

# PUBLIC LIBRARY

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# DEFINATION OF LIBRARY

A Library is defined as, “A place in which books, manuscripts, musical scores, or other literary and artistic material are kept, for use but not for sale” and as an institution for the custody or administration of such a collection.

ALA (American Library Association) glossary of library and information science “Library as a collection of materials organized to provide physical bibliographical and intellectual access to group with a staff that is trained to provide services and program related to information needs of the target group.”

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UNESCO define Library as, “any organized collection of printed books and periodical or any other graphic or audio-visual materials with a staff to provide and facilitate the use of such materials as are required to meet the informational research, educational and recreational needs of users.”

S.R Ranganathan ,“A library is a public institution or establishment charged with the care of books, the duty of making them accessible those who require the use of them.”

# DEFINITION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Definition of Public Library** - A public library is a non-profit library established for the use of the general public and maintained chiefly by public funds. In other words, a public library is for the public, by the public and of the public. It provides service to every citizen irrespective of one's birth, caste, colour, sex, social, economic and educational standard without any cost. Libraries of all categories are generally used for five purposes, i.e., education, information, recreation, aesthetic appreciation and research. For example, Academic libraries are primarily used for education and research. Special libraries are meant for information and research, but Public libraries are visited for all the five purposes.

# OBJECTIVES OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

According to S. R. Ranganathan, the objectives and functions of a public library are as given below.

1. Help the life-long self-education of one and all.
2. Furnish up-to-date facts and information on all subjects to one and all.
3. Distribute in an unbiased and balanced way all recorded information to the citizens to help them discharge their duties towards local, national and international affairs.

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4. Convey new knowledge to the researchers as early as possible.
5. Preserve the cultural heritage of the country.
6. Provide facility for fruitful utilization of leisure time and
7. Work for the continued social well being of citizens as the in-charge of all material.

# FUNCTIONS OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Modern public library performs different functions in the society to achieve its objectives and works as:

- Information Dissemination Center
- Life Long Learning Center
- Community's Intellectual Center
- Recreation Center
- Community's Culture Preservation Center
- Instrument of Social Change
- Representative of Democracy



# SERVICE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Book borrowing and lending
- Digital engagement
- Classroom and meeting space
- Programming
- Adult programs
- Teen programs
- Children's programs
- Reference collections
- Research assistance

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