Effective use of Library in Teacher Training Colleges

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Abstract

Teacher is the pioneer of the society. While studying the student teacher training, they take the advantage of the latest knowledge in the field of education system from the library. How teacher trainees use the library services has been studied in the research. The suggestions and recommendations were collected from them to improve the services of the library.

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Introduction:

A library is a collection of sources, resources, and services, and the structure in which it is housed; it is organized for use and maintained by a public body, an institution, or a private individual. In the more traditional sense, a library is a collection of books. It can mean the collection itself, the building or room that houses such a collection, or both.

For this study author has been taken the students of the PVDT College of Education, Mumbai. It is situated at SNDT Women’s University campus, Churchgate, Mumbai. It is the oldest college, started in 1959, with the motto ‘enlightens of women’. College has been actively engaged in teacher training programmes both in-service and pre-service. It also provides study facilitates, educational and recreational reading to all members of the institution. The library is committed to play a proactive role in the empowerment of women through dissemination and use of information and knowledge.

PVDT College of Education Library:

Library is a heart of Institutions. It provide nascent information to teachers, students are all related library users. PVDT College library is very old library in education field. It is having a huge collection on education and related subjects. The College endeavors to make the library user friendly. It is equipped with 18518 books and 51 Journals & Periodicals and 7 newspapers. The area of the library is 1331sq. ft.
Need of the study:

To improve the collection and services of the library, evaluation is very necessary. To cope with the new modern technology the Library service are definitely effected, so to accept these technology and improved the services, such study is very useful.

The objectives of the study are as follows,

1. To study the current services given by library.
2. To study the expectation of user from the library.
3. To study the effectiveness of services given to teacher educators.

Methodology:

The present study is of the quantitative description type because it deals with the Library users of PVDT College of Education with effective use. The Survey has been taken among the students of the PVDT College of Education through questionnaire in 2010 -11. Total 20 questions have been asked related to use of library. Total 200 Questionnaire has been distributed among the students out of that 80 students have been replied. Therefore the total 80 student’s data has been taken for this study. All the students are females.

Analysis:

There were 20 questions has been asked to students, out of that few important analysis has been incorporated here.

1. It is found that 35% students have used the library daily, while 52% students used within 2 to 3 days, while 7% used weekly and rest used rarely.
2. The present timing of the library i.e. 10.00 am to 5.30 pm is convenient to students, but few students suggest that the library should be open 9.00 am to 6.00 pm.
3. Most (40%) of the students depend on the books, while 33 % used reference materials and 21% used the teaching aids.
4. Total 60% students are satisfied with the current book duration time i.e. book for a week
5. Total 73% students are thinking that the book circulation system is very useful.
6. Most of the students i.e. 73% are used the Library catalogue for selection of books, while 27% students are not used the library catalogue.
7. Out of all 63% students are using Educational Journals of the study purpose
8. Only 38% students are using the Educational Research of Thesis and Dissertation.
9. Almost 83% students are using the Reference Materials for study purpose, and the 50% students are satisfied with available references material at the library.

10. Only 23% students are using such audio visual materials while 77% students are totally unaware about such materials are available in library. The reason behind this is less availability of technological support.

11. There were 37% students are using the subject bibliographies, while 63% students are not using these bibliographies. The reason behind this is subject bibliographies are not regularly updated.

12. Most of students 70% are using the advantage of book bank scheme. This scheme is very popular among the students because of latest and syllabi included books are given under this scheme to students in a minimal deposit.

13. The 50% students are aware about the internet based services from library. The reason behind this is little knowledge of Computer and Internet technology among the students.

14. Only 30% students are visited the college and library website. This shows that the students are not familiar with the new technology of Internet and its uses and need to be oriented to new technology.

15. The 63% students say that the Internet based services and materials are very useful. Even though the students are less using the internet and computer, but they know these services and materials are definitely helpful for their teaching learning process.

16. Almost all i.e. 90% students said the Library staff is helped them. The college library staff is well qualified and cooperative with students. They are egger to provide better services to students.

Conclusion:

The Expectations from library are very high among the students. They need Open Access in the library for book selection, Automation of the library; more books should be available, especially in psychology subjects. The reference collection is needed to improve. There should be more infrastructural facility made available to students, and the Internet facility also provide to library beside computer laboratory they also suggested that more space should be available for the library.

The Evaluation of Library is very helpful for the future planning of the library. The lacunas and the recommendations will be very helpful to library for improving their collection and services.

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