Use of Internet in Public Library Services

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Introduction

- Public library generally performs the following functions –
- To provide free and direct access to tools of information and education
- To serve as an instrument of informal selfeducation
- To act as a centre for cultural and social activities of the local community
- To simulate thought and develop understanding among people and to strengthen the spirit of democracy
- To preserve the materials of local / regional cultural heritage



Public Library Users

- Students
- Teachers
- Researchers
- Writers
- Planners
- Policy makers
- Professionals

- Entrepreneurs
- Industrialists
- Bureaucrats
- Children
- Housewives
- Senior citizens
- General public









Books

- Textbooks
- Biographies
- Dictionaries
- Encyclopedias Conf F
- Manuals
- Handbooks
 - Maps
- Atlases
 - **Directories**
- Newspapers

- Magazines
- CA Bulletins
- I & A Tools
- Bibliographies
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 - Govt Documents
 - Reports
 - Standards
 - Trade & Market Lit
 - Annual Reports
 - AV Materials



Public Library Services

- Literature Search
- Newspaper Clipping
- Current Awareness
- Reference
- Selective Dissemination of Information
- Abstracting and Indexing
 - Reprography
- Translation



Reference Service

ALA glossary of library terms – "Reference Service is that phase of library work which is directly concerned with assistance to readers in securing information and in using the resources of the library in study and research"

Ranganathan defines Reference Services as –

- "Personal service to each reader in helping him to find the documents answering his interest at the moment pin-pointedly, exhaustively and expeditiously"
- It is also "to provide the right book for the right user, in the right way and at the right time, in the right personal way"



Internet

'Internet' is a global data communication system in which two computers are linked with hardware and software. 'World Wide Web' is one of the services in which documents, images and other resources are linked by hyperlinks and URLs via Internet.



Books

- Google
- INFLIBNET
- Find PDF
- Amazon
- Vedams Books
- Gujarati Books
- Books on Click
- Publisher's website



Newspapers

- Times of India
- Indian Express
- Hindustan Times
- Economic Times
- Financial Express
- Business Standard
- Gujarat Samachar
- Sandesh
- Divyabhaskar



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- Aaj Tak
- Zee News
- India TV
- News-24
- Network-18
- NDTV
- BBC
- CNN-IBN



Magazines

- Outlook
- Chitralekha
- Grihashobha
- Aarpar
- Gujarat
- Gujarat Darpan
- Safari India





Web Portals

WebduniaSifyYahoo





Encyclopedia

- Wikipedia
- Bhagwadgomandal



Dictionary / Translation

- Bhagwadgomandal
- Gujaratilexicon
- Alphadictionary
- Google
- Tamilcube



Gujarati Literature

- Readgujarati
- Pustakalay
- Kavilok
- Gujarati Shayari





- Google Maps
- Wikimapia
- Maps of India
 - Gujarat Tourism
- Tourist Places in India

- Make my Trip
- Yatra
- Clear Trip
- Ezeego
- Wikipedia
- GSRTC



Recipes

- Vah Re Vah
- Indian Food Forever
- Vegetarian Cooking
- Dawat
- Sanjeev Kapoor
- **Tarla Dalal**



Government Websites

- GSWAN
- Gujarat India
- Swarnim Gujarat
- Gujarat Portal

GSWAN Gujarat State Wide Area Network





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Agriculture

- E-Krishi Kiran
- AGMarketNet
- Agriculture Department



Education

- School / College / University
- GSEB
- Education Department



Health

- Health Department
- Healthy India
- Health Me Up
- Wikipedia
- Public Health Foundation
- WHO India
- Santosha
- World Yoga Society



Annual Reports

Google



Religious / Spiritual

- Wikipedia
- Bhagwadgomandal
- Cultural India
- Swargarohan
- Holy Books
- Karm No Siddhant
 - Google



Astrology

- Astrology
- Astroyogi
- Webdunia
- Wikipedia





- ESPN Star
- Ten Sports
- Wikipedia



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- NDTV
- BBC
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Weather

- Weather
- Meteorological Department
- Weather Forecast Map
- Weather City
- Time and Date



Employment

- Labour and Employment Department
- Employment News
- Naukri
- Times Jobs
- Rojgar Samachar



Photographs / Pictures

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Directory

- India Mart
- Fundoo Data
- VCS Data
- Indian Yellow Pages
- Companies India
- List of Companies
- BSNL

Conclusion

- Due to lack of space and funds, resources are always limited and insufficient for the Public Libraries to cater user needs. With the help of Internet –
- There is a drastic increment in the resources.
- Information can be collected faster.
- Time of user and librarian is saved.
- The retrieved information can be emailed or copied / downloaded on CD / DVD / Hard Disk / Floppy / Pen drive, etc.
- There is no need to print the information and thereby paper is also saved.

Thus with the use of Internet, various classical Public Library Services only rejuvenate. And with the help of these rejuvenated Public Library Services, information needs of users can be satisfied more effectively. Thereby, Public Library users also increase.



