# TIPS FOR MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF COLLEGE LIBRARY RESOURCES

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- > 35 States & 13,000 + colleges in India
- > Technical and Management colleges are used reasonably good.
- > Arts, Commerce, Science, etc are less used
- > Following FIVE can help in maximum utilization of Library:
  - Trustees / Management
  - Principal
  - Teaching Faculty
  - Students
  - Librarian

# A. TRUSTEES/MANAGEMENT:

- ► Open to suggestions of Principal and others.
- Appoint qualified librarian and staff in suitable pay scales
- ► Provide required infrastructure and budget
- Consider library as a Heart of the institution

#### B. PRINCIPAL:

- He is a leader
- Must have vision, enthusiasm & knowledge to develop good library
- Location of library

Library Automation

- Provide comfortable physical facilities.
- Excellent environment
- ► More library hours
- **▶** Library Committee
- ▶ Open access
- ► Internet access at nominal cost
- **TEACHING FACULTY:**
- ► Teachers are most motivating factor for students.
- Ask students to prepare a list of resources on topics to be taught
- Inform latest articles from journals
- Group discussions on Books and E-Resources.

- Suggest new books and other resources for library
- ► Visit library regularly. Suggestions for improvements.
- ► Hunger Created by teachers is satisfied by good library services

### D. STUDENTS:

- Active and energetic users of library.
- Suggestions for new useful library services
- One representative in library committee
- Can pressurise management.

## E. LIBRARIAN:

- ► Chang of MINDSET
- Know users Groups well
- Prompt reply/action. No reasons for delay.
- ► Spend at least ONE Hour in a month for thinking on library developments/services
- ► Read more
- **▶** Become member of Professional Associations
- ► Think of short Cuts in library procedures
- ► Take more responsibilities
- ► Try to make library as a NODEL Point for all activities of College
- ► Cooperative attitude "May I Help You"
- ► Hard Work has no substitute

► Salary and Duties: FIGHT for your rights but do not Detroit a yourself by not dings your duties.

- \*\*OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR LIBRARIAN FOR MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF LIBRARY RESOURCES:
- 1) Keep library clean and attractive
- 2) Inviting Environment
- 3) Flexible library rules.
- 4) Regular stack-maintenance
- 5) Users Care
- 6) Use of pressure techniques to Management, if

- 7) Computerizes resources using good LMS.
- 8) Library Orientation:
- Talk and Visit to library
- On-Line orientation
- Group orientation
- Use of Video/website/CD
- 9) Reference Service / Readers guidance
- 10) Book selection as per utility
- 11) Booklet on "Library to enhance your knowledge"
- 12) Award to user who has used maximum number of library resources
- 13) ILL Services.
- 14) Use of Social Media for information to users

- 15) Exhibition of less used books /resources and also of New Books
- 16) Bibliography on demand- Hard/Soft copy form.
- 17) Regular weeding out of material
- 18) Celebration of various Days.
- 19) Exchange of information amongst similar types of libraries. Networking, if possible.
- 20) Disseminate information about new resources and overdue books through e-mail, SMS etc.
- 21) Display of jackets of new books and Book Reviews, etc.
- 22) Help students in selecting and searching information resources from library. Librarian is a

- 23) Digitization of questions Bank.
- 24) Essay Competition
- 25) Creation of website/Blog
- 26) Up linking various websites related to education, carrier oriented courses, competitive exam. Etc. with library website.
- 27) Brand Name Services
- 28) Document Delivery in digital form by e-mail;
- 29) Use of Blogs to save time
- 30) Maximum utilization of E-Journals available under N-List programme
- 31) Database of articles from journals.
- 32) CAS/SDI services using E Journals

- 33) Maximum use of ICT for LIS
- Dissemination
- OPAC
- On-Line data bases
- 34)Virtual Reference service through Internet
- 35) Display/Circulation of current content of ournals.
- 36) Creation of institutional repository. Develop local database.
- 37) Renewal of books via Telephone, e mail, etc.
- 38) Training in use of E Resources. Librarian work as an information intermediary.
- 39) Vocational Guidance.
- 40) Help in creating learning habits amongst