NexLib Interactive Library Management System (ILMS) - User Manual

1. Introduction

Welcome to NexLib!

NexLib is an interactive library management system designed to enhance user experience and streamline library administration. With a focus on simplicity and efficiency, NexLib offers advanced features such as book previews, a user forum for reviews and discussions, and detailed author information.

2. Vision & Mission

Vision:

To revolutionize the library experience by making it as simple and convenient as possible, empowering readers to engage with the books they love, whenever and wherever they are.

Mission:

To create an accessible and efficient system that allows users to search, reserve, and check the availability of books in the library, all without needing to visit the library in person.

3. Key Features

3.1 Book Search and Filtering

- Users can search for books by title or author using intuitive filters.
- Access the search functionality via the navigation bar or the library page.
- Results can be sorted in ascending or descending order.

3.2 Book Previews

- Preview the first few pages of a book before deciding to borrow it.
- This helps users make informed borrowing decisions.

3.3 User Reviews

- Members can write and share reviews on books they have read.
- Reviews contribute to the community's knowledge and help others make better choices.

3.4 Book Forum

- Participate in broader discussions about books, categories, and literary topics.
- Engage with other users in a community-driven environment.

3.5 Create an Account

- Apply for library membership through a straightforward registration process.
- Provide essential details like full name, National Identity Card number, email address, contact number, and a secure password.

3.6 Track Borrowed and Reserved Books

- Maintain a list of borrowed books and the associated borrowers.
- The system automatically updates the status of reserved books once returned.

3.7 Pre-booking

- Reserve books that are currently available in the library.
- If a book is already checked out, join the waiting list to be notified when it becomes available.

3.8 Return Date Management and Notifications

- The system tracks book borrowing and manages return dates.
- Notifications are sent before and after the due date to ensure timely returns.

4. Administrator Features

4.1 Issue a Book

- Librarians can issue books to members for a 14-day period.
- The system updates the book's status to "Not available" once issued.

4.2 Cancel User Membership

- Allows librarians to efficiently manage user accounts by terminating memberships when necessary.
- Ensures membership records are accurately maintained and up-to-date.

4.3 Remove a Book

- Admins can remove outdated, damaged, or irrelevant books from the system.
- The system updates the database and removes any uploaded cover images to ensure accurate information.

4.4 Add a New Book

- Admins can add new books to the library's collection.
- Essential details such as the book's title, author, ISBN, category, language, price, publisher, and number of copies are required.

5. Technological Constraints

- The system is compatible with standard hardware and software.
- Ensures easy access on computers and maintains smooth operations across all supported devices.

6. Security Constraints

- Robust security measures are implemented to protect user data.
- Includes encrypted communication and secure authentication processes.

7. Performance Constraints

- The system is designed to handle multiple concurrent users with minimal latency.
- Ensures a smooth and responsive user experience even under heavy load.

8. Support & Contact Information

For any assistance, you can contact our support team via:

- Email: support@NexLib.com
- **Phone:** (+94) 456-78990

Our support team is available to help you with any issues or inquiries regarding the NexLib Interactive Library Management System.

Thank you for choosing NexLib! We hope you enjoy a seamless and enriching library experience.