

Krishanthys Sivalingam

Senior Assistant Librarian

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Professional Profile

Dedicated and motivated academic librarian with over seven years of professional experience, blending a multidisciplinary academic background, First-Class B.Sc. in Agriculture, M.Sc. in Environmental Soil Science, and MLIS with proven expertise in academic librarianship. Skilled in collection development, user-centered services, information literacy, preservation, digitalization, and research support. Actively engaged in advancing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through library innovations, outreach, and advocacy. Widely published and presented research in national and international forums, with particular focus on SDGs, bibliometrics, and information services. Recognized for leadership, training, and professional development initiatives that empower students, faculty, and communities while strengthening the Sri Lankan LIS field.

Academic Qualifications

Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS)

National Institute of Library & Information Sciences, University of Colombo

Effective date: 1st of August 2023

Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Environmental Soil Science

University of Peradeniya

Effective date: 16th of October 2009

Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Agriculture (First Class Honours)

Eastern University, Sri Lanka

Effective date: 29th September 2006

Professional qualifications

Diploma in Computer Applications at Eastern University, Sri Lanka

Diploma in Counselling at Eastern University, Sri Lanka

Diploma in Basic Translation Skills at Eastern University, Sri Lanka

Certificate Course in English at Jesuit English Academy, Trincomalee

Professional Experience

Assistant Librarian (*August 2018 – Aug 2023*)

Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University, Sri Lanka

Senior Assistant Librarian G II (*Since Aug 2023*)

Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University, Sri Lanka

Collection Development & Technical Processing: Coordinated acquisitions across faculties, facilitated donations and ensured technical classification of acquired materials.

User-Centered Services: prepared and circulated library user guides, feedback systems, extended library hours, expanded seating, and established request systems for new books.

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Specialized Services: Established **Research Support Service** (seminars, workshops, consultations for undergraduates) and a **Document Delivery Service**, improving access to information.

Preservation & Conservation: Developed and implemented a preservation policy and plan; managed treatment and binding of donated and old books

Museum Management: Entrusted with the Campus Museum; prepared artifact inventory, arranged exhibition space, labeled artifacts, monitored and maintained the collection, and launched donation appeals through the library website to expand heritage resources.

Periodical Management: Initiated internal loan services for periodical materials; expanded collection of journals, reports, and proceedings.

Library Automation & Digitization: Initiated digitization of past examination papers; coordinated steps to re-establish automation by securing server donations and recovering data for Koha implementation.

Outreach & Advocacy: Organized orientation programs, coordinated the SDG-themed Art Exhibition (2025), conducted school seminars on information literacy and sustainable careers, facilitated school visits, and assessed public libraries under NLDSB standards.

Sustainability & Institutional Development: Proposed the establishment of a **Sustainability Hub** and **SDG Unit** at the Trincomalee Campus Library to strengthen institutional engagement with the UN SDGs.

Academic Engagement: Served as a resource person for *LIS 1304 – Information Resources & Services* in the Higher Diploma in LIS programme (2023/24), delivering lectures and assessments. Conducting guest lectures on *Research Methodology* for the undergraduates, Trincomalee Campus, EUSL.

Leadership & Administration: Prepared annual library action plans and reports; represented the library at faculty quality assurance meetings, campus board meetings, and national LIS forums.

Translator (Grade I) (*Oct 2011- Aug 2018*)

Provincial Department of Education, Sri Lanka

Translated official documents (Tamil ↔ English).

Assisted in preparing proposals, reports, and administrative documentation.

Supported performance reporting and presentations

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Temporary Assistant Lecturer (*Sept 2007- Dec 2008*)

Faculty of Agriculture, Eastern University, Sri Lanka

Conducted lectures and practical classes for undergraduate students of the Faculty of Agriculture and the Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts and Culture, Eastern University, Sri Lanka.

Subjects taught included Food Science, Soil Science, Biochemistry, Soil Fertility, Applied Soil Chemistry, Soil Testing, and Soil Management

Key Skills

User Engagement
Research Support
Leadership & Staff Development
Analytical & Critical Thinking
Team Collaboration & Networking
Library Promotion & Advocacy
Strategic & Project Management
Resource Sharing
Effective Communication

Professional

AI Literacy Essentials for Academic Libraries – Short Course, Clarivate (2025)

Development

Koha Administration Training – BestBook Buddies Technologies Pvt. Ltd. (2025)

In-House Training on Library Systems & Services – Main Library, Eastern University, Sri Lanka (2018)

Induction programme for academic staff—Staff Development Center, Eastern University, Sri Lanka

International Faculty Development Program on Teacher's Leadership Quality in Higher Education – Sai Ram Institute of Management Studies & AIMS, India (2020)

SPSS for Data Analysis – Short Course, Sri Lanka Technological Campus (2020)

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- Workshops & Seminars Conducted**
- APA Referencing and Citation (APA 7th Edition)** – Special emphasis on referencing tools such as *Mendeley*; conducted for undergraduates of the Faculty of Communication & Business Studies, Trincomalee Campus (2025).
 - Effective Information Management for Career Success: Learning from Libraries** – Workshop for A/L Arts stream students from nine schools in the Trincomalee District (109 participants) (2024).
 - Sustainable and Successful Career with Smart Information Skills** – Seminar for Grade 11 students of T/T/Sri Shanmuga Hindu Ladies College (107 participants) (2024).
 - Information Literacy: A Way for a Successful and Sustainable Career** – Seminar for Grade 11 students of T/T/Zahira College (35 participants) (2024).
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Publications **Journal Articles**

- Sivalingam, K., & Gamage, R. C. G. (2024). Practices pertaining to Sustainable Development Goals in university libraries of Sri Lanka: An exploratory study. *Journal of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka (JULA)*, 27(2).
- Krishanthy, S., & Somaratna, S. D. (2022). Undergraduates' perception towards incorporating video repository with institutional repository at the Library, Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University, Sri Lanka: A need analysis. *Sri Lanka Library Review*, 36(2), 31–48.
- Krishanthy, P., & Mahendran, T. (2008). Development of Palmyrah Odial based breakfast cereal mixtures. *Journal of Agricultural Sciences, AGRIEAST*, 7(1), 29–36.

Conference Papers & Presentations

- Sivalingam, K., & Gamage, R. C. G. (2025, October). Assessing the extent of implementing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) integrated practices in Sri Lankan university libraries. Extended abstract accepted for presentation at *ICULA 2025 (International Conference of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka)*
- Sivalingam, K., & Gamage, R. C. G. (2024, October 24). Evaluating the present state of implementing Sustainable Development Goals by Sri Lankan university libraries. Paper presented at the Graduate Research Session of the NILIS International Research Symposium 2024 (NRS 2024), National Institute of Library and Information Sciences (NILIS), University of Colombo (Online).

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Sivalingam, K., & Gamage, R. C. G. (2023). University libraries and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): A global perspective on practices and contributions. Paper presented at the *Annual International Research Symposium 2023: Research Excellence in Library and Information Science*, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Sivalingam, K., & Gamage, R. C. G. (2022). Efforts for actualizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by university libraries in the Asia-Pacific region. Paper presented at the *NILIS International Research Symposium 2022: Innovative Approaches to Mitigating Challenges in LIS Education*, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Sivalingam, K. (2022). A feasibility study for establishing a waste paper recycling plant at Trincomalee Campus as the initiation of a sustainable campus model. Paper presented at the *5th International Research Conference – TRINCO 2022*, Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University, Sri Lanka.

Sivalingam, K., & Santharooban, S. (2021). A bibliometric analysis of COVID-19 research papers indexed in SCOPUS: Comparison of Sri Lankan context with global context. Paper presented at *ICLIM 2021*, DLIS – University of Kelaniya, p. 165.

Krishanthy, P., & Mahendran, T. (2007). Nutritional and sensory qualities of Palmyrah (*Borassus flabellifer L.*) Odial based snack foods. In *Proceedings of the 6th Annual Research Session* (pp. 195–208). Eastern University, Sri Lanka.

Administrative & Professional Roles

Reviewer – NILIS International Research Symposium 2024

Reviewer – EJLIS Journal

Editorial Panel Member & Reviewer – International Research Conference of the Library (IRCL 2025)

Editorial Panel Member & Reviewer – NILIS International Research Symposium 2025

Steering Committee Member – IRCL 2025

Co-Secretary – TRINCO International Research Conference 2024

Community Engagement

Organized Canvas of Culture – SDG Art Exhibition, Trincomalee Campus Library, 2025

Conducted library visits and literacy programs for regional schools

Carried out public library quality assessments

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I affirm that the particulars given above are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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