



A Report on NDLI Expert Talk: A Journey through the Evolution of Libraries: From Clay Tablets to Digital Technology

On 20th December 2025, from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, the New Horizon College of Engineering Club, in collaboration with the National Digital Library of India (NDLI), hosted an insightful online expert talk titled "A Journey through the Evolution of Libraries: From Clay Tablets to Digital Technology." The session was attended by 112 participants. All of them were eager to explore how libraries have transformed through history and their role in the modern digital age.

A Journey through the Evolution of Libraries

This part of the title signals that the event will cover the historical progression of libraries over time. The term "journey" suggests that the speaker will take student participants through different phases of library history, from ancient to modern times, showing how libraries have adapted to the changing needs of society.

From Clay Tablets

This refers to the earliest form of knowledge storage in ancient civilizations. Libraries in ancient Mesopotamia and Egypt, for example, used clay tablets to record information, marking the beginning of formalized collections of knowledge. The reference to clay tablets symbolises the humble origins of libraries, where the preservation of written knowledge began.

To Digital Technology

This section emphasises the modern evolution of libraries, with particular attention to the shift towards digital formats. With the introduction of computers, the internet, and digital platforms such as NDLI, libraries have moved beyond physical books and manuscripts to digital resources, providing extensive academic content online. The reference to "digital technology" represents present and future trends in Library Management and access, where technology has greatly improved accessibility and the dissemination of knowledge.



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