A Study on Role of Libraries for the Development of Society among Library Users in Tirunelveli City

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Abstract: *In the modern world the usage of library is gradually decreasing among people. Most of the youngsters are interested in novels, comics and anime books. But not every library have these types of books, this is the main reason for the decrease in usage of library. We have to increase the use of library and create awareness among rural people. The usage of library among rural people is less than 45%. The government has to build many new libraries in rural area to encourage people to read more books. If government encourage the people to read more books, then the people will gain more knowledge, this will help the people to increase their standard of living. If the standard of living increased, automatically the economy level of the state or country will increase. Making the library digitalized will help to develop and also helps the library to reach across the world. New technologies should be adopted by the libraries to get more attention from readers in both online and offline mode.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

A library is a place where a lot of books and sources of information are stored. Libraries make it easier for people to get access to them for various purposes. Libraries are very helpful and convenient also. They include books, magazines, newspapers, DVDs, manuscripts and many others. In other words, they are an all-encompassing source of information that will help literally everyone. Libraries play an important role in providing people with reliable content. They encourage and promote the process of learning and grasping knowledge with the help of various books. The book worms can get loads of books to read and study from and enhance their knowledge. Moreover, the variety is so wide-ranging that one mostly gets what they are looking for to enhance their knowledge. Most importantly, libraries are a great platform for making progress in studies or just for to know about particular thing. When we get homework in class, the libraries help us with the reference material and also solve out our confusions. This, in turn, progresses our learning capabilities and knowledge to shine brighter. It is also helpful in our overall development like personality development or career development etc. Libraries help the people to get their hands on great educational material and research papers like articles which they might not find otherwise in the market. When we read more books, our social skills and academic performance will improve quickly.

1.1 Objectives of the Study

- To create awareness about the benefits of library among rural people
- To analyse the type of gadgets used for digital library in Tirunelveli district
- To analyse the age group of readers using library.

II. REVIEW OF LLITERATURE

Stuart James (2007) library review, "Library has changed in nature and outlooks since its foundation although many of its professional fundamentals remain unchanged".

R.H Blackburn (2007) the library and the art of reading, "It is vital that readers should stress more and more in creative art of reading".

Mark Zuckerberg (2015) facebook, "Books allow you to fully explore a topic and immerse yourself in a deeper way than most media today".

III. METHODOLOGY

- **Primary Data:** Primary data was collected from the respondents through systematically prepared questionnaire through structured interview methods.
- **Secondary Data:** The main source of information for secondary data was collected from the old records and the websites, books, journals, newspapers etc

IV. HISTORY OF LIBRARY

During 1665, the public libraries started emerging in American colonies when many early colonists brought books from England. Reverend Thomas Bray established nearly 70 libraries in American colonies during 1695 to 1704. Later, Sir Benjamin Franklin established the Library Company of Philadelphia. The first public library in India is the State Central Library of Kerala, also known as the Trivandrum Public Library. Earlier known as the Trivandrum People's Library, it was established in 1829 and accessed by the privileged class during the reign of King Swathi Thirunal. Connemara Public Library was the first library in Tamil Nadu, established in 5th December 1896 in Chennai, Egmore.

V. ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

According to the age wise classification 38.96 percentage of the respondents belong to the age group of below 25 years, 32.47 percentage of the respondents are from 25 to 35 years, 25.97 percentage of respondents belong to the age group of 36 to 50 years, 2.60 percentage of the respondents are above 50 years, 41.56 percentage of the respondents are male, 38.96 of the respondents are belong to female gender, 19.48 percentage of the respondents are comes under transgender category, 41.56 percentage of the respondents are comes under rural area, 58.44 percentage of the respondents are comes under urban area in area wise calculation, 18.18 percentage of the respondents are using mobile in gadget wise calculation, 25.97 percentage of the respondents are using laptop for digitalized library, 38.96 percentage of the respondents are using computer for digitalized library, 16.88 percentage of the respondents are using table to use digitalized library.

Table 1: Profile of the Respondents

Particulars	No. of Respondents	Percentage
Age wise		
Below 25 years	30	38.96
25 – 35 years	25	32.47
36 – 50 years	20	25.97
Above 50 years	2	2.60
Total	77	100
Gender wise		
Male	32	41.56
Female	30	38.96
Transgender	15	19.48
Total	77	100
Area wise		
Rural	32	41.56
Urban	45	58.44
Total	77	100
Gadget wise		
Mobile	14	18.18
Laptop	20	25.97
Computer	30	38.96
Tablet	13	16.88
Total	77	100

Source: Primary Data

5.1 Chi Square Analysis

Chi square analysis is used to check the relationship between two variables. There is no significant relationship between gender wise and area wise calculation.

Comparison of the gender and area wise respondents:

Area/gender	Male	Female	Transgender	Total
Rural	10	12	10	32
Urban	20	14	11	45
Total	30	26	21	77

Result of Chi-Square Test:

Formula of chi – square analysis: $\sum = (O - E^2) / E$

O	E	O-E	(O-E)²	(O-E)² / E
10	12.47	-2.47	6.1009	0.489
12	10.81	1.19	1.4161	0.131
10	8.73	1.27	1.6129	0.185
20	17.53	2.47	6.1009	0.348
14	15.19	-1.19	1.4161	0.093
11	12.27	1.27	1.6129	0.131
Total				**1.377**

Source: Computed data

Degrees of freedom = (R – 1) (C – 1)

$\qquad$ = (2 – 1) (3 – 1)

$\qquad$ = (1) (2)

V = 2 χ^2 0.05 = 5.99

Inference: Since the calculated value of null hypothesis is (1.377) is less than the table value 5.99. Therefore, the hypothesis is accepted. There is no significant relationship between gender wise and area wise calculation.

VI. FINDINGS

- Majority of the respondents are belong to the age group below 25 with 38.96%
- Majority 32.47% of the respondents are belong to the age group of 25 to 35 years
- Majority 25.97% of the respondents are from 36 to 50 years
- Majority 2.60% of the respondents are belong to the age group of above 50 years
- Majority of the respondents are male with 41.56%
- Majority 38.96%of the respondents are female who use library
- Majority of the respondents are from rural area with 41.56%
- Majority of the respondents who use library is urban people with 58.44%
- Majority 18.18% of the respondents are using mobile for digitalized library
- Majority of the respondents are using laptop for digital library with 25.97%
- Majority of the respondents use computer to refer digital library with 38.96%
- Majority 16.88% of the respondents prefer using tablet to refer e-library.
- There is no significant relationship between gender wise and area wise calculation (1.377).

VII. SUGGESTIONS

The government have to spread awareness in rural areas. The utilization of library builds the knowledge of people and also their standard of living. Libraries have to be digitalized. Libraries have to make all the books available in both online and offline mode. Not only for study purpose some people use libraries to entertain themselves, so the library has to make sure to have a lot of genre. The library has to be accessible for every age group.

VIII. CONCLUSION

The people using library has increased rapidly due to the digitalization of libraries. In each and every place the library should be available in all time. Developing library through vast space helps people to gain knowledge all over the world. By developing new technologies people gain more knowledge and also helps to develop our economy rate. All the libraries try to be in a digitalized way to connect people all over the world.

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