Innovative Practices in Bishop Heber College Library: A Study

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Abstract - **Now-a-days much of innovation literature focuses fully on library services. This paper also makes an attempt to study how the advanced and innovative services are offered in college library. Libraries also require certain service innovations so that it can fulfil the need of users. Bishop Heber college library also provide the services of expertized librarians who can help in finding and organizing information and at interpreting information needs. The library always provides quiet and peaceful area for studying, and also helpful for group studies. There is a saying "customers create customers" similarly the libraries innovative practices helps in developing and establishing advanced library. This paper highlights few innovative services given in the library and the infrastructure facilities.**
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I. INTRODUCTION

Education and library services are the two faces of the identical denomination. The library is the backbone of any institutions. It should be situated at a central place of the institutions. The primary purpose of library is to support teaching research and other academic activities. College libraries take part in an important role in the educational history of both the students as well as the faculty members. Nowadays most of the libraries are called as centers of acquaintance and information. Every library gives us the delight of reading, intellectual cheerfulness, and spiritual delight. Libraries include constantly been further than now repositories of books and librarians have always been much more than just their gatekeepers. Libraries are completely powerhouse of data. Librarian and other staff of libraries are expected to introduce the users to the majority the sources of data on the market within the library and typically on the far side that.

II. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Sathe, V. S. (2015) discussed that the article throws light on the various best practices to be followed in College Libraries. It covers its definition & meaning, Book exhibition, Orientation plan, Book display programme, Library hours, Staff-user meet, Library information broucher, Training to use E-resources, Review of book, Book talk programme, Readers club, Granthdan Yojana, Best library user award, counselling center regarding competitive examinations, Interaction with author etc. The present paper also highlights NAAC best practices. Paper also mention IT based best practices like Web page, Blogs, Wikis Virtual library tour, E-alert services, etc. Paper also throw light on other best practices like book bank, reading room facility, special facility scheme etc. Paper also mentions General Library practices & Library extension services. This paper will be useful guide to other libraries to get an idea about various ways & practices can be adopted in their libraries for creating an effective library management.

Wadnerkar, V. (2015)mentions that the importance of best practices for the library professional to improve their skills and provide effective services to the users, so that all resources in the library are extensively era. New services in the era of information technology and discussed and the ways and means to orient the users to bring awareness about and the CD and e-resources so that whatever amount is spent on them is used to maximum extent by users.

Waghmode, S. S. (2013) discussed that role of libraries in the era of information explosion in 21stcentury is very important. Library tries to present maximum service provide to students, staff, and external readers in minimum cost. In this paperhe discussed the best practices in the library of Sonubhau Baswant College in Shahapur. The Role of NAAC in college library development is very important. Finally give the best practices in the library, i.e. The Library services to external readers, Internet Facility in the Library, Book Bank Facility and Information about Competitive Exams.

Kumar, Y. U. (2012) examined that the Paper throws light with the introduction to the role of academic libraries and the impact of ICT on them in the present context. This article stresses on the current challenges faced by the academic libraries, and how it can be overcome by using the best practices. Also highlights the broad areas under which the works are classified, along with its list under each category. The process that are adopted in the academic libraries are discussed and concludes that with the approval of the best practices in academic libraries there will be a continuous improvement and overall performance in the institution organization.

A. About the College

Bishop Heber College is a religious minority institution established by the Tiruchirappalli-Thanjavur diocese of the Church of South India. Its main objective is to cater for the upper academic desires of the members of the church of

south India and different Christians and particularly to produce for them an academic atmosphere keep with the Christian ideals of the church. The faculty, however, admits students of all faiths and seeks to produce for them the simplest potential instruction.

B. Innovative Best Practices in Bishop Heber College Library

There are many best practices followed in academic libraries and presented under the following four broad areas
1. Library Administration
2. Collection Development and services
3. Extent of User Services
4. Use of technology in libraries.

1. Library Administration

Library administration is important thing of any types of library. All administrativeworks are veryimportant. Our library provided Networked Information Resource Management for Academic library system (NIRMALS) has been installed with the following six main modules for the library in-house operation using Barcode Technology, Yadav, U. K. (2012).
a. Acquisition control system
b. Bibliographic control system
c. Circulation control system
d. Serial control system
e. OPAC
f. Gate Entry monitoring system

2. Collection Development of Bishop Heber College Library

The college library is totally automated. It is well equipped with books and other resources. The main aim of the collection development is to make available all typesof important reading material reference books, text books, reports, patents, standards, theses, serials, journals, non book materials resources etc to support learning, teaching and research pursuits of the readers of the college. There are many special collection of scared books are kept for the readers.

TABLE I SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

S. No.	Special collections	No. of Volumes
1.	World Bank repository	28
2.	Competitive Examinations	950
3.	Book bank	614
4.	Braille materials	105
5.	Dalit studies	64
6.	Higher Education	147
7.	WHO Collection	26
8.	Reader's Digest collection	36
9.	NCERT Text Books	86
10.	Dr.Manickam's personal collections	962
11.	CSIR-UGC-NET/JRF/SET	212

a. Collection in Different Format: Now-a-days collection should include the modern storage format. The emergence of modern technology information stored in print and digital format. The library is required to provide up-to-date resources such as e-journals, e-books, online information. Most of the users access to latest information.

b. Library Book Exhibition: The goal is to make awareness among the students on the latest books available in their subjects. Book selection process is possible for the faculty members and the students are interested to buy books for their information needs. College library holds book exhibition often.

c. Extended Library Opening Hours: The library timing should be flexible for the user so that they can enjoyreading and sit in the library and thereby fulfil the firstlaw of library science documents are for use. The library opens at 8.00am and closes at 9.30pm.

3. Extent of User Services

a. Book Bank: College runs a book bank for the good thing about poor students. To supply books for the total academic year to the students as per convenience of no. of books. Textbooks and other reference books that the poor students cannot afford to shop for themselves, are given obtainable to them within the book bank, to support the students to extend their reading habits. For each semester, one set of text books have been giving to poor 6 UG students and 8 PG students by this book bank scheme.

b. Earn while Learn Scheme: 25Students are working in library under earn and learn scheme. They have improved their knowledge by learning library work and its collections.

c. Braille Collections: There are many books on fiction, poem, story, grammer, are kept for blind students.

d. Institutional Membership: Our college library has taken the institutional membership of the following organization.

1. British council Library, Chennai
2. American Library, Chennai
3. They provide the important books and information about the recent developments in
4. Different subject to staff and students.

e. Book Review Competition: To increase reading habit among students book review competition organized for all students.

f. Competitive Exams: The books that are discovered for the aim of competitive exams on the concept of their study material are created accessible inside the library. Several students have become data before showing for the actual competitive Exams.

g. Institutional Repository: Library should develop institutional repository of PhD theses can be made available for the students.

h. Inter Library Loan: It provided by DELNET. DELNET was started at the India International Centre Library in January 1988 and was registered as a society in 1992. The major purpose of such establishment is to promote the sharing of resources among the libraries. In this Inter-Library Loan System, one library on the request of a library user can bring resources from another library for a specified duration only.

i. New Arrivals Display: Every month different types of new books purchased and displayed on library notice board. The students see the latest books and the awareness of the books.

j. Archives: It can store copies of rare and valuable literary works, technical researches, print and rare books. In our college archives is funded by National Archives of India under the scheme of financial assistance for preservation and conservation of manuscripts, rare books, old and rare documents.

k. Orientation Plan: It conducts library hour, library tour at the beginning of the semester and guide to users regarding library and library facilities, services, collection and how to access information available in the library. The orientation helps & useful to the new students at the beginning of each academic year about the importance of the library, exposing the students to its various library services.

l. Study Cubicals for Research Scholars: For research students the arrangement of ten study carrels has been made in the library. Research scholars are using this study carrels for reading and writing purpose.

m. Suggestion Box: As students have to face many problems and difficulties there suggestion box which is kept in the library are helpful to improve library services.

n. Library Halls: Library must begin Library hour for students, it complete essential for all the students by adding together it in their daily class schedule. In Library hour students should visit the library for expenses an hour in the library for reading materials.

III. USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN LIBRARIES

1. OPAC: OPAC means Online Public Access Catalogue. It is a database of library or group of libraries so that any library user can access such database to know the study materials (books, CDs, DVDs, cassettes, videotapes, articles, etc.) available in the concerned library or libraries.

2. Wi-Fi-Facility: Our libraries are given the facility of Wi-Fi for students of the library for their project work and preparing seminar presentations.

3. Free Internet Access: The readers are provided within theinsideof obtainable up-to-date information with internet facility. Students create use of internet facility for filling up e-scholarship forms, to use NLIST journals, e-books, to check emails, to inducedata from govt. websites, to fill on-lineapplication forms, to check results on-line, etc.

4. N-List Programme: Our library has subscribed to INFLIBNET N-list programme. There are 97000 e-books and 6000 national and international journals are available. User ID and Passwordare provided to each students and staff by INFLIBNET.It gives very comprehensive and recent information of different area of knowledge.

5. Library Security: The library has installed CCTV to monitor student activities. The security of information/ knowledge is essential to its effective exploitation.

IV. CONCLUSION

Librarians created a way of thinking and managing their libraries before and help to understand their forces of changes that are taking place. Collective and individually academic libraries have made substantial progress inproviding new modes of services. Nowadays reading habits are decreasing day by day these kinds of innovative practices act as a hook to attract users towards libraries. Most of the duty of every librarian to offer innovative best practices suitable to their library in whatever possible way in order to serve users in the best possible way.

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