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FUNCTIONS AND OBJECTIVES OF MODERN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES: A STUDY

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ABSTRACT

The library is the products of our cultural maturation an essential link of the total communication partner of modern society. Library has regarded as a storehouse of knowledge and a living pool of culture. The main objectives of library is to provide right information to the right user at the right time being a social institutions, it is to cater the needs of various categories of users raging from nonprofessional to Professionals. Library of modern display a vital role in the society as information centers.

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INTRODUCTION:

They offer a wide range of services a well-equipped and large library is the foundation of modern educational infrastructure. The library is the heart of education system a quality education is impossible without a good library. The main objectives of education according to M. K. Gandhi, "is to develop a sound mind in a sound body" and this will be possible with the help of library.

DEFINITION OF LIBRARY

A. S. Hornbyⁱ defined the term Library in **Oxford Advanced learner's Dictionary of Current English**, "a building in which collections of books, CDs, newspapers, etc. are kept for people to read, study or borrow; a room in a large house where most of the books are kept; a personal collection of books, CDs, etc.; a series of books recording etc. produced by the same company and similar in appearance."

Random House Unabridged Dictionaryⁱⁱ defined the term library, "place set a part to contain books, periodicals and other materials for reading viewing using study or reference as a room set of or building were books may be read or borrowed"

Encyclopedic Dictionary of Library and Information science and Information Technologyⁱⁱⁱ stated that, library means,

- a. The term describes a collection of books and other literary material, which have been kept for reading, study and consultation.
- b. The term is used for a place, building, room or rooms set apart for the keeping and use of a collection of books.
- c. Refers to a number of books issued by one publisher under a comprehensive title as the 'Loeb Classical Library', and usually having some general characteristics such as subject, binding, or typography.

d. A collection of programmes or system programmes

According to *Encyclopedia Britannica*^{iv} defined the term library as, "Collection of books used for reading or study or the building, room in which such study or the building, room in which such study or the building or room in which such a collection it is kept".

These definitions as library are defining the meaning, as a library is place of the book, non-book materials are kept for reading or borrowing purpose for user.

OBJECTIVES OF THE LIBRARY

C. P. Vashishth^v has stated the objectives of the library in his edited books as follows:

- To serve the needs of the academic community.
- To provide reference materials at appropriate levels.
- To provide study area for users.
- To provide a lending services appropriate to the different types of users.
- To provide active information services.
- To provide staff to conduct literature searches on behalf of the research team.
- To give the users quick access to accurate information over the whole range of human knowledge.

FUNCTION OF THE LIBRARY

Krishan Kumar^{vi} stated the function of the library in his book **Library Organization** is as follows:

- Lifelong self-education.
- Information / documents on all subjects including local, national and international affairs to serves economic, political and social welfare.
- Proper use of leisure.
- Advancement of culture
- Preservation of literary heritage for posterity

TYPES OF LIBRARY

Krishan Kumar^{vii} recognizes the following types of libraries:

- 1) Academic Libraries
 - i) School
 - ii) College and
 - iii) University
- 2) Public Library
- 3) Special Library
- 4) National Library

ACADEMIC LIBRARY

Academic institutions and academic libraries play an important role in giving right direction to the cultural, political, social, scientific and technological development of society. Library is the centre of any academic setting, while classroom teachings provide a glimpse of knowledge; the libraries disseminate a wide range of knowledge which is required to attain intellectual heights. Libraries supplement the instructional work of classrooms and carry forward the ideal of education. Real education can only be achieved through the libraries. Thus, the libraries are the provider informal education, guiding the learner's to search vast range of material available.

The library in any educational institution is no longer considered as the storehouse of knowledge. It is a actively participating as the medium between the clearness and the vast knowledge resources, between classroom lecture and source of lecture.

DEFINITION OF ACADEMIC LIBRARY

Flexner^{viii} define the term academic library means, "Belonging or relating to a place of learning gasp a college, University or academy.

O. P. Gupta^{ix} defined the term academic library in his book library and information in University college libraries in India as of or pertaining to a college, academic, school or other educational institution especially one for higher education academic requirement.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF ACADEMIC LIBRARY

A. P. Srivastava^x stated the goals and objectives of academic library in his book 'Academic Library System'

- 1) To increase the image of on academy as a centre for excellence especially in respect of information resources.
- 2) To improve the quality of education at every level, especially concerning teaching and learning as if will be affected by information resources.
- 3) Increase the research output by faculty and research scholars through effective provision of information resources and the support services.
- 4) Develop the role of information resources as an economic investment far obtaining funds from academy and its infrastructure.
- 5) Increase the value of information and help in its maximum use through support service.
- 6) Increase the quantum of information available for students and others.
- 7) Process information directly to work station and resources utilization points.
- 8) Provide personalised database systems for supporting the faculty and students.
- 9) Protect and promote academy's interest with respect to external policies by developing its ability to use information resources in support of its academic responsibility
- 10) Increase the co-operation in the use of information resources; and help in the development of networking.

TYPES OF ACADEMIC LIBRARY

There are three types of academic libraries;

- 1) School Library
- 2) College Library
- 3) University Library

COLLEGE LIBRARY

The college library is the heart of college. The vital role played by college libraries in college education has been well recognized by all those who were concerned with higher education like educationist, educational commissions, and committees, planners, Libraries, etc. It is expected to support the objective of the college.

The main task of a college library is to collect, process, maintain, and distributors reading materials, required to the students and academic community.

A college without library is like a free with no routs the status of every college is measures through the position of the library that it maintains. Hence, every college library should become a teaching instrument in itself Library become an integral part of the curriculum, as well as teaching programme of every time.

College library may be defined as, "An institution either self contained or part of university, which provides higher education further education or professional training."

DEFINITION OF COLLEGE LIBRARY

According to **P. S. Kawtra**^{xi} College library means, "a library which is forming on integral part of the college organized administered to meet the need of its students and faculty.'

R. N. Chopra^{xii} defines the college library as, "A library in a residential house serving one of the residential groups or college in to which the students are dividing."

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K. T. Dilli^{xiii} has describes the objectives of the college. The major objectives of college library are:

- a) To provides suitable supplementary books to assists students and faculties.
- b) To provides necessary information on how to tap suitable information.
- c) To provides assistance for self-education by providing suitable documents to students.
- d) To assists teaching faculties in organising the syllabus and methods of teaching.
- e) To provides important assistance like the latest developments in various fields of the teaching.

FUNCTION OF COLLEGE LIBRARY

However function of a college library stated by **L. R. Wilson**^{xiv} can be summarized as under:

1. Furnishing background further work carried on in the classroom, in the laboratories and in the society.
2. Importing to the student the ability of using books and indexes as tools.
3. To provides recreational materials.
4. To help for broadening the outlook on life as the student.
5. To develop the heavenly vision and go forth, be obedient to it, which helps to install in its students proper conception of intellectual freedom.
6. To develop within the student bodies sensitiveness to beauty and the appreciation and truth.

CONCLUSION:

A college library plays a vital role in the process of academic education. Primary motto of college library is to maintain the teaching and learning process, with the help of library resources.

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