



User's Survey on Satisfaction, Use, and Availability of Different Type of Collection at Mehsana District Public Library

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ABSTRACT *A said and done, the study reveals certain tantalizing facts about public library collection of Mehsana District that more type collection has developed as per requirement of bulk users but some special and little user groups requirement are not developed as per proper like e-resource, encyclopedia and sports literature.*

1.1 INTRODUCTION:

Public Library System has been a subject of studies in the academic curriculum of Indian Universities and Examining Bodies since more than fifty years in the past. This has been a most difficult matter to present a fuller account of it. What is more difficult is its vastness and variety in the field. India which is taken as one of the contemporary culture in the world, takes credit of only survivor of all historical decadences. Each region, place, has a peculiarity in presenting this growth. Therefore, the course content of the Library Science emphasizes on history of library movement in the national, State or Regional level; the conditions of Library Legislation at Centre and State; the evaluation of each aspect of organization, administration, personnel, finances, collection development, building and services. Whatever may have been the stress, but in place of inadequacies of resources, such detailed studies are not attempted anywhere.

Definition of Public Library:

1. "The Public Library is a practical demonstration of democracy's faith in universal education as a continuing and life-long process in the appreciation of the achievement of humanity in knowledge and culture;
2. The Public Library is the principal means whereby the record of man's universal education as a continuing and life-long process in the appreciation of the achievement of humanity in knowledge and culture;
3. The Public Library is the principal means whereby the record of man's thoughts and ideas and the expression of his creative imagination, are made freely available to all;

1.2 PROBLEM NARRATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The study "User's Study of North Gujarat Government District Libraries" is very difficult according to differences in types of user like age, gender, requirements, generations etc.

This study makes an attempt to examine the public of library users of five government district library of north Gujarat. This study correlates to analyze the said library users' quantum, duration and purpose of utilization of library resources and also their dependence on formal and informal source of library information. This study makes a special note on information sharing behavior among the users of north Gujarat regional.

1.3 AIMS AND OBJECTIVE OF THE RESEARCH:

The specific objectives of this study are:

1. To assess their needs, requirements and expectations
2. To evaluate the performance of users of the libraries

under study

3. To identify their major problems and offer a few suggestions to tackle them.
4. To collect the opinions and views of the librarians in his context and
5. To be the perennial source of knowledge of all users

1.4 HYPOTHESIS OF THE STUDY:

1. There is no association between the utility of information and communication technology and respondents' frequency of visits to the library.
2. There are significant variations in the extent of the availability of resources
3. There are significant variations among the users' opinions about the characteristics of services provided by the libraries examined.

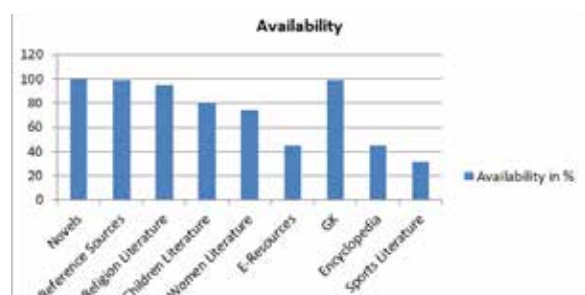
1.5 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

The data is collected by questionnaire methods. There are only one type questionnaires, they are 1. Questionnaire about the Users of library.

Availability of Collection:

Total 100 users replied his/her opinion about availability of collection at Mehsana district public library.

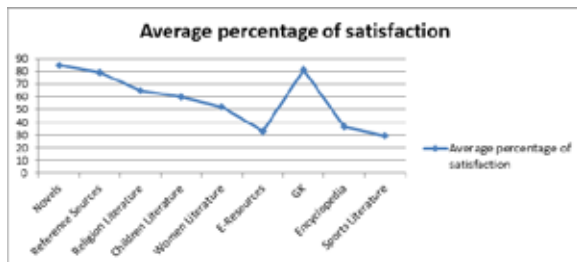
Type of Collection	Availability
Novels	100
Reference Sources	99
Religion Literature	95
Children Literature	80
Women Literature	75
E-Resources	45
General Knowledge Literature	99
Encyclopedia	45
Sports Literature	32



Satisfaction of collection variety:

The average percentage of satisfaction answer about the collection variety.

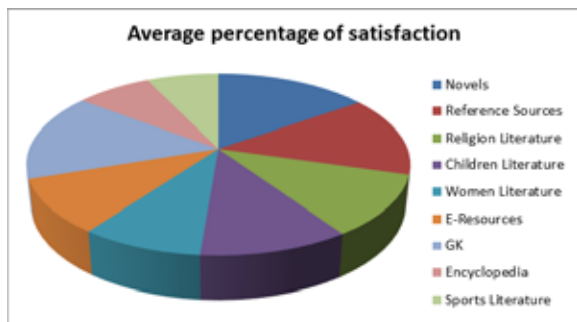
Type of Collection	Average percentage of satisfaction
Novels	85
Reference Sources	79
Religion Literature	65
Children Literature	60
Women Literature	52
E-Resources	33
General Knowledge Literature	81
Encyclopedia	36
Sports Literature	29



Use of Collection:

Total 100 users replied his/her opinion about use of different type collection at Mehsana district public library.

Type of Collection	Use of different type collection
Novels	83
Reference Sources	78
Religion Literature	60
Children Literature	59
Women Literature	48
E-Resources	53
General Knowledge Literature	85
Encyclopedia	41
Sports Literature	39



Conclusion:

After the completing the study it has been found that the Public Libraries of Mehsana:

-The some collection inadequate in library like encyclopedia, sport literature, e-resources etc.

-The some collection is collected well stocked like novels, reference sources, children literature, general knowledge literature, women literature etc.

-The user also well satisfied from novels, reference sources and general knowledge literature.

-The user is not level under 50% in e-resource, encyclopedia and sports literature.

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