Chang Yee, Sandra Khor Manickam, Helen Ting
- An Account of Several Inscriptions found in Province Wellesley on the Peninsula of Malacca - James Low
- A Late-nineteenth-century Report on the Orang Asli in the Kuala Lumpur District - E.J. Roe
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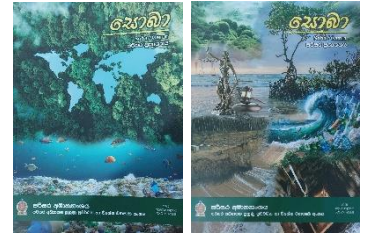
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- Nai Mot's Printing of the Three Seals Law in 1849/50 - Chris Baker, Pasuk Phongpaichit
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- Nature for the Nation? Rethinking the Nationalist Rupture in Siamese Forestry History - Tinakrit Sireerat
- From Chao Phraya to Irrawaddy: TV Drama and the Literary Recasting of Thailand and Myanmar - Saranpat Boonhok, Tongchen Hou
- George Cœdès (1886–1969): A Life in Service of Southeast Asian Studies - Jean Baffie
- Voyage a Angkor (1912): George Coedes's First Encounter with Angkor - Thissana Weerakietsoontorn
- George Cœdès and Srivijaya: From Epigraphy to Archeology - Pierre-Yves Manguin
- George Cœdès à Batavia (1928) - Bernard Cros
- Une correspondance de 1928 entre George Cœdès et Paul Pelliot sur Xianluo (Siam) - Michel Lorrillard
- In the Shadow of George Coedes: Jean-Yves Claeys and the Mission to Siam (1929) - Gregory Kourilsky
- A Pre-Angkorian Bronze Bodhisattva at the Art Institute of Chicago - Nicolas Revire



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- Soba Magazine 2025 Vol. XXXIV, No. 01 - Ministry of Environment, Sri Lanka
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Ms. Kamalika Pieris

- POLITY June 2025 Volume 13, Issue 1 - Social Scientists' Association, 2025



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- Journal of Bengal Art Volume 15, 2010 - Enamul Haque (Editor). Bangladesh; The International Centre for Study of Bengal Art
- Kalakalpa – IGNC Journal of Arts Vol. III, No. 1 | 2018. New Delhi; Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts
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Increase in Library Fines

The library fine has been increased to Rs. 10.00 per week and will further increase by Rs. 10.00 at the end of each week.