

Co-operative of Indic Language Library Authorities

OCLC PICA Now Hosts Indic Language Cataloguing Service

The Co-operative of Indic Language Library Authorities (CILLA) is a subscription service which assists libraries to meet the needs of their Indic Communities by providing an acquisitions and cataloguing service for Indic Language materials. The languages covered are Bengali from Bangladesh and India, Gujarati, Hindi, Panjabi, Tamil from India & Sri Lanka and Urdu from India and Pakistan.

The service is offered on an annual subscription basis with book lists being produced on a quarterly basis in April, July, October, and January, with the final list including an annual accumulation.

(The subscription year runs April-May).

Approximate numbers of record Catalogued each year:-

Bengali - 500

Gujarati - 550

Hindi - 350

Panjabi - 450

Tamil - 500

Urdu - 550



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The Booklists are used at quarterly book selection meetings which are held in London, Birmingham and Glasgow for selection purposes The cataloguing records are also available on an annual subscription. The records are distributed on a quarterly basis to coincide with the booklists. Records can be supplied in either UKMARC or MARC 21. The records will also be available on the OCLC WorldCat database.

Future Development

As OCLC develops the new platform for WorldCat, the ability to display cataloguing records in the Vernacular script will be made available, thus increasing access to these materials.

