

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

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In India, a number of universities have grown very fast since 1947. The growth is evident from the growing number of students' enrollment, research scholars, courses in varied disciplines and multi-disciplines, creation of a number of new departments, research projects and a large number of faculty members. There are different types of universities such as conventional, professional, deemed, and open universities.

A university library is established, administered and maintained to assist the university in five major functions such as - teaching and learning; research and generation of new knowledge; dissemination and publication of research results; conservation of knowledge and ideas; and extension programmes. The university libraries have to play a very challenging and difficult role to satisfy the demands of larger group of students, research and post-doctoral research scholars, members of the various academic and executive bodies of the management, administrative and professional staff of the university.

OBJECTIVES OF A UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

A University library plays a very important role by supporting and helping the university in achieving its aims and objectives. It has to cope with the multidimensional activities of the university. The objectives of a university library are to:

- Provide intellectual and managerial leadership among the professionals in various fields of government, industry, health, engineering, law, medicine, defence, education, agriculture and inculcate in them a sense of social purpose;
- Guide research workers in all areas mentioned above so that the results of research could be harnessed to improve the quality of life of the people; and
- Conserve knowledge and ideas for posterity.

FUNCTIONS OF UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The major functions of the university library are to:

- Develop collections of print and media resources in a wide variety of subjects for learning, teaching, research, publication, etc.
- Organize and store the acquired collection/knowledge for use by the readers;
- Provide a variety of library, documentation and information services, both responsive and anticipatory; and
- Encourage students, researchers and teachers in using the library for pleasure, self-discovery, personal growth and sharpening of intellectual skill

SERVICE OF UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

- Reading and lending service
- Bibliographic instruction and library orientation
- Assistance in the use of the library catalogue and locating documents
- Reference and information services
- Current Awareness Services (CAS)
- Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI)
- Bibliographic services
- Inter-Library Loan (ILL) service

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- Reprographic services.
- Maintenance of News Paper Clippings.
- Maintenance of vertical files containing pamphlets.
- prospectuses, reports, and question papers of previous years' examinations.
- Reservation of documents.
- User education.
- Exhibition and special displays.
- Special lectures, demonstration of new software and services; and
- User oriented seminars, workshops.

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