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Information access pattern among the students in Sree Sevugan Annamalai College, Devakottai, Sivagangai district

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Abstract

This study examine the students needs the information and their expectations towards academic and research purpose to visit the library in Sevugan Annamalai College Devakottai, it is a Government aided college and it has been affiliated by the Alagappa University, Karaikudi. This study shows that UG in Computer Science 15.65 percent of users, it followed by UG in English, Zoology and commerce secured 14.78 percent. Under graduate in Commerce and PG in Tamil are hold third level with 13.97 percent. Besides this analysis brings that 40 percent, next 27.82 percent of users visit the library in once in a week, the users visit the library once in a fortnight is 20.86 percent is observed from the study.

Keywords: Information, expectations towards academic, research purpose

INTRODUCTION

The word Science is derived from Latin (Roman) word "Science" or "Scire" which means knowledge. This meaning was attached to different word in different parts of the world, wherever the pursuit of knowledge became a human activity. Science, in its widest sense is a systematic method of describing and controlling the material world, it is a systematized store of human knowledge about nature. Thus the history of science must include the history of the development of all aspects of knowledge.

Kent states (1979) and Jasmer singh and Hari Singh (1993) "Information is the feed stock for knowledge. In an ideal world unimpeded flow of information amongst individuals of equal capacity to process the information into knowledge there would be no advantage to be gained by any individual or Group as compared with another by procession of Information." Garg and Ashok kumar (1989) and Davis (1974) has defined information as "data that has been processed into a form that is meaningful to the recipient and of real perceived value in current or perspective decision.

About the Sree Sevugan Annamalai College

Sree Sevugan Annamalai College is situated in TamilNadu. The Sree Sevugan Annamalai College was started and now in a good condition also. The Sree Sevugan Annamalai College has the hostel facilities and all other infrastructures. Sree Sevugan Annamalai College, Sree Sevugan Annamalai College provides Bachelor degree courses. Sree Sevugan Annamalai College is pioneer one. Sree Sevugan Annamalai College provides good faculties and the Sree Sevugan Annamalai College also provides good infrastructural facilities also. Sree Sevugan Annamalai College has advanced library facility with good collection of Books and Journals for India and foreign. It has spacious and adequate seating capacity to occupy the users. It is going to be connected e-resources through UGC infonet under N-List programme.

Objectives

1. To examine the students visit the Library
2. To identify the frequency of respondents visiting the library
3. To find the purpose of respondents visiting the library
4. To observe the adequacy of library resources in Library
5. To assess the level of satisfaction of reading facility
6. To examine the user satisfaction of library services
7. To measure the ranking the services offered by the students

METHODOLOGY

It is primary data collected from the users; the questionnaires were filled up by the staff and the students in Sree Sevugan Annamalai College, Devakottai. The staff and students responded to the questions in the questionnaire are gave their valuable suggestions for the improvement of the library. There were distributed 120 questionnaires among the users, and collected 115 questionnaires from the respondents in the college for the further analysis.

Table -1 Discipline-wise respondents

Degree	Branch	No.of Respondents	Percentage
	Computer Science	18	15.65
	Commerce	16	13.91
UG	English	17	14.78
	Physics	14	12.17
	Zoology	17	14.78
	Tamil	16	13.91
PG	Commerce	17	14.78
	Total	115	100

Table 1 depicts the data of the users of the library from UG in Computer Science 15.65 percent of users, it followed by UG in English, Zoology and commerce secured 14.78 percent. Under

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graduate in Commerce and PG in Tamil are hold third level with 13.97 percent. UG in Physics holds 12.17 percents reveal from the study fig -1.
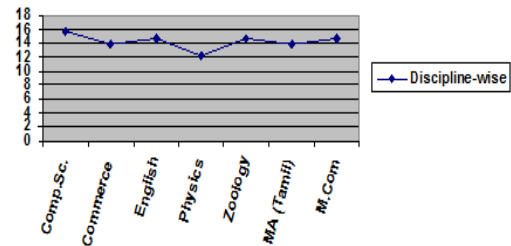

Table- 2 Frequency of respondents visiting the Library

S.No	Visiting the Library	No. of Respondents	Percentage
1	Daily	47	40
2	Once in a week	32	27.82
3	Once in a fortnight	24	20.86
4	Occasionally	13	11.3
	Total	115	100

Table 2 reveals that many of users prefer to use the library daily it's shows 40 percent, next 27.82 percent of users visit the library in once in a week, The users visit the library once in a fortnight is 20.86 percent and rest of the users visit the library 11.3 percent occasionally.

Table -3 Purpose of respondents visiting the Library

S.No	Purpose of visiting	Percentage
1	Reference Purpose	34.78
2	To read subject books	25.21
3	Newspaper	26.95
4	Internet Browsing	13.04
	Total	100

Table 3 shown, that more number of students visit the library for reference purpose 34.78 percent, it followed by to read subject books shown 25.21 percent. Only 13.04 percent of users are visiting the library for internet browsing is shown in Fig-2.
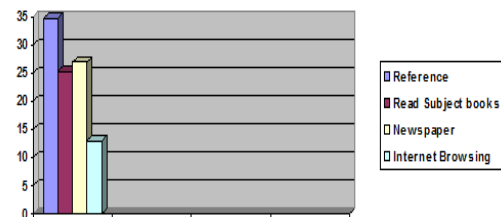

Fig-2 Purpose of respondents visiting the Library

Table -4 Adequacy of Library resources

S.No	Library resources	Adequate in percent	In adequate	No opinion
1	Reference Books	72.17	22.60	5.21
2	Journals	56.52	20.86	22.60
3	Magazines	65.21	20.86	13.91
4	Study materials	40	35.65	24.34
5	Video cassettes	38.26	30.43	31.30
6	Audio cassettes	39.13	31.30	29.56

Table 4 shows that 72.17 percent users agreed that magazines are adequate while 38.26 percent of users say video cassettes are inadequate. Similarly secondly users agreed inadequate resources are study materials in 35.65 percent. The first position holds 31.30 percent say no opinion about video cassettes.

Table -5 Satisfaction of Reading facilities

S.No	Facilities	Yes in percent	No in percent	No opinion
1	Good Lighting	91	10	14
2	Adequate furniture	88	12	15
3	Reference Section	82	16	17
4	Reference Section	78	20	17
5	Catalogue card/OPAC	62	22	31
6	Cubicles	43	41	31
7	Ventilation	51	36	28

It is evident from the table 5, the highest 79.13 percent Users agreed that adequate light facility having in the library, it followed by 76.52 percent furniture are adequate. The highest level 35.65 percent respondents say there is no ventilation in library. Only 26.95 percent say No opinion about adequate furniture.

Table- 6 User satisfaction of Library Services

S.No	Response	No. of respondents	Percentage
1	Very excellent	47	40.86
2	Excellent	58	50.43
3	Good	6	5.21
4	Poor	4	3.41
	Total	115	100

Table 6 shows that users say very excellent of the respondent's percentage is 40.86 whereas 50.43 of them are excellent of library services by the users. About 5.21 percent reveals that good at last among them 3.41 persons revealing the library service is poor in fig-3.
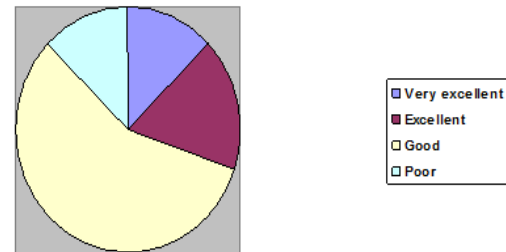

Fig-3 User satisfaction of Library Services

Table-7 Ranking of library Services

S.No	Library Services	Excellent	Good	Poor	No-opinion
1	Current Awareness Service (CAS)	43	36	21	15
2	Reprography Services	36	41	24	14
3	Reference Service	41	36	17	21
4	Circulation Service	31	29	34	24

Table 7 shows that users are showing highest percent good in Library services through Current awareness service which occupying 37.39 percent. Reprography service occupying highest response is 31.30 percent is good. Reference service is occupying lowest 14.78 percent of library service is excellent. Circulation Service is highest level 20.86 percent is good in library services next position is poor occupying seven percent.

CONCLUSION

This study has been analyzed that information seeking behaviour of the users of Sree Sevugan Annamalai college. The use of the information sources available in library and the extent to which the respondents use or make avail of the library services are brought out in this study. The analysis of purpose of visiting the library shows most of the students visit the library for reference purpose. The students visit the library for reference purpose 34.78 percent, it followed by to read subject books shown 25.21 percent. The 79.13 percent Users agreed that adequate light facility having in the library, it followed by 76.52 percent furniture is adequate. The good in Library services provided through Current awareness service which occupying 37.39 percent. Reprography service occupying highest response is 31.30 percent is good.

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