



A Study of Pharmacy College Library Collection Development Services and Users Satisfaction

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Introduction :

Library occupy a place a prominence in higher education. These are is not only essential for technique and study but are equally important for research programmed without which not further addition to human knowledge is possible.

A college library is the heart of a college. The vital role played by college libraries in college education has been well recognized by all those who were concered with higher education like educationists, educational commission and committees planners, libraries community. The major functions of college library are :

- (1) Enabling and encouraging the student to from the habit of self education and also enabling him to familiarize himself with various type of information source which will help his intellectual development in furture life.
- (2) Familiarising each faculty and student with the bibliographic tools and reference materiks which aid his further research and instnction on activities

Importance of collection development :

Collection development is the recorded knowledge in print as weel as in electronic from acquired in accordance meet the various information needs, of its users.

Collection development is very important function of a college library, which should be given the most careful attention the usefulness of a library would depend on the quality of its book collection as determined by its relevance to the libraries purpose.

objectives of the study :

The vital role of college library is to make the instructional programmed more effective and to provide right document to the student and teachers of the college and such as the following are objectives of the study.

- (1) To find out whether the selection of the documents are according to some prescribe norms.
- (2) To identify whether collection in pharmacy college libraries is adequately available to meet the requirments of users.
- (3) To know the budget provision for last five years for the developement of collection.
- (4) To find out financial support or resources for the colletion development.
- (5) To find out lacuna in selection of documents and to suggest some remedies to improve the stength of the conections qualitavely and quantitatively.

Scope and limitation :

The study is limited to 06 (six) pharmacy college libraries in gujarat technology university region and affiliated to Gujarat technology.University an attempt is made to evaluate the selection procequire, quality and size of the collection, its updating, allocation of book funds, role of librarian in collection development, user satisfaction ets. Suggestions are given to improve the situation pharmacy colleges within the Gujarat technology university region taken for the study are :

- (1) Smt. Rupaben B. Patel Mahila Pharmacy College, Rajkot.
- (2) Matushree V.B. Manvar college of pharmacy, Dumiyani.
- (3) Shri Hari pharmacy college, Amreli.
- (4) N.R. Vekariya institute of Pharmacy, Junagadh
- (5) Atmiya Institute of Pharmacy, Rajkot.
- (6) S.J. Thakkar Pharmacy College, Rajkot

Methodology :

For collection of data a survey was under taken indifferent o6 Pharmacy College libraries of GTU region. Three questionnaires meant one for librarian and another for user's student and teachers ware drafted for collection of data. The author personally visited all the Pharmacy college libraries and collected data.

Analysis and Discussion :-

Table O Establishment of college :-

Sr. No.	Name of the colleges	Year	Management/Private
1.	Smt. Rupaben B. Patel Mahila Pharmacy College, Rajkot	2004	Private
2.	S.J. Thakkar Pharmacy College, Rajkot	2004	Private
3.	Atmiya Institute of Pharmacy, Rajkot.	2005	Private
4.	N.R. Vekariya institute of Pharmacy, Junagadh	2006	Private
5.	Matushree V.B. Manvar College of Pharmacy, Dumiyani	2006	Private
6.	Shri Hari Pharmacy college, Amreli	2011	Private

State of Collection :

The average number of books and bund periodicals in the library collection under study is 1800 and 130 respectively, four pharmacy college libraries have collection of more than 3800 books and 150 bound periodicals. The largest, collection is 6095 and the smallest one is 1735.

The average number of audio video collection under study is 13. The highest figure is50 and the lowest one is 20.

Book selection :

selection of reading material is a professional work and is to done by librarian. All college libraries still follow the traditional way of selection Pharmacy college libraries the selection is done by the readers request, committee request and librarian request.

All college libraries under study do their selection work on the basis of the publishers/ book sellers catalogues sent to them.

Allocation of book fund:

Pharmacy college libraries mostly depend on management and other well wishers of the college. the book fund is distributed among the department and subjects on priority basis.

Computerized Services :

The present information of the 74.43% libraries use computer for the library operation and 28.57% libraries not use of a computer in the library, but all Pharmacy college libraries also provided intetnet services in the library.

User satisfaction :

The user community of Pharmacy college library under study student and teaching staff, the average number of users in college library under study is 140 students and 35 teaching staff. The user raise many suggestions are the quality, organization, availability, etc of the collection. The students are satisfied with the number of books on loan and quality and quantity of reference book collection. They also need a current awareness service to inform about the new arrivals, journal contents etc. The user communities of all college libraries under study are satisfied with working hours, reading facilities available etc.

Rating of book collection :

The Pharmacy college libraries rating of book collection is observation of student questionnaire to fill category of excellent 62.86%, Good 23.57% and average 13.57% Student response

Rating of periodical collection :

Rating of periodical collection in these libraries. Excellent 68.57% Good 26.86% and average 3.57%.

Suggestion :

- (1) The library should conduct user studies and devise suitable measures to reader's problem in the use of library collection.
- (2) The college library should be separate reading room and reference section quite study area.
- (3) The librarian should be provided current awareness service to inform about the new arrivals, journal contents.

Conclusion :

College libraries are the integral part of the teaching learning process. Where the students practice independent learning. The librarian should take the student to libraries for their required information the librarian should regularly scan the course contents and match the with the available collection to make sure that the collection is adequate for meeting the information requirements of user community.

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