

An Analytical Study: Resources Development of University Libraries in Tamilnadu

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Library collections are consider in terms of books and serials, which include a range of resources that are both subscribed, purchased, donated and open resources such as manuscripts, archives, photographs, sound recordings, video recordings, microforms and meta documents and so on. Collection not only means a particular collection of different kind of objects but also mixture of text, image, sound animation and artifacts. Resources in simple terms denote as the planned purchase of materials in different formats to meet the curricular and research needs. Collection development is a process which merges potential and occasional user needs and knowledge resources both in conventional and electronic resources requirements. Collection University system entirely differs from other types of libraries. As it has multidimensional nature with the right balancing of focused procurement procedure by meeting all genuine resources needs of potential attitudes as even as the library users across the region. The research aimed at identifying and assessing the process and practices of collection development and present status of library collection, the prevailing library facilities and the resources towards collection management among the University libraries in the State of Tamilnadu. The research design is descriptive and the method is a normative survey, which used questionnaire as data collection tool. The data made descriptive and scientific analysis using chi-square, one way ANOVA, Percentage and so on. The study observe significant gap between the resource development of e-resources and print resources among the surveyed libraries. Almost all the surveyed libraries are procuring different formats of information resources. The study is concluded that the surveyed libraries are using library networks and consortia for resource sharing and access. University libraries and working library professionals, though they are comfort with conventional resources building and collection management methods, training on modern, sophisticated and world class protocols need to be provided to enhance collection management and preservation.

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