

ACADEMIC LIBRARY

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DEFINATION OF ACADEMIC LIBRARY

The role of the library in any academic institution can be realized only in the context of the institution's philosophy of education. This is true of most of the libraries of the world's academic institutions. Education is a process of learning with an aim to develop the capabilities among the people.

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Academic libraries which comprise school, college and university libraries have normally four types of users based on the level of education they cater to. These are:

1. Students
2. Teachers
3. Research scholars
4. Administrative, professional and other staff of the institution

FUNCTIONS OF ACADEMIC LIBRARY

- To ensure the necessary quiet environment for reading, studying and researching
- To provide all the students with the essential research and reference materials like bibliographies, biographies, glossaries, abstracts, dictionaries, encyclopedias, manuals, atlases, gazetteers, monographs, etc.
- To inform the university community of the latest scientific and technological developments.
- To help new students to orientate in how to source and find the necessary materials quickly and correctly.

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- To maintain all the handbooks, including textbooks and fiction, which are specific to this or that one educational institution, especially those written by its founders and professors, and relating to its history, educational program, and so on.
- To ensure the students and faculty with the bibliographic instruction, Interlibrary Loan services, and research assistance as well.
- To help the professors writing research papers, dissertations and scientific publications.
- And last but not least is to maintain those books that are thousands of years old to be possible to use and study.

OBJECTIVES OF ACADEMIC LIBRARY

- Serve the needs of the academic community.
- Collect and store all kinds of reading and reference material.
- Provide reading areas for users.
- Render lending service appropriate to students, teachers and researchers.
- Provide an active reference and information service.

TYPES OF ACADEMIC LIBRARY

Academic libraries are grouped into three categories. These are:

1. School libraries
2. College libraries
3. University libraries

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