



WAY OF COLLEGE LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

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Introduction

21st century is the century of information, knowledge and technology. Knowledge is power and strength of all discipline. The libraries of today are not only book store house but analysis centres of information. It calls also the treasure of knowledge and Information resource centre. Hence their responsibilities towards the users increase from points of view of the usage and application of the information. Moreover, the development of any country is dependent on its education systems, policy and quality. Therefore, education is the basic need for the bright future of every person, society and country. The growth of higher education has been very slow till now. However, since last decade or so higher education has received remarkable significance. In this progress, libraries could have played very important role.

Library is a learned institution to educate the children, men and women continuously and assist in self-improvement through an effective dissemination of information. Today library has been changed in its systems, policy, service and function. The advance of computer and information technology, Library has changed its status like digital library, E-library, Virtual Library etc. and today the role of libraries is challenging and more important for learning, teaching and research in this country. In this time College library is to play very important role for development of youth of the country.

Changing role of college librarian

Today in the college library, various functions related information providing for the students and staff are executed, for which library needs an experienced, skilful and technically expert person, which is called the librarian. In this time, Librarian's role is changing like Information Manager, Document Manager, Knowledge Manager etc. Librarian must continue to educate themselves to provide best services to users for using new information technology,

The following are some of important aspects of new technologies on which Librarians need to seriously think about improving their competencies for their effective utilization to deliver need based high quality information services to user.

- ICT trends
- Librarian must be able to identify, evaluate and organize all types resources
- Librarian must understand user requirement and try to solve in minimum time.
- Librarian must use of social media from provide best service to their user.
- Awareness about E-learning, Metadata Standard, Web Technology.
- In this age, Librarian required different type skills like Marketing skills, Presentation skills, Managerial skills, Communication skills, Decision making skills etc.

Library services

The main objective of college library is to develop library collection and maximum use of available collection for users. The development of library is totally depending on its services. Library services are called a soul of the library. In this time, Library service must be ICT oriented. ICT based library services has changed the management of resources and housekeeping operations as well as the way services are delivered. Library management software are largely used in housekeeping operation like acquisition, cataloguing, circulation, serial control, OPAC etc. ICT based library services are more



effective in less time for users. The librarian should use ICT base service for providing following type services.

- Current awareness services and selective dissemination of information
- Display of coming new book in library
- Digitization of rare books, important article and question paper
- User awareness program for new coming students
- Bibliography, Indexing and abstracting services.
- OPAC and online search
- Providing internet access to user in free of cost.

Library and information science education

Library is one of the social institutions. So it is involved in the progress and development of the society. For the successful administration and organization of the library, especially trained personnel are required. This is only done through the library and information science education. The Primary aim of education for library and information science is to create intelligent human resources to maintain, preserves and developed the library and information centre. Library and information education provide training for technical service of Libraries. Preparation of desired workers for libraries for maintaining, giving knowledge of other subject than library techniques and training for working librarians.

B.L.I.Sc & M.L.I.Sc syllabus

If we survey in all university of Gujarat which are running Library and information Science course, there are studying old syllabus of B.L.I.Sc. & M.L.I.Sc courses. There is requirement for new syllabus.

Theoretical education

Some universities are providing only theoretical education in this course. There is requiring practical education and increase some skill in students also like software demo, presentation skill, behaviour skills. Managerial skill, communication skill etc.,

Quality Education

The students who are studying in B.L.I.Sc and M.L.I.Sc are future Librarian of our country in digital age. It is important to provide quality education.

Recruitment of qualified staff

University must recruit eligible and qualify staff in B.L.I.Sc and M.L.I.Sc course. Departments should appoint NES/SET passed Asstt.Professor in Library and Information Education departments.

Library recruitment

The librarian is a manager of any library like school library, college library. University Library, Special library etc. They must appointed qualified librarian for providing better services to users.

- In the Gujarat state, many university libraries are managed by I/C librarian or any other field professor. We must need appointed qualify university librarian with permanent post and not on contract basis.
- On the college level, many of the college libraries are manged by clerk or peon. How to manage college library by one clerk and peon and how can they prove the importance of library? We need recruit qualified librarian.



- On the school level also recruit quality librarian.

The value of the library

In current situation we all librarian believe and it is important that libraries should be able to provide better services to their users and play important role to success in achieving institutional goals. Libraries need to be more proactive in seeking to understand user behaviour and workflows and in strictly analysing and demonstrating the value of their activities in improving students experience and supporting teaching, learning and research.

College Library has demonstrated their ability to lead and to adapt their role in response to changing situation. They play crucial role in supporting the teaching, learning and research missions of their institutes. The quality of libraries and their services is an important part of their students and staff. and

- Every Librarian understands that the librarianship is also a profession like a Doctor, Businessman a lawyer.
- Every librarian must understand that librarian also gets his post out of the equal level post on the basis of his qualification and abilities with as Assistant professor like PG NET/SET.
- Every librarian must believe that Students and staffs are our customers and our main duty is their satisfaction. We should be more polite and student friendly.
- Librarian must try to put together data from multiple sources by judgments for the use and storage place within their overall collection.

The Librarian is an Information manager and there is requirement to develop new skills and services and their ability to provide better services to user

Some suggestions for developing college libraries

According to my experience, Librarian can apply following steps for making value added library services.

- Provide an atmosphere in which technology accelerate education technology
- Helping student and staff in different way by putting difference between web surfing and electronic research.
- Providing facility in recent integrating technology into their teaching, learning and research activities.
- The library staff should get training for running and maintaining the task of computerized library and should be aware of all recent technology.
- To develop the ability of students to apply method of research in finding solution to library and information systems problems to formulate project proposal and to effectively present project reports and dissertations

Conclusion

Thus, today the college library and librarian require becoming modern library and modern librarian and should play a very important role in the process of communication in contemporary time for which he must be well educated, highly qualified and professionally competent. In the changing technological environment, the librarian should be highly skilled professional as processor of dissemination of the information understanding the requirement of the users, become an excellent



librarian in the modern times, one should be full qualified, trained in latest technology, should have the leadership qualities and knowledge of every minute work of the library and library professionals.

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