Service Rendered by College Libraries Vallabh Vidyanagar

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ABSTRACT:

A try has been made here to know services rendered by college libraries of Vallabh Vidyanagar 360 users (students) were randomly selected as sample. It was concluded that college libraries rendered services of book circulation, news papers and reading room. I.T. based service like network were not given in all the colleges. Students were generally satisfied with the services rendered by college libraries.

Keywords: Library services, circulation etc.

INTRODUCTION

University or college library is an essential component of education. It is not merely a storehouse of books; it is a service institution. Technology has rendered several changes in the library services. College libraries acquire greater significance in higher education by rending library service to their users.

Here, a try has been made to know service rendered by college libraries of Vallabh Vidynagar. College libraries mostly redwing service namely circulation of books, periodicals, newspapers guiding for references, and reading room services. Internet is now an essential service but, college librarian keeps computer in his room, it is not yet provided to students. News paper cutting and clipping is an extra activity. There are so many IT based services, but they are only provided in university libraries only, college libraries do not render such services.

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OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY :

1.   To know service rendered by college libraries.

2.   To know whether users are satisfied with the services rendered by college libraries.

3.   To get information about proportion of library service rendered by college libraries.

4.   To know use of computer based service rendered by college libraries.

5.   To know whether internet facility is rendered by college libraries .

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1.   In how much proportion college libraries rendered services to their users ?

2.   Whether internet and their I.T. based services render services are rendered by college libraries ?

3.   Whether users of libraries are satisfied by the services rendered by college libraries ?

4.   Whether reading room is available to seat and read in college libraries ?

UNIVERSE :

All the students of colleges situated in Vallabh Vidyanagar Were the universe in the present study.

SAMPLE :

Ten students (5 boys and 5 girls) were randomly selected from all the 36 colleges situated in Vallabh Vidyanagar. In this way, 360 students were altogether selected as sample in the present study.

Tool : Questionnaire

RESEARCH METHOD :

The researcher used survey method to collect data in the present study.

STATISTICAL METHOD :

Percentage were calculated to compare the figures.

COLLECTION OF DATA :

The researcher prepared a self-made questionnaire with the help of experts and librarians of the colleges. He contracted Principals and librarians of concerned libraries, made them convinced with the objectives and then given questionnaires to selected students. Filled in questionnaires were collected and data were fed to SPSS software programme. In this ways information was analysed in required tabulated form.

ANALYSIS OF DATA :

1.   Almost all (100%) students told that book circulation was given to them.
2.   55% students told that periodical services was given to them.
3.   50% students told that reference service was given to them.
4.   Newspaper service was given to students in libraries but newspaper are kept in staff room in several cases hence students coule not get benefit of new paper services.
5.   Reading room facility was given in 100% colleges but private and self-finance college had limited sufficient reading facility.
6.   News paper cutting and clipping service was given in 60 college libraries.
7.   Internet facility was given in 86% college libraries. 14% students told that computer is kept in office of librarian and this facility was not provided to them.

FINDINGS :

1.   Book circulation services, reading room facility, and newspaper services were given to almost all college libraries.
2.   Proportion of giving services like use of periodicals, internet facility, newspapers cutting and clipping was different in different libraries.

CONCLUSION :

Users were generally satisfied with the services rendered by college libraries in Vallabh VIdyanagar. But, proportion of minor users told that internet facility, periodical facility etc should be provided to them.

SUGGESTIONS :

1. Internet facility, and other I.T. based services should be provided to students where it was not provided.
2. Periodicals facility should be given wide scope instead of limited Portion of users.
3. Budget allocation for library services should be increased by U.g.C., Govt., and management including principal.

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