

A Virtual Exhibition on Life Journey of  
**Dr S.R Ranganathan** on his Birth Anniversary  
and **Librarian's Day**.

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# About S.R.Ranganathan



**Born - Shiyali Ramamrita Ranganathan 12 August 1892  
shiyali, British India (present-day Tamil Nadu, India)**

**Died - 27 September 1972 (aged 80) Bangalore, India**

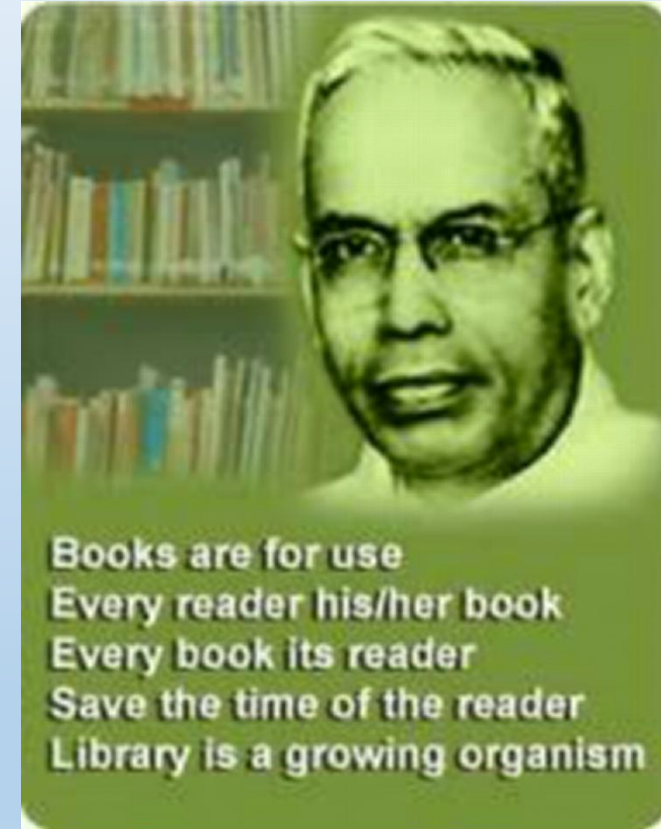
**Occupation - Author, academic, mathematician, librarian**

**Nationality - Indian**

**Genre - Library Science, Documentation, Information Science**

**Notable awards - Padma Shri in (1957)**

**Ranganathan dedicated his book The Five Laws of Library Science to his maths tutor at Madras Christian College, Edward Burns Ross.**





# About Dr.S.R Ranganathan



**Shiyali Ramamrita Ranganathan (S.R.R.) (12 August 1892 – 27 September 1972) was a mathematician and librarian from India. His most notable contributions to the field were his five laws of library science and the development of the first major faceted classification system, the colon classification. He is considered to be the father of library science, documentation, and information science in India and is widely known throughout the rest of the world for his fundamental thinking in the field. His birthday is observed every year as the National Librarian's Day in India.**

**He was a university librarian and professor of library science at Banaras Hindu University (1945–47) and professor of library science at the University of Delhi (1947–55). The last appointment made him director of the first Indian school of librarianship to offer higher degrees. He was president of the Indian Library Association from 1944 to 1953. In 1957 he was elected an honorary member of the International Federation for Information and Documentation (FID) and was made a vice-president for life of the Library Association of Great Britain.**



# Notable Works of Dr S.r.Ranganathan



## Notable works

- Prolegomena to Library Classification
- The Five Laws of Library Science
- Colon Classification
- Ramanujan: the Man and the Mathematician
- Classified Catalogue Code: With Additional Rules for Dictionary Catalogue Code
- Library Administration
- Indian Library Manifesto
- Library Manual for Library Authorities, Librarians, and Library Workers
- Classification and Communication
- Headings and Canons; Comparative Study of Five Catalogue Codes

Ranganathan's five laws: Original vs. new conceptions

	Ranganathan's Original Conception	New Conceptions in the Current Environment		
First Law	Books are for use.	E-books are for reading.	Netflix is for watching.	Blackboard is for studying.
Second Law	Every person his or her book.	Every listener her iTunes.	Every artist his Photoshop.	Every student her EasyBib.
Third Law	Every book its reader.	Every blog its reader.	Every Google Map, its traveler.	Every digital repository its researcher.
Fourth Law	Save the time of the reader.	Save the time of the listener.	Save the time of the traveler.	Save the time of the researcher.
Fifth Law	A library is a growing organism.			



# Family of Dr.S.R Ranganathan



- **Father : N. Ramamrita Ayyar, landlord (1866-1898)**
- **Mother : Seethalakshmi (1872-1953)**
- **1907 Married Rukmini (1896-1928)**
- **July 1929 Married Sarada (1908-1985)**
- **November 1932 Son, Yogeshwar, born April 12**





# Education and Works



- He was educated at the Hindu High School in Shiyali, at Madras Christian College (where he took B.A. and M.A. degrees in mathematics in 1913 and 1916), and at Teachers College, Saidapet.
- In 1917 he joined the faculty of Government College, Mangalore.
- From 1917 to 1921 he subsequently taught at Government College, Coimbatore, and he joined as Assistant Professor of Mathematics at the Presidency College, Madras in 1921-1923.
- In 1924 he was appointed first librarian of the University of Madras, and in order to fit himself for the post he traveled to England to study at University College, London.
- From 1925 to 1944 he took up the job at Madras in earnest in 1925 and held it until 1944.



# Education and Works



- From 1945 to 1954 he served as librarian and as professor of library science at Hindu University in Varanasi (Banaras), and from 1947 to 1954 he taught at the University of Delhi.
- From 1954 to 1957 he was engaged in research and writing in Zürich.
- He returned to India in the latter year and served as visiting professor at Vikram University, Ujjain, until 1959.
- In 1962 he founded and became head of the Documentation Research and Training Centre in Bangalore, with which he remained associated for the rest of his life, and in 1965 he was honoured by the Indian government with the title of national research professor in library science.





# Main works of Dr S.R Ranganathan



- **Five Laws of Library Science (1931)**
- **Colon Classification (1933)**
- **Classified Catalogue Code (1934)**
- **Prolegomena to Library Classification (1937)**
- **Theory of the Library Catalogue (1938)**
- **Elements of Library Classification (1945)**
- **Classification and International Documentation (1948)**
- **Classification and Communication (1951)**
- **Headings and Canons (1955).**



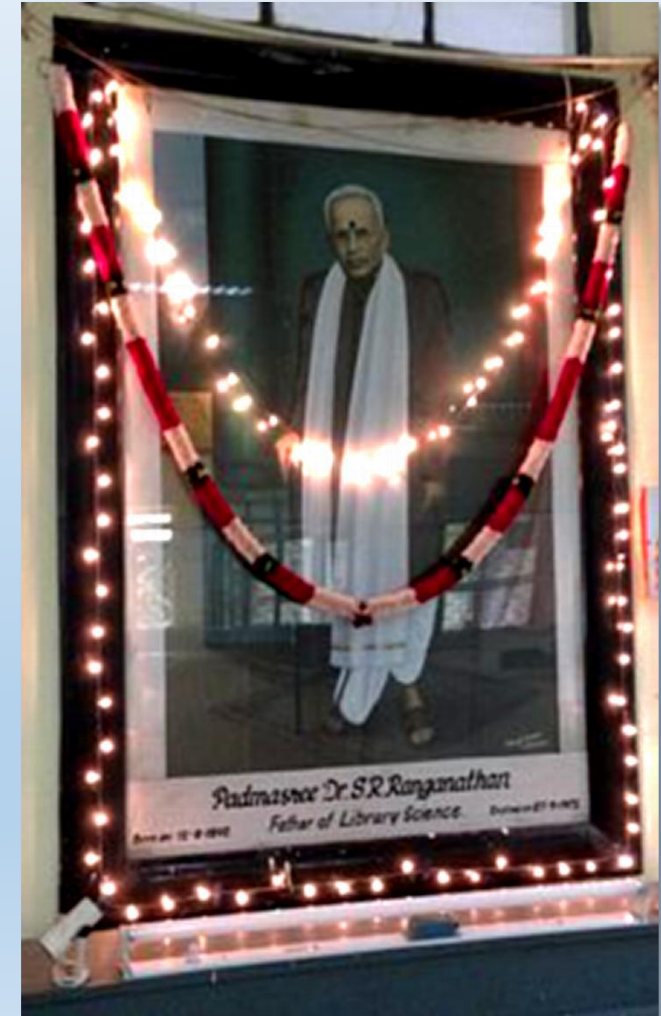
# Periodicals Edited of Dr.S.R Ranganathan



- 1937 - 1947 Editorial Board, Modern Librarian
- 1939 - 1944 Conducted Memoirs, Madras Library Association
- 1947 - Editorial Board, Indian Librarian
- 1949 - 1953 Editor, Abgila, Indian Library Association
- 1951 - Associate Editor, Library
- 1954 - 1963 Editor, Annals of Library Science
- 1959 - American Documentation
- 1964 - 1972 Editor, Library Science with a Slant to Documentation



# Some Glimpse of Dr.S.R Ranganathan





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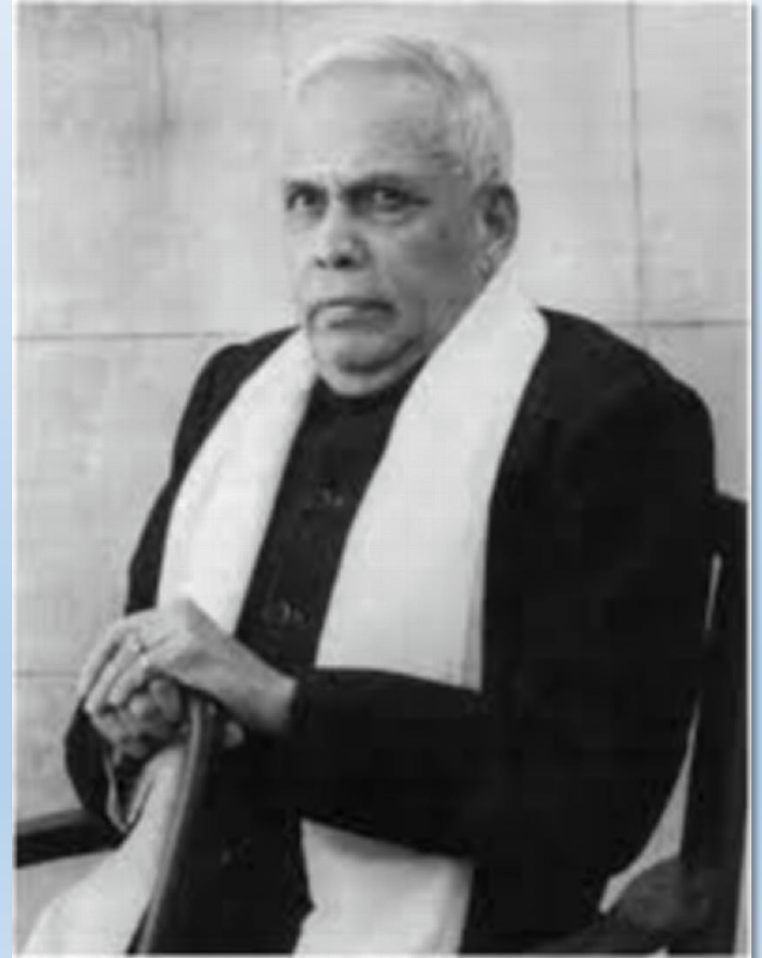


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