Nepal Community Library Association (NCLLA)

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Nepal
Nepal in Figure

- It has area of 147,181 square kilometers
- 27 million people
- More than 50% living on less than $2 per day.
- 80% live in rural area
- Poor infrastructure
- 40.9% cannot read
- Energy – 16 hours load shedding per day.
- Library status – 1200 libraries
Country profile – Situation of Library in my country

- Library still a luxury
- 1200 libraries for 27 million people
- Still about 8000 libraries to be build for current population
- Lack of library act, rules and regulation from government
- Learning and reading habit seems to be left out from the development initiatives
BSLA Project Goals

- **Governance**: To increase membership and transition to a librarian-led board.
- **Advocacy**: To work at the local and regional levels for library funding and to share experiences with other library sectors through NCLA, and to work with NLA and other stakeholders on the national library policy.
BSLA Project Goals

- **Sustainability**: To identify sources of funding and member services and partnership
- **Partnership**: To create new partnerships
- **Professional Development**: To be a major training provider
Success Stories

• Influence policy makers
  – Library Guidelines
  – Budget lobbying
  – Library day celebration

• Good relationship with stakeholders

• Library advocacy

• Gather Civic participation for library building
Forthcoming activities – 2012/2013

- Advocacy – Library day Aug 31
- Data Collection
- National Conference
- Policy influence
- Continue civic participation for library building
- Continue BLSA project
Challenges: and how we are addressing them

- Lack of government support due to political instability
- Resources
- Skilled staff and secretariat
- Diverse geographical situation
We offer the library community in our country:

• Common platform for advocacy in local and regional level.

• Give chance to get together for sharing.

• Give place to learn together in Capacity building, study visit, BSLA trainings, etc.
The future of the association and libraries in our country

- NCLA will works as capable association
- It would work as common platform for strong advocacy for the libraries, which would be heard from all concerned government ministries and departments.
- It would have capacity to give needy services of its member libraries and individuals.
- All community libraries would be excited to be its member even after paying big cost.
- It would be seen in International platform
The future of the association and libraries in our country

- Libraries will be counted as fundamental needs of the community
- Libraries will have support of budget from government
- All Libraries will work as Development Centers
- Libraries will ensure for basic information in different means including latest technologies
- Libraries will act as major stakeholders in NGO Federation
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Fund Raising for 50th library
Building Constructing of Panauti CLRC

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