

A STUDY OF LIBRARY AND ITS USERS: ARYA P.G. COLLEGE LIBRARY PANIPAT, HARYANA

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Abstract:

College libraries have significant role in preparation of dynamic future leaders by offering students lucrative services so that users can learn the process of how to enter methods of higher research oriented studies gradually. Libraries are established to achieve specific goals and objectives. The library as an institution is vital in the national development are important agents in the development of human resources of any nation. This study is an attempt to identify the present status library with providing services of college libraries at Arya P. G. College Panipat, Haryana. The Study based on primary as well as secondary information and data has been collected adapting questionnaire and interview method. The finding of the study shows that the structure of college library collection, services and physical arrangement of library system.

Keywords: College library, Academia Library Association, Library User Survey, Haryana.

1.0 Introduction

Libraries are the centre where information is collected, processed, generated and kept ready for quick dissemination. Academic libraries are those libraries which are associated to support the academic programmes of the institutions. These are sapped and influenced by the objectives of the institutions to which these are attached. Prime motto of these is to maintain the standard of teaching and research. All such libraries also have some similarities like collection, organization and dissemination of information.

The role of the library or learning resource centre not only in serving the needs of the students but all those associated with the learning organization. A library is an organization which facilitates the interaction between people and the information they need. The college library is one of the institutions principal educational resources. It exists to support the information needs of all members of the institution; students, teachers and support staff. It provides resources in many formats.

Library defines as collection of information resources in print or in other forms that is organized and made accessible for reading or study. The work derives from the Latin libber ("book"). The origin of libraries lies in the keeping of written record, a practice that dates at least to the 3rd millennium BC in Babylonia. The first libraries as repositories of books were those of the Greek temples and those established in conjunction with the Greek School of Philosophy in the 4th century BC. Today's libraries frequently contain periodicals, microfilms, tapes, video compact discs, and other material in addition to books. The growth of on- line communication networks has enabled library users to search electronically linked database world-wide.

Library is an institution where books are required for use and it is the prime motive of the library. Library is a collection of different types of materials such as books, periodicals, journals, Magazines, manuscripts, map, charts, films, strips, and microfilms and like documentary and non-documentary materials.

2.0 Objectives of an Academic Library:

1. To increase the image of an academic institution as a center for excellence especially in respect of information resources.
2. To improve the quality of education at every level, especially concerning teaching and learning, as it will be affected by information resources.
3. Increasing the research output by faculty and research scholars through effective provision of information resources at the supporting services.

4. To develop the role of information resources as an economic investment for obtaining fund from academic and its infrastructure.
5. To increase the quantum of information available for students and others.
6. To increase the value of information and help in its maximum use through support service.
7. To establish equitable personal policies for the full range of staff concerned with information research.

3.0 Functions of Academic Library:

1. To identify the users need and try to satisfy by providing various services.
2. To make library services simple to understand, easy to use and time saving.
3. To promote the use of library services and facilities regularly.
4. To provide every piece of information to its users by using new information technologies.
5. To co- ordinate the work of the library with other institute and develop format link for the promotional services.

4.0 Arya P. G. College, Panipat

College libraries are integral part of educational institutions in fact they may be regarded as the hearts of modern institutions of higher education. The principal function of a Library is to educate the educated. A well-equipped library is not only a storehouse of knowledge and experience but also a repository of world's culture-ancient, mediaeval and modern. College library represents one of the most important assets in support of the instructional programme of the college. The Library is a workshop for the entire college-students and teachers where library staffs are the conductors of this workshop.

Founded under the auspices of Arya Samaj Panipat (Regd.) office Bara Bazar, the college has pursued its journey towards excellence under the dynamic leadership of President, Governing Body Sh. Ravindra Gupta, Vice President Sh. Aadesh Gupta, General Secretary Sh. Surinder Shingla, Treasurer Sh. Piyush Garg and other senior members of the management. Founded in 1954 by truly nationalists people, Arya PG College, Panipat has the distinction of being one of the oldest colleges in Haryana, adjoining to Delhi. Today, the college can boast of a special campus, state-of-art infrastructural facilities and highly acclaimed faculty trained at leading Universities in India. Though, the primary stress of the college is on achieving academic excellence, yet we also provide various opportunities to help students by enhancing their knowledge and skills in the areas that we believe are important for their all-round development. Notwithstanding its name, students from all religions have grown up here and excelled in the chosen areas of their interests, be it academic, sports and extra-curricular activities.

The college provides a liberal, lively and competitive environment enabling students to carve out a niche for themselves in the chosen areas. Besides the infrastructural facilities, the strength of the college lies in its congenial and enriching atmosphere, which plays a crucial role in maintaining the excellent record the college is renowned for. The college has seen remarkable growth over the years. Today, it is not only one of the most distinguished graduate & Post graduate co-educational institution in the country, but is also, by many accounts the college of the first choice in surrounding area.

The college deserves the pride to have an exceptionally beautiful lush green campus, magnificent building of architectural beauty spreading over about 15 acres of land catering to overall development of more than 5000 students including more than 3000 girls. Well located and protected campus is the second heaven for the young boys and girls.

5.0 Swami Vidyanand Saraswati Library

The library is located on the first floor having of area 1100sq. ft. The library reading rooms can accommodate around 300 students. There are two separate corners for the staff members in both the reading rooms. The college has one of the best centrally air conditioned and state-of-art library with a stock of more than 60000 titles and reference books all with bar-coding. It has a sprawling reading room, reference section & photocopy facility. The library is fully automated & has an audio visual section & a digit resource centre. The library subscribes to plethora of Journals – both National & International. It also has a number of e-resources in the form of CD's and DVD's. The library also subscribes to on-line journals through DELNET. The library uses

Dewey Decimal Classification for classify documents and Anglo American Cataloguing rules II is used for cataloguing.

5.1 Library committee

The library committee also play a proactive role in planning and promoting the services of the library. Library committee has seven members include librarian, principle, vice principle and four lecturers from different college departments. The library committee is an important committee to make decisions regarding the overall function of the library. Major relation regarding the library management takes after the approval of committee. Library committee also places a proactive role in the planning and promoting services in library. Library also has a collection development policy.

6.0 Objective of the study

1. To determine the frequency of library use by the students
2. To know the attitude of library staffs
3. To know facility provide by the library for its users
4. To determine the extent of use of library resources by the students
5. To determine the use of library resources by the level of study of the students
6. To determine the relationship between level of study of the students and use of library resources

7.0 Research Methodology

The survey method was adopted in order to collect data the necessary data for present the study. The study was conducted on **Swami Vidyanand Saraswati Library**, Arya College Panipat which includes staff and students. The survey method is employed to collect precise information concerning the current general conclusion. Data was collected to meet librarian and fill questionnaire and observation. Simple random sample and percentage technique was used. 110 questionnaires were distributed and completely return was 80 which was a very good response of the respondents.

8.0 Data Analysis:

Table 1. Frequency of visiting the library:

Sr. No.	Option	% of Respondents
1.	Everyday	30
2.	Weekly	53
3.	Four Nightly	8
4.	Rarely	9
	Total	100

Table 1 shows that 53% of the respondents visit library in a week, whereas 6% rarely.

Table 2. Time spent in the library per week

Sr. No.	TIME	% of Respondents
1.	Up To 1 Hour	63
2.	1-5	35
3.	6-10	2
	Total	100

Table 2 shows that 63% of the respondent's time spent up to one hours spent in the Library. In addition 35 % spent one to five hours, and 2% spent six to ten hours in Library. This positive result shows that the maximum students spend more time in the library.

Table 3. Purpose of visiting the library

Sr. No.	PURPOSE	% of Respondents
1.	To Read Books on Your Subject	53
2.	To Consult Latest Towards	27
3.	To Consult Reference Books	18
4.	Any Other	2
	Total	100

Table 3 shows that more 53 % respondents go to read books on their subjects. For consulting reference books only 18 % goes to the library.

Table 4. Rating of text book collection in the library

Sr. No.	Opinion	% of Respondents
1.	Excellent	60
2.	Very Good	20
3.	Good	12
4.	Poor	08
	Total	100

Above table 4 revealed that text book Collection in the Library. Maximum number of students 60% is rating excellent with available text books in the Library. Approx. 20% students are rating very well. The result shows that role of text Book is very important and needful in the education.

Table 5. Rating of Reference Books in the library

Sr. No.	Opinion	% of Respondents
1.	Excellent	28
2.	Very Good	44
3.	Good	18
4.	Poor	10
	Total	100

Table 5 revealed that book Collection in the Library. Maximum number of students 44% is rating very well with available reference books in the Library. Approx. 28% students are rating excellent.

Table 6. Rating of Book Bank Collection in the Library

Sr. No.	Opinion	% of Respondents Rate
1.	Excellent	30
2.	Very Good	28
3.	Good	24
4.	Poor	18
	Total	100

Above table 6 revealed that book bank collection in the Library. Maximum number of students 30% is rating excellent with available book bank collection in the Library. Approx. 28% students are rating very well.

Table 7. Rating of journals and magazines in the library

Sr. No.	Opinion	% of Respondents
1.	Excellent	18
2.	Very Good	12
3.	Good	62
4.	Poor	08
	Total	100

The availability of magazines and journals are 42 which 11 in Hindi and 21 in English language in the Library. Maximum number of students 62% is rating very well with available magazines and journals in the Library. Approx. 18% students are rating excellent. The result shows that role of these sources very important to update in current trends in the education.

Table 8. Rating of newspapers in the library

Sr. No.	Opinion	% of Respondents
1.	Excellent	24
2.	Very Good	38
3.	Good	22
4.	Poor	16
	Total	100

A total 13 newspaper are subscribed both 6 Hindi (Amarujal, Danik Bhasker, Punjab Kesri, Hari-Bhumi, Danik Tribune and Navbhart Times) and 7 English (Tribune, Economic Time, Hindustan Times, Times of India, Indian Express, Hindu and Financial Express) language newspaper in the library. Maximum number of students 38% is rating very well with available magazines and journals in the Library. Approx. 24% students are rating excellent.

Table 9. Rating of CD's/Other Material in the library

Sr. No.	Opinion	% of Respondents
1.	Excellent	4
2.	Very Good	8
3.	Good	13
4.	Poor	75
	Total	100

The table 9 indicates that highest 75% respondents were fully dissatisfied by CD Rom Databases available in the college library.

Table 10. Services provided by the library

Sr. No.	Option	% of Respondents	
		Yes	No
1.	Abstracting Services	34	66
2.	Lending Services	26	74
3.	Ready References Services	60	40
4.	Bibliographic Service	22	78
5.	Current Awareness Service	70	30
6.	SDI Service	42	58
7.	Reprographic Service	16	84
8.	Translation Service	25	75
9.	Newspaper Clipping Service	80	20
10.	Book Reservation Facility	70	30
11.	Other Services	06	94

Table 10 shows the awareness of respondents regarding services provided by the library. Majority of the respondents not aware about the library service and the rarely use these services.

Table 11. Use of library catalogues

Sr. No.	Option	% of Respondents Rate
1.	Yes	62
2.	No	38
	Total	100

Table 11 shows that 62 % of the respondents use the library catalogue to find out their sources in library whereas 38 % never use.

Table 12. Borrowing books from the library

Sr. No.	Option	% of Respondents
1.	Yes	80
2.	No	20
	Total	100

Table 12 shows that 80 % respondents borrow books from the library whereas 20 % not

Table 13. Period of loan of books is satisfactory

Sr. No.	Option	% of Respondents
1.	Yes	72
2.	No	28
	Total	100

Table 13 shows that the period of loan of books is satisfactory supported by 72 % students while 28 % not satisfied.

Table 14. Present system of fine charging

Sr. No.	Option	% of Respondents
1.	Satisfactory	64
2.	Dissatisfactory	36
	Total	100

Table 14 shows that 64 % of the respondents say that present system of fine charging is satisfactory while 36 % not satisfied.

Table 15. Assistance seek from the library staff

Sr. No.	Option	% of Respondents
1.	Yes	78
2.	No	22
	Total	100

Table 15 shows that 78 % of the respondents ask for assistance from library staff while 22 % never ask.

Table 16. Purpose of seeking assistance

Sr. No.	Option	% of Respondents
1.	Locating Books	36
2.	Finding Information of Your Subject	40
3.	Consult of Reference	20
4.	Any Other	4
	Total	100

Table 16 shows that 40 % students seek assistance from library staff for finding information of their subject books and 36 % locating the book searching whereas 16 % assistance to consult reference sources in library.

Table 17. The reason for not asking library staff

Sr. No.	Option	% of Respondents Rate
1.	Do Not Need Help	40
2.	Hesitation To Asking	50
3.	Staff Is Not Available For Help	4
4.	Indifference Behaviour of Staff	6
	Total	100

Table 17 shows that 50 % of the respondents have hesitation in asking for help and 40 % of respondents do not need help.

Table 18. Computerized services in the library

Sr. No.	Option	% of Respondents
1.	OPAC	50
2.	Internet	28
3.	Email	12
4.	Web Browsing	10
	Total	100

Table 18 shows that 50 % of the students used the library OPAC to know the availability of their document in library.

Table 19. Books find on bookshelf proper

Sr. No.	Option	% of Respondents
1.	Always	62
2.	Sometime	24
3.	Rarely	6
4.	Never	8
	Total	100

Table 19 shows that 62 % students always find books on their location in proper way.

Table 20. Rating of physical conditions of books

Sr. No.	Opinion	% of Respondents
1.	Excellent	20
2.	Very Good	42
3.	Good	22
4.	Poor	16
	Total	100

Table 20 shows that 42 % of the respondents says that the physical conditions of books is very good, 22 % good and 20 % excellent.

Table 21. Provision of proper drinking water in the library

Sr. No.	Option	% of Respondents Rate
1.	Highly Satisfied	18
2.	Satisfied	51
3.	Dissatisfied	21
4.	Highly Dissatisfied	11
	Total	100

Table 21 shows that 51 % respondents are satisfied with the drinking water supply and availability in library while 33 % dissatisfied.

Table 22. Provision of lighting in the library

Sr. No.	Option	% of Respondents Rate
1.	Highly Satisfied	24
2.	Satisfied	67
3.	Dissatisfied	9
	Total	100

Table 22 shows that 67 % respondents are satisfied with the light arrangement and availability in library while 9 % dissatisfied.

Table 23. Seating arrangement in the library

Sr. No.	Option	% of Respondents
1.	Highly Satisfied	12
2.	Satisfied	65
3.	Dissatisfied	17
4.	Highly Dissatisfied	6
	Total	100

Table 23 shows that 65 % respondents are satisfied with the seating arrangement in library while 17 % dissatisfied.

9.0 Conclusion

Libraries whether academic, public, school or special are all service institutions. All their activities are geared towards serving the needs of users. Academic libraries play an important role in the institutions they serve. The libraries hold printed materials including books, periodicals, newspapers, reports and special collection of government documents and a wide range of electronic resources among others. The core objective of academic libraries is to support the parent institution to achieve its objective. This is partly because the institutions need information and the libraries play such roles. The college library has a rich collection of the text books, reference books, book bank collection and other types of material. In library book arrangement is very good and staff is very cooperative. Most of students use the library.

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