

Library: Soul of Human/ Importance of Library

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Abstract

Books are always called as the best friend of any individual. In other words it is said that books are the best friends of human beings. It is a storehouse of knowledge. They have the power to lead man from darkness to light and to give strength to diagnose the most difficult problems. The school library is the nurturer of ancient traditions, the instrument of modern knowledge and the abode of spiritual cultivation. Just as people support their friend in every moment, every hour, in every difficulty, so books are helpful to man in every difficult situation. Every difficult question, solution of the situation is hidden in the books. Man is in any dilemma, by reading books, by understanding, his thinking expands. Some people are fond of reading books. Hence current paper aims to focus on Indian libraries and their importance.

Key words: books, libraries, friends, storehouse, knowledge, spiritual cultivation etc.

Introduction: In this 21st century, in the age of television, computers, internet, people have started forgetting to live in the library. The love of reading in our society is becoming inconsistent. Students do not take books in hand. Then the process of reading and contemplation stayed away. A library is generally a place where all kinds of printed and handwritten information are kept together. Nalanda University had a very rich library in ancient India. Manuscripts were preserved in medieval times. The kings and maharajas kept their own collection of books. According to Library science expert S. R. Ranganathan, libraries are a public institution that upholds democratic values.

The library is not a crowd of books, but a crowd of devotees. This is a very important resource. There are many books that are very rare. Not everyone can buy it. Books like this are easily found in the library. The library has tens of millions of different types of books. It is nothing short of a paradise for readers. The great advantage of the library is that you can find hundreds of books on any subject so that students can get good marks by making good notes.

Origin of the Library:

The library is made up of the sum of two words. House of books just collecting books in one place or filling a room does not make a library. The library is one such place whose utility has a well-planned legislation.

The Role of Library:

The way a balanced diet makes our body hotpust. In the same way, study and health are of great importance for mental development. No other thing in this world can be more sacred than knowledge. In the absence of knowledge, there is no difference between human and animal. Wisdom is God. There are many ways to gain knowledge. In which there is satsanga, pilgrimage and study of good scriptures. In all these, the book has been considered as the best means of acquiring knowledge. Books have accumulated immense store of knowledge. Through them, the scriptures of thousands of years sitting at home are obtained which we get from libraries. In which we may become acquainted with science.

The way we need nutritious and balanced food to keep the human body healthy, in the same way, the acquisition of knowledge is essential for mental health. Knowledge cannot be acquired without making the brain dynamic. To acquire knowledge, one has to go to school and take shelter of the Guru. Similarly, to acquire knowledge, one has to seek the help of a library. A large amount of money has to be spent to educate and impart knowledge to the people. Therefore school colleges are opened and libraries are established in them so that the person who wants knowledge can get knowledge easily.

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The library usually has two sections. One part of the library is for reading books and the other part is for releasing books. There is a librarian, who keeps track of the list of visitors to the library.

The books in the library are not for decoration. More and more readers should read and libraries can strive for that. "Library in the village" is the policy of today's government. Social organizations should take initiative to make this a reality.

Mainly, the library should be free and open to all. If this is not possible due to financial reasons, then at least libraries should include free people who are interested in reading as free members.

Rule of Library Membership:

1. Different libraries have their own rules, but some rules apply to each library. Here are some common rules to follow in a library:
2. The library charges a monthly fee to become a member of the library. Once a member of the library, one can read any book of his choice available in the library.
3. When becoming a member of any library, a fee has to be deposited initially as a security fund. This fee is charged for bookkeeping.

4. Books have to be returned within the stipulated time limit. Different libraries have different rules for submitting and returning books.

Types of library:

There are many types of libraries. The first of these libraries are those of schools, colleges and universities. The second type of library is private. People who are fond of acquiring knowledge acquire knowledge of themselves and their acquaintances by building libraries in their offices or homes. The third type of library is the state library. These are run by the government. Everyone can take advantage of these books. The fourth type of library is public. These can also benefit like government libraries.

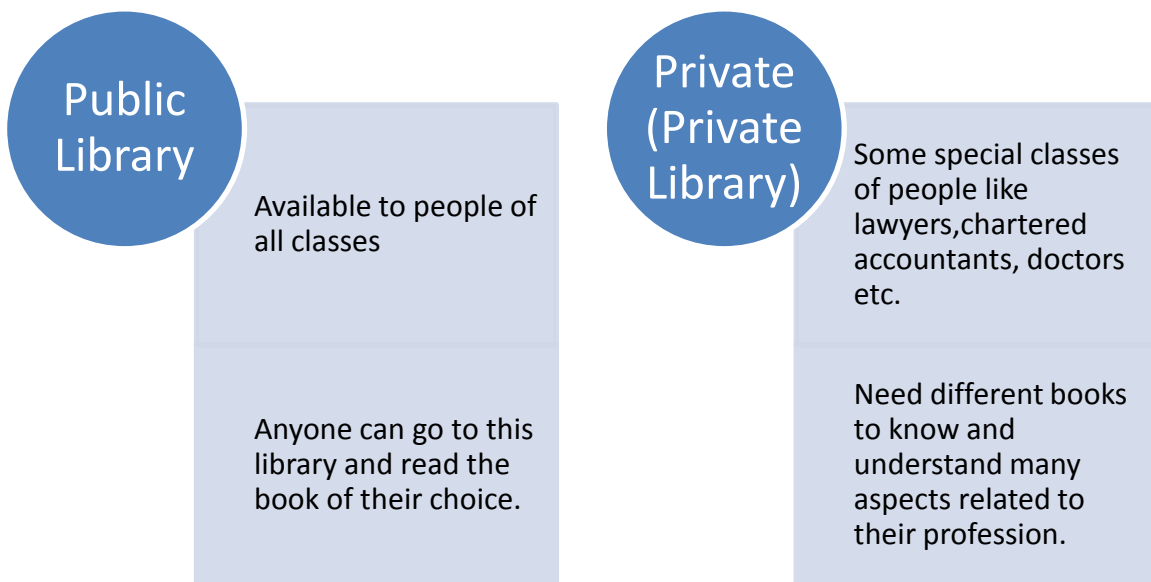


Figure 1.1

As given in the above figure number one, there are main two types of library as:

- a. **Public Library:** This library is available to people of all classes. Anyone can go to this library and read the book of their choice.
- b. **Private (Private Library):** Some special classes of people like lawyers, chartered accountants, doctors etc. need different books to know and understand many aspects related to their profession. So he collects books related to his profession and builds his own library. These are called private libraries.

Importance of Library:

The library is very useful. Everyone has a hobby of reading books on different subjects. Children, old, young people of any age can increase their knowledge by reading books according to their hobbies. Following few important factors are given to express the importance of library. Library is that place where there is a group of books. These books are lent to the readers to read for some time. When the time is up, they return the books and borrow new ones. Everyone who borrows a book from the library has to pay a monthly or annual fee. He then becomes a member of the library and acquires the right to borrow books.

It is a capable storehouse of knowledge. The library is one such resource. From where the pure stream of knowledge always flows. Ramchandra Shukla is right. "Through books, we can know a great man as much as possible. Can't even his friends know that much? "Books related to different languages, religions, subjects, scientists, inventions and historical facts can be available only in the library in one place. Through the library we can do self-awareness and self-refinement. One such stream of knowledge flows from books which develops our heart and our brain. By studying in a secluded and quiet environment, one can attain many gems of knowledge. In this place, invaluable unattainable texts of different countries and blacks can be found easily. Our general knowledge also increases with the knowledge of books.

In modern inflation and poverty, it is not possible for every person to buy more. Many texts can be studied in the library by paying a nominal fee or by getting a free membership. We also have a lot of fun going to the library. Here we can make the most of our leisure time. Sitting in the library promotes study and intensive study is possible. Mahatma Gandhi used to say that - every house in India should have a library.

a. Library is Everyone's True Friend:

Library provides them a good opportunity those who cannot buy books. Not every reader can buy every book in our country. Very few people are able to do that. The library is public property. The government opens libraries in towns, cities, villages and they also get help who is unable to buy the book. But want to get education. So whether the library is poor or a rich person is like a true friend of all.

b. Easy way to for Study Material:

For everyone, buying books on all subjects is not easy. Some poor people cannot afford expensive books. The library is a very easy and convenient medium of books for them.

c. The Advantage of Many at the Same Price:

Once the book arrives in the library, it is read by many people. People read it and return it to the library, which is then used by another person for reading.

d. Books Available at Low Prices:

One can read many books in the library at low cost and increase one's knowledge. One can become a member of the library and avail the huge number of books kept there for a very small initial fee.

e. Peace:

There is a lot of peace in the library. Readers there are strictly instructed not to "talk." At different places in the library, there are phrases like "Please don't make noise", "Keep peace" written on many boards or walls. By sitting here one can concentrate and read the book in peace and concentration. The attention does not wander here.

f. The Surest Way to Increase Knowledge:

The library is a very useful medium for expanding one's knowledge. The average person cannot buy all the expensive books of his interest or need and due to lack of money he is deprived of knowledge and education. But all kinds of books and their knowledge can be easily availed through the library. Reading books on different topics increases a person's knowledge of every field.

- g.** Reading comics, anecdotes, novels, plays, etc., increases the imagination in a person. While reading a book, one gets lost in the story or event written in the book and goes into fantasy.
- h.** By reading a book related to studies, a person becomes educated and moves forward in his life.
- i.** Awareness comes from reading books.
- j.** Literary books provide society and social information. There are also many historical books available in the library by reading which one can know the interesting history of the country and the world.

Indian Libraries:

The history of our country tells us that there are the richest libraries in India. These above all benefits can be achieved through library use. India has rich heritage of library.

The libraries at Nalanda and Takshashila were famous for the travelers from different parts of the world coming and staying here, copying many texts and manuscripts. There are very few and select libraries in India. Below are the names and locations of some of the major libraries:

- a. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar had set up their own libraries.
- b. Dr. Francisco Louis Gomes District Library: South Goa
- c. State Central Library: Thiruvananthapuram
- d. Gulab Bagh Public Library: Udaipur, Rajasthan
- e. Maulana Azad Library: Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh
- f. National Library of India: West Bengal
- g. Dayal Singh Library: Delhi
- h. Jamia Hamdard Library: Delhi
- i. Gautami Library: Rajamundry, Andhra Pradesh.

j. Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Library: Patna

k. Sinha Library: Patna

l. Maa Chandrakanta Ji Public Library: Patna

m. Bookwork Children: Panaji (Goa)

n. Goa Central Library: Panaji

o. The library has become a source of income

Thus, the tradition of libraries in India has been since ancient times. Libraries of Nalanda, Takshashila were famous all over the world. Along with the art of printing, the popularity of libraries in India increased. The Delhi Public Library has hundreds of branches in Delhi. There is also a National Library in Delhi. Books are man's friend. While they entertain us, they also increase our knowledge. We also get information about civilization from books. Books are what make us aware of ideas from ancient times to the present. In addition, books introduce many secrets of the world. Anyone can buy a book only up to a limit. Buying all the published books is not for everyone. So libraries were set up. Library means house of books. Books on every subject are available here. These also include foreign books. Like school, library is also a temple of knowledge.

Rural Library in India:

There is a great need for a library in a village in India, so that people of all classes can be educated and increase their knowledge. All that is needed is to give new dimensions to the people of the village.

Today, educated people are not getting jobs, they are not getting employment, such people have used their education properly. We have seen a lot of people who have built libraries in their city and region as needed. With the help of this he has also succeeded in increasing his income. Today the Library remains a good place to study. Today you will find more than one library in many cities. If you are also unemployed then you can make Library your job.

In the past and even today there are temples from village to village. People from the village go there in the evening. They lean on the temple bench. Today, the village's Panchkoshi limit has been increased.

Then the villagers should go to the library. One should sit on the library bench and learn about the world. The thinkers and artists of the village should have their cultural programs in the library. Thoughtful writers and poets from outside the village should be invited to the village and the benefit of their knowledge should be given to the village. This means that the villagers' footsteps will automatically turn towards the library.

Conclusion:

Apart from these libraries, there are many small and large libraries where one can fulfill his hobby of reading books. Apart from these, some book lovers and social workers also started a mobile library. This is a very interesting and useful method. Many books are collected and kept in a moving van or trolley truck, which is circulated in alleys, villages, towns, cities and books are provided to the people there. Its purpose is to impart books and knowledge to those who cannot afford to come to the city to buy expensive books.

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