Research in Librarianship in Thailand: a Bibliographical Survey

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Research in librarianship in Thailand probably originated with the formation of the Department of Library Science in the Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University in 1955, with authority to grant a Diploma in Library Science. The requirement of term papers for most courses of study makes it necessary for students to investigate and search for information and data on various aspects of librarianship through the application of varying methods and techniques of research.

Several papers are of professional value and deserve more attention. Consequently, the Department of Library Science embarked on a series of monographs entitled Library Science Papers, with a coverage of selected student term papers and the faculty's writings in the field of librarianship and related subjects. The first issue appeared in August 1965.

So far, five student term papers have been singled out for publication in the Series. The first one, entitled Wat Pra Jetubon: the First Public Library in Thailand¹ by Rampi Kulsomboon contains an historical account of Wat Pra Jetubon, the oldest Buddhist temple in Bangkok with interpretation of its literary wall inscriptions, which has made the temple known as the people's university of the early days or the first public library in Thailand. Two bibliographical papers result from the efforts of Nonglak Minaikit. The first one, A Bibliography of the National Research Council Publications² claims to record as complete as possible publications of the Council. The second one, An Annotated Bibliography on Librarianship in Thailand³ reviews all existing materials about librarianship in

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³ Nonglak Minaikit (1968). A Bibliography of the National Research Council Publications. (Library Science Papers No. 6.) (In Thai.)