Building a Library to Enhance the Livelihood of Tsunami Survivors

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The Tsunami of December 2004 was one of the worst natural disasters in modern day history. Lives and communities were washed away instantly. Immediately, a librarian named Lilliemar Nevanka Goonewardena, along with the Minnesota-Sri Lanka Friendship Foundation (MNSLFF), helped to create a model library/technology center in hopes of enriching the lives of tsunami survivors in a village in Sri Lanka. This poster will discuss the building of the library/technology center in Sri Lanka with the help of donors and librarians in both Minnesota and Sri Lanka and the various uses in digital technology that made it all happen.



Funding and Collaboration

Building a library in Sri Lanka was a learning experience....

- Built a library in Sri Lanka through donations and funds in Minnesota and Sri Lanka
- •Used technology to its advantage via Internet, phone, Instant Messaging and Fax
- •Enlisted the help of Librarians, other experts in Minnesota and Sri Lanka

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Colombo Municipal Librarian



Dedication Ceremony

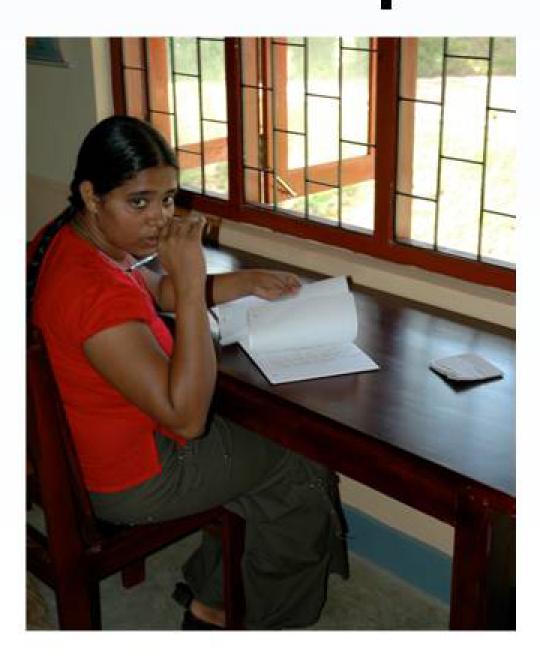
In July of 2007 the Library and Community Center had its dedication ceremony.













Opportunity to Read







Play Time



References

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