

BEST PRACTICES IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

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Abstract: Library and information services of higher education institutions play a central role in enhancing the quality of Academic and research environment. The article on the current challenges faced by the academic libraries. The process that are discussed and concludes that with the adoption of the best particles in academic libraries. The present paper describes the best particles as expected by NAAC and its applications in an academic library. Our college library is established since the opening of the college i.e. in the year 1989. But the college has gradually developed each and every department of the college. At present there are many best practices followed in academic libraries to improve the quality of services and professionalism but also include the services and activities in which the aim of overall development of students is achieved.

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1.0 Introduction

The global changes particularly the information and communication technologies (ICT) have impact on the functioning of academic libraries. The ways to build collection and services to the end user vary from the recent past practices. Thus preparing guidelines in a standardized way based on the best practices employed by libraries is significant which will ultimately enhance the value based services of academic libraries.

Appashab Dharkar in the year 1989 in the SPAN of 25 years the trust has launched several educational activities under the excellent guidance. It has good number of reference books dictionaries, encyclopedia directions and hand books. The National ODLIS (online Dictionary of Library and Information Science) in the application of theory to real life situations Procedures that when properly. Best practices are identified by examining empirical evidence of success. According to the concise Oxford English Dictionary best means the most excellent or desirable type or quality most appropriate, advantageous or well advised or the highest degree to highest standard in this Process of developing best practices we take action rather than good ideas and we improve our skills. ODLIS (online Dictionary of Library and information science) describes best practices as in the application of theory to real life situations procedures that when properly applied consistently yield superior results and are therefore used as reference points in evaluation of the effectiveness of alternative methods of accomplishing the same task applied consistently yield superior results and are therefore used as reference Points in evaluation of the effectiveness of alternative methods of accomplishing the same task.

2.0 The Rule of Academe Libraries

The role of the library and information center in college is aimed at realizing the educational goals of the college or the Parent organization .The college library and information resource center acts as a vehicle for disseminating information and the related computer technologies through the best practices for utilization by its community of users and also for the exchange of information among its users.

3.0 Best Practices Adopted in Academic Libraries

3.1 Demonstrations and exhibitions-The libraries should organize demonstrations and exhibitions to create awareness about their collection services .This can be done inside the library separately through displaying the special collection and literary works of specific authors of group of authors.

3.2 My favorite book- Competitions on my favorite book can be organized .This will inspire students to read more books and will help to know about new books.

3.3 Book display program me-Libraries should organize exhibitions on important occasion like birth anniversary of eminent personalities. This helps user to know various types of collections available on various subject in the library.

3.4 Library Best user Award-Library usage data can be gathered through visitor's register maintained in the library. This will help to increase the frequency of visit of users to the library and will increase the use of library reference materials.

3.5 Staff Users Meet- The academic libraries should organize various Programmes including orientation, workshops, and seminars which focuses the issues useful to the users as well as to the staff e.g. lectures on open access resources, library consortium, present digital era. Knowledge networking subject searching knowledge based system etc.

3.6 User Feedback practice through suggestion boxes-library can receive feedback grievances from students about the services and collection of the library.

3.7 Orientation Programme -The library services good reading habits creative program and activities for maximum utilization of the library .The fresh students at the beginning of each academic year about the importance of the library the students to its various sections of the library resources and the various library services.

3.8-Web Based Services-The library website updated with web bases services such as virtual tour ask the librarian full text article access to open as well as subscribed resources lectures notes etc.

4.0 Conclusion

The best practice is the attitude an approach or a Philosophy based on the desire for continuous learning and improvement .Libraries should established, promote, maintain and evaluate a range of quality services that support the college mission and goals. Lastly developing best practices and implementing them at regular intervals will lead to improve overall functions of libraries and ultimately whole institution.

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