IMPACT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ITS USAGE TOWORDS GENERAL   PEOPLE

(WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO VANIYAMBADI TOWN)

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Library

The word "library" seems to be used in so many different aspects now, from the brick-and-mortar public library to the digital library. Public libraries and indeed, all libraries are changing and dynamic places where librarians help people find the best source of information whether it's a book, a web site, or database entry. The inscribed clay tablets were used nearly 5,000 years ago, as early as 3020 B.C.

ABSRACT

This paper tries to bring out the impact of public library and its usage towards general people.

Kew words: Library ,Public, Knowledge.

INTRODUCTION

Public libraries continue to be places for education and self-help and offer opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds. They offer opportunity for everyone to learn and to pursue self-improvement. In response to community needs for information, many libraries offer such programs as English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, homework help, after-school programs for children, job information centers, assistance for new immigrants, literacy programs, and much, much more. To serve such community needs, public libraries collect and make available information in many, many formats.

Libraries are places where people connect not just with books and computers but with other people. In our changing information age, we need libraries more than ever to help us sort through the information clutter. After all, librarians are the ultimate search engine. They know how to find the best information in

whatever form and teach others how to find, use, and evaluate information. They, of course, apply this skill to the traditional functions of materials selection and readers advisory. The library is one of the most valuable institutions we have, and we should not take it for granted.

- Public Library Association

A division of the American Library Association (ALA), the oldest and largest library association in the world. Founded in 1944, PLA is a member-driven organization that exists to provide a diverse program of communication, publication, advocacy, continuing education, and programming for its members and others interested in the advancement of public library service.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

To find out the impact of public library and its usage towards general people.

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

This paper helps the general public to know about impact of its and its usage.

LIMITATIONS

- This study done only in Vaniyambadi town.
- Time duration of the study in only 15 days.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

- **Research Design**

Research design indicates the methods and procedures of conducting research study.

- **Sampling size**

80

- **Data Collection Method**

For primary data ,questionnaires method was followed .The questionnaires were issued to collect the data. with Statistical tools and its results done in a formal way. So as to gather information about the feeling of the respondent with regard to the topic under investing.

Sources of Data

- **Primary data**

The primary data has been collected by means of questionnaires.

- **Secondary Data**

The researcher collected the secondary form research books and also gathered information by browsing in the net.

- **Percentage Analysis**

Percentage bar diagram is used to highlight the relative importance of the various components parts to the whole. The total for each bar taken as 100 and the value of each component is expressed as percentage of the respective totals.

- **Pie diagram**

The pie diagram ranks high in understanding .Just as we divide a bar or a rectangle to show its components, a circle can also be divide into sectors .As there are 360 degree at the center, proportionate sectors are cut taking the whole data equal to 360 degrees.

- **Chi-square test**

Suppose we are given a set of observed frequencies obtained under some experiment and we want to test if the experimental results support a particular hypothesis or theory. Karl Pearson in 1990, developed a test for testing the significance of the discrepancy between experimental values and the theoretical values obtained under some hypothesis

DATA ANALYSIS & INTERPRATION

(Table-1) Respondents of visitors in public library

Years	Respondent	Percentage	Cumulative percentage
1-2	10	12.5%	12.5%
2-3	12	15%	27.5%
3-4	12	15%	42.5%
4-5	14	17.5%	60%
More than 5	32	40%	100%
Total	80	100%	

Source :Primary data

INTERPRETATION

The above table shows that 12.5% of the respondent are to visit 1-2 years,15% are 2-3 years,15% are 3-4 tears 17.5% are 4-5 years and 40% are more than 5 years.

(Table-2) Respondents for facility criteria in public library

Library facilities	Respondent	Degree	Cumulative degree
Reading Hall	10	45^0	45^0
Different Books	15	67.5^0	$112^0.5$
Newspaper & Magazine	10	45^0	157.5^0
Others	5	22.5^0	180^0
All of the above	40	180^0	360^0
Total	80	360^0	

Source :Primary data

INTERPRETATION

The above table shows that facility criteria in public library 45^0 of the respondent are reading hall, 67.5^0 are different books , 45^0 are Newspaper & Magazine 22.5^0 facility and 180^0 are all of the above facilities.

(Table-3) Available of Books and their opinions

Observed data

BOOKS AVAILABLE	OPENIONS			TOTAL
	EXCELLAENT	SATISFACTORY	POOR	
HISTORICAL NOVEL	8	5	2	15
STORY BOOKS	11	9	3	23
BIOGRAPHY	8	7	2	17
SOCIAL & ETHICS BOOKS	9	4	4	17
OTHERS	3	3	2	8
TOTAL	39	28	13	80

Expected data

BOOKS AVAILABLE	OPENIONS			TOTAL
	EXCELLAENT	SATISFACTORY	POOR	
HISTORICAL NOVEL	7.3	5.25	2.4	14.95
STORY BOOKS	11.2	8.1	3.7	23
BIOGRAPHY	8.2	5.95	2.7	16.85
SOCIAL & ETHICS BOOKS	8.2	5.95	2.76	16.91
OTHERS	3.9	2.8	1.3	8
TOTAL	38.8	28.5	12.86	79.71

In χ^2 calculation table

$$\chi^2 = 2.632$$

Degrees of freedom

$$ɤ = \{(c-1)(r-1)\} - 6$$

$$= \{ (3-1)(5-1) \} - 6$$

$$= \{ (2)(4) \} - 6$$

$$= \{8\} - 6$$

$$= 2$$

Table value

At 5% level of significance for 2 DOF the value from χ^2 table 5.991

I conclude here H_0 is accepted. Because calculated value not exceed than the table value.

So,There is satisfaction of studying any kind of books chosen by the readers.

FINDINGS

- Majority of the respondent are visits library for more than 5 years
- Majority of the respondent says that they are availing all the facilities in public library
- Majority of the respondent knows many aspects of public library

- Majority of the school students use to study biography and women study story books & Historical novels
- Majority of the men are studying news paper.
- All the respondents are studying different types of books and they are well satisfied of the books chosen by themselves and it is proved by the researcher thought chi- square analysis.

SUGGESTION

Various kinds of books and facilities are available in library but they are not utilized by general Public to its optimum level.

Public shall visit library and shall wait avail all of its facilities.

CONCLUSION

Various kinds of facilities are available in library and it is provided fully for general public readers are choosing different types of books like social books, ethical books, biography, historical books, News papers & magazines etc., The readers are choosing the books in their own interest and they are getting satisfaction of the chosen books by them and that was proved by the researcher through chi-square analysis .Hence on the conclusion of the paper in the researcher conclude that public library carrier positive impact on general public.

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1.NAME

2.AGE

3.QUALIFICATION

4.SEX

5.How long you go to public library

   a) 1-2   b) 2-3 c) 3-4 d) 4-5 e) more than 5 years

6. What are the facilities available in public library

   a)Reading hall b) Different Books c) News paper and Magazine d) Others e) All of above

7.What kind of books you read

   a) Historical Novels b) Story Books c) Biography d) social and ethic books e)others

8. What are types you know

   a)Mobile library b) Public library c) Private library d)Personal library e) others

9. Are you have habbit of reading books in library

   a) YES   B) NO

10.State the satisfaction you set out of library books.

BOOKS AVAILABLE			
	EXCELLAENT	SATISFACTORY	POOR
HISTORICAL NOVEL			
STORY BOOKS			
BIOGRAPHY			
SOCIAL & ETHICS BOOKS			
OTHERS			

11.What kind of improvement you expect in public library

   a) Arrangements of books in proper manner   b)Increase no. of story books

   c) can provide additional books to regular visitors   d)Can Increase date return

                                    for the books taken

e) Can provide infrastructure facility to attract students also

12.In your opinion which age group people are mostly facilitated by public library

   a) 10-20 b) 20-30 c) 30-40   d) 40-50 e) Above 50