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Application of Libraries in Present Era

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Abstract :

Libraries and the societies relationship is strong and inseparable from each other. The change of society related to social, economical, educational, scientific, technological, cultural and humanity level affect overall development of the society. Library is an integral part of society and changing social system. As society changes occurred libraries also creates roles that meet and match the demands of the society. The article describes the role of libraries in modern society the traditional libraries played important role to develop the society consistently from ancient times but today the traditional libraries has transformed the automated and digital libraries.

Key words :

Traditional Libraries, Collection Development, Digital Libraries, Role of Libraries

Introduction :

Libraries are Playing important role from ancient times for changing societies in different way directly or indirectly. Libraries in ancient Arab countries played vital role in changing the then societies to make the society more civilized. Ancient Libraries satisfied the general public and students and readers of that time providing all kinds of knowledge and information collected from different part of the world. The public and educational university libraries were used particularly by Greeks, Romans, Arabians, in North Africa and Middle East.

Through out the ancient history libraries have been changing and developing in respect to reading material library of societies, library services, and content development particularly reading material. At that time the collection was only in to form of clay tablates and fragments, amulets and pols, papyrus parchment and for writing Bhurjpatre, Cloth, Wooden Board, Tadpatre, inscription (Epigraph) was used by ancient Indians.



Arabs and Greeks have great library development history in India Nalanda, Takshsheela and vikramsheela universities were very rich in reading material collection but that was only for students and researchers. As Dr. S. R. Rangnathan five law of library science, library is a growing organism. Libraries are not only growing in terms of any collection point of view but libraries are widely changing with the reading materials forms and terms of its services.

In ancient times libraries in Egypt and Greek were attached to church or masjid and libraries were really only for limited Person either to scholars or VIPs in the area.

New books were produced with the ideas and interpretation to transform stories, hymns and rituals through new text resulting a boon in both book production and reading habits among society.

Due to rise of libraries in near east. Egypt and Spain the philosophers like Pluto, Socratics and their philosophy shine on the floor of the earth.

Importance of the Libraries:

Libraries from the ancient times attach themselves to a university (educational institutions), public system or personal library. It is an essential vertebra in societies backbone. The libraries are not only rich in collection of reading materials but these are knowledge centres and education makes accessible to individual in general and society in particular. Libraries have kept humanity and supports following for some of the greatest innovations for the betterment of the society developing all aspects of humans life like political, economical, cultural, religions, social, scientific, philosophical and developmental sciences and humanities.

Library Collection:

Libraries have long history from ancient period that Collecting and organizing reading material and distribute and provide it to users. All libraries including public, educational and research have the basic aim and objective to satisfy the information needs of its end users. This is can be possible only when the libraries have rich and varies collection in all forms i.e. books, manuscripts, serials, government publication, pamphlets, catalogues, reports, recordings, microfilm reels, microfiche etc. The library material in the form of format and type is still existed in almost all libraries but library service models have been



drastically changing and transformed in library automation or the creation of computer systems. The old nature of library services was phased out. The daily library services in library particularly in technical concern changed and resulted in prompt library services available to users.

Present Perspective:

This is the need of the hour to redefine the objectives of the libraries which are concern and involved with knowledge and information and education libraries are changing fastly as there are drastic changes in society regarding growing seeking trends for accessing information and knowledge. Information society is the result of active role and participation of libraries to shape and propogate cultural, educational and religious, humanity values to the present and future generation directly or indirectly

As there is fast demand from the users with regard to information and knowledge oriented library resources may be print or internet based. If the library is automated and information technology is applied to provide library services and library management with the help of automation and internet facilities the resources yours library can offer to the users are suddenly multiple.

In today's context and as per demand of the society the situation is complicated regarding multiple and varied information seeking behavior and therefore libraries or information centre's should be modified and modern to meet the demand of the society. These developed libraries have many kind of answers to many demand of the society, as well as all the users.

Information technology will play potential role and potential means to shape and meet the modern society with their institutional development. Present day libraries playing the role for the intense usage of digital and information technology to change the society regarding technological, economic, social, educational & infrastructure aspects.

To sum up that the changes in the society are being determines and evaluated on the ground of Social, Technologies, Economic, Cultural and humanly environments. To summaries libraries collect storage manage and disseminate information societies document created by humanity. Libraries support for formal and informal learning and stimulate



different activities for social changing transformation like education, business, local bodies and society in general and individuals in particular.

Literature Review

Jesse H. Shera(1976) justifying the libraries are social institution for the need of the society. Society play the big role in changing the overall environment of the society because the Library is a conditional and created by social surroundings. So the libraries are always together with the society and support to build the society.

David Reith (1984) marked the role of library to fulfill the social needs according the Reith. The role of libraries consist of theirs performed functions.

Thorhauge, Larsen Thun, Albrechtsen (1997) suggested that libraries can fulfill multiple role at the same time.

Conclusion

The library changes its work and information technologies in modern society citizens and library users are technosavy and using modern techniques in every walks of life. To access information and knowledge they are technology trendy therefore libraries are changing fastly in terms of its functioning to provide quality and fast service to their users. Libraries play varied role in different environment for different members of society. Today qualitative and quantitative information is increasing and using frequently used by users with the help of automated and digitized libraries providing required and valuable information and knowledge reversely useful to modern changing society.

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