

2016 LAS OUTSTANDING NEWCOMER AWARD

SHAMEEM NILOFAR MAIDEEN

Shameem Nilofar Maideen was already a committed and outstanding library professional even before she earned her Master of Library and Information Science from San Jose State University in the United States (2015). She also has the Master of Science in International Relations degree from Nanyang Technological University (2006) and the Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Science) degree from the University of Madras in India (1994).

Shameem began her library career as a Project Manager at the National Library Board (NLB) handling digital infrastructure, knowledge management, social media and web based projects before joining the Singapore Management University (SMU) Libraries in 2012 as Manager of Library Technology and Innovation.

As soon as she joined SMU Libraries, Shameem chaired the Pyxis Committee where she coordinated all technology-related matters, including taking the lead on the complex review, selection, and migration to a new library management system. She also assumed responsibility for technology issues in the library space transformation project. Additionally, she is the Project Management Coordinator for SMU Libraries, where she combines her project management expertise and patient, methodical, and supportive attitude to mentor colleagues on project management tools and techniques. Shameem's planning, technical and people management skills were also instrumental in the success of the recently opened Kwa Geok Choo Law Library.

Shameem has been an articulate advocate for the library profession and an ambassador for SMU Libraries at external meetings, seminars and conferences. Shameem was elected to the prestigious International Group of Ex Libris Users (IGLEU) Steering Committee in 2015 which is an important achievement for her. She also volunteered to participate and work with librarians from NUS and NTU to plan, collaborate, implement, evaluate, and present the results of the first '*A Day in the Life of...*' pilot development programme for staff in 2013-2014.

Shameem's enthusiasm, pro-active, constructive and positive attitude as well as her strong leadership, and technical skills have proven to be great assets for the library profession in Singapore. She has also become a highly respected member of the global library community in the area of technology and automation. In recognition of her outstanding accomplishments to date, LAS is delighted to honour Shameem Nilofar Maideen with the 2016 LAS Outstanding Newcomer Award.



Judy Ng, President
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