

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT: AN OVERVIEW

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Abstract:

Library collection most important. University library must and should collect right materials for user benefit. This Article explains about Mysore University library collection and University Library, Collection development Policy, Budget Allocation and analysis of year wise Books and journals Collections.

Key Words: Collection Development, University Library, Rules, Library Building.

1.Introduction

Library is one of the knowledge centers for all type of readers. Library attracts to readers community and provide users needed information in a right time. Library user want information in different concept and readers are different subject oriented so library must and should acquire the need and useful collection for the readers. Biblarz, Bosch and Sugen (2001) define a needs assessment as a “Process of using one or more potential users. Specifically, the data collected will be directly or indirectly related to the needs, in the broadest sense, of users or customers, for information in all formats. Interpretation of the data will influence the management of collections”. According to the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), Acquisition and Collection Development focuses on methodological and topical themes pertaining to acquisition of print and other analogue library materials (by purchase, exchange, gift, legal deposit), and the licensing and purchase of electronic information resources. Library collection development is the process of meeting the information needs of the people (a service population) in a timely and economical manner using information resources locally held, as well as from other organizations.

2. Mysore University Library

Mysore University library is one of the oldest and largest University Library in the country and Mother of other University Libraries in Karnataka. The Library started functioning in the year 1918. It has a glorious record of 95 years of worthy service with resource collection 6 Lakhs volumes in its systems today. Library shifted to new building at Manasagangotri Campus in 1965. It was inaugurated by the then President of India Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan on 7th Dec. 1965.

Mysore University library is one of the oldest and largest University Library in the country and Mother of other University Libraries in Karnataka. The Library has grown to become one of the leading university libraries in the country with a rich collection of books, journals, reports, rare materials and archives, with multiple locations and a collection of more than 1.2 million items. The goal of knowledge acquisition is Enlightenment. Mysore University Library provides access to more than 13000 e-journals, More than eighteen thousand E-books, and e-thesis through its e resources portal.

The Mysore University Main Library located in the Manasagangotri Campus covered

with Greenery all around. The Library building is surrounded by towards North-Road and Canteen, South - Higginbotham’s book shop, East - Sports Stadium and Kukkarahalli Lake.

2.1 Library Building

The Present professionally functional Library building is well planned and structured one. It is surrounded with green pasture. Any user who walks along the carpet in the huge stack cum reading halls of reference and periodicals divisions running half a furlong feels delighted. The well furnished and illuminated inside atmosphere is very serene and pleasant and encourages one to involve deeply in pursuit of academic and research activities. The library is beautiful and attractive, housed in a building with 1,10,000 Sq.ft carpet area. The library building has provision of expansion both vertically and horizontally. Library will kept open for the benefit of users from 8 am to 8 pm on all working days. On Holidays between 10 am to 5.30 pm library opened for reference purpose. During the time of Examinations from 8 am to 9 pm. The library is providing Open Access System facility.

3. Objectives

1. To understand the Mysore university Library
2. To know about library collection
3. To understand the Collection development policy
4. To analyze the year wise collection development
5. To determine the year wise Budget allocation

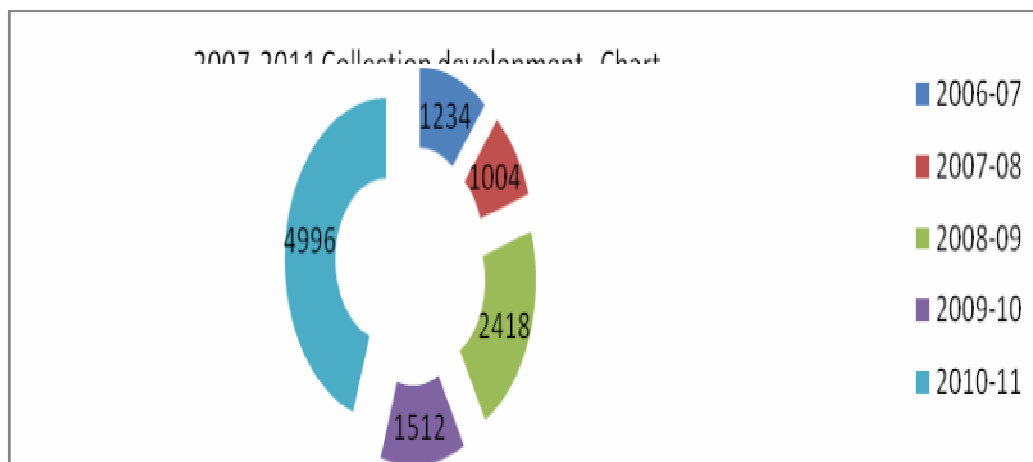
4. University Library Collection development

Mysore University Library resource collection around 6 Lakhs volumes in its systems today University Library holdings approximately 4, 60, 000. Library for procuring books and journals maintaining a universal system like Higher authorities of Honorable Vice Chancellors and Registers recommendation

Table 1. Total collection of University Library 2006 - 2010

SL No	Year wise Collection added	Books	Frequency
1.	2006-07	1234	11.05%
2.	2007-08	1004	8.99%
3.	2008-09	2418	21.66%
4.	2009-10	1512	13.54%
5.	2010-11	4995	44.75%
Total		11163	100

Table 1 shows from the past five years the total collection is 11163 books are added. but In the year 2010-11 , 4995 books 44.75% collection are added in the year 2007-08 only 8.99% (1004) are added to library. Below the graph explained the development of library collection.



5. Collection Development Policy and Procedures

Collection Development Policy is to clearly state the principles, policies, and guidelines governing the selection, acquisition, processing, organization, preservation, and eventual weeding of materials or information resources in all formats in the Library's collections. The policy is intended to ensure consistency among those who have responsibility for developing the collections, and to better communicate the Library's collecting policies and goals to faculty, staff, students and other members of the University community. The Collection Development Policy reflects the mission, values, and vision statements. Collection development policies serve as blueprints for the operations of a library as a whole because through these policies that the library carries out its central tasks of acquiring, organizing, and managing library materials.

The University Library procuring books and journals based on library policies in this policy defined every year conduct library advisory committee meeting then the Library advisory committee forms a committee for book selection. The Higher authorities are Honorable Vice Chancellors and Registers, Finance Officer, Deans, Syndicate Members, and other Committee members appointed by the university authority. Not only this committee and also below mentioned members can recommend the books for collection development.

1. Library advisory committee
2. Recommended by the each department Council, chairman and faculty of the University.
3. University Library Head and Professionals
4. Recommendation getting from Research scholar and Students.

6. Vendors or Publisher

University Library procuring collection through vendors or book publisher but this is last chance for procures processes, this also as per University Library rules and regulation. Because some of the books are general concept and Multidisciplinary subject so user point of Librarian took decision to procure books through Vendors and publisher.

7. Analysis of Library collections

The analysis is collection development of Mysore University Library. The data collect from each year annual report of Mysore University Library and library budget report and Acquisition section accession register. According to this below tables are

Table 1. Subject wise collection development year 2006-2007

S.No.	Subject	Added Collection	Frequency
1.	Science	674	54.62%
2.	Arts Humanities	254	20.58%
3.	Commerce	109	8.83%
4.	Management	104	8.43%
5.	Text Book Loan Collection	60	4.86%
6.	Generals	33	2.67%
	Total	1234	100%

Table 1 explained the highest collection procured in science books (674) books and Arts humanities (254) only 2.67% books are Generalities.

Table 2. Subject wise collection development year 2007-2008

S.No.	Subject	Added Collection	Frequency
1.	Science	457	45.57%
2.	Arts Humanities	295	29.38%
3.	Commerce	86	8.56%
4.	Management	54	5.38%
5.	Text Book Loan Collection	47	4.68%
6.	Generals	65	6.47%
	Total	1004	100%

Table 2 explained the highest collection procured in science (457) books and Arts humanities (295) only 4.68% (47) books are textbook loan collection.

Table 3. Subject wise collection development year 2008-2009

S.No.	Subject	Added Collection	Frequency
1.	Science	964	39.86%
2.	Arts Humanities	712	29.44%
3.	Commerce	161	6.65%
4.	Management	96	3.97%
5.	Text Book Loan Collection	148	6.12%
6.	Generals	337	13.93%
	Total	2418	100%

Table 3 explained the highest collection procured in science (964) books and Arts humanities (712) only 3.97% books are Management collection are added.

Table 4. Subject wise collection development year 2009-2010

S.No.	Subject	Added Collection	Frequency
1.	Science	631	41.73%
2.	Arts Humanities	512	33.86%
3.	Commerce	90	5.95%
4.	Management	76	5.02%
5.	Text Book Loan Collection	74	4.89%
6.	Generals	129	8.53%
	Total	1512	100 %

Table 4 explained the highest collection procured in science 41.73% books and Arts humanities (512) only 5.02% books are Management collection are added

Table 5. 2010 Subject wise collection development year 2010-2011

S.No.	Subject	Added Collection	Frequency
1.	Science	2290	45.84%
2.	Arts Humanities	2152	43.08%
3.	Commerce	150	3%
4.	Management	112	2.24%
5.	Text Book Loan Collection	81	1.62%
6.	Generals	210	4.20%
	Total	4995	100

Table 5 showed the highest collection development is science (2290) books and Arts humanities (2152) books are added but 1.62% (81) books are text book loan collection are added.

8. Budget Allocation

Library always depend three major components but without financial support library will not move the reader’s request. Mysore University will get grant form University, UGC, State, grants for Book & journals collection. Every year the budget allocation very less to compare to other university library but in the year 2010-11 the grant is very high compare to past years.

Table 6. Year wise Budget and Expenditure in the year 2006-07 to 2010-11

S. No.	Years	Budgeting	Expenditure
1.	2006-07	10,26,000	9,70,447
2.	2007-08	10,26,000	9,18,684
3.	2008-09	29,26,000	27,29,489
4.	2009-10	15,50,000	13,33,207
5.	2010-11	1,27,00,500	65,30,063

Table 6 showed the for book and journals the grant an average is ten lakh per year but it is 2008-09 the budget for books and journal near 30 lakh in 2010-2011 around 1.27 crore so year to year the grant goes higher.

9. Journal collection of 2007-2011

Research and academic development is depending on Journals, because journals published latest research activity it is very essential for research work. Mysore University subscribed only Indian journals. Every year an average three hundred titles are subscribed. Library opened a big wing for computer lab, around at time 250 systems are working in this lab. Library users are utilizing this facility for e-resources access. The researcher will get the UGC Consortia online journals around 13000 full text journals. In view of these, university library concentrate on only Indian journals.

Table 7. Collection development of Journals year 2006-07 to 2010-11

S. No.	Year	No. of Journal title	Grant
1	2006-07	326	2,90,550=00
2	2007-08	211	2,98,000=00
3	2008-09	357	3,46,720=00
4	2009-10	316	3,48,800=00
5	2010-11	354	3,96,267=00

Table 7 showed the highest collection development is science (2290) books and Arts humanities (2152) books are added but 1.62% (81) books are text book loan collection are added

10. Library Lending 2007-2011

University campus more than six thousand students are studying in different course and near to three to five hundred research scholars doing research in different subject disciplinary and other faculty members are utilize our University library facility regularly. According to circulation section statistics shows every year near to three thousand five hundred students and average eighty research scholars are enrolled for library facility.

Table 8. Library Lending and registration of year 2006-07 to 2010-11

Years	Students	Research Scholars & Faculty	Total Members	Lending Books
2006-07	2931	46	2977	9338
2007-08	2814	85	2899	11181
2008-09	3162	67	3229	11034
2009-10	2297	80	2377	10056
2010-11	2612	45	2657	11974

Table 8 showed the highest lending books on is 2010-11 but the year 2006-07 landings books are within ten thousand and members are only fifty percentage students are utilize the library facility, it must be change and reach the ninety percentage, library should be create awareness to students.

11. Findings & Suggestion

Mysore university library total collection is high but the collections are very old. Present student and researcher want the latest, new edition books and other online documents. The major findings are indentified in this study

1. Library members are only fifty percentages of total campus members, its need to create awareness program and attract the user community to utilize library facility for all department students and research scholars.
2. The budget allocation compare to student strength it is very less it need high grant for library collection development.
3. Collection development policy also modified and acquisition section disseminate or convey the latest and related subject book information to concerned departments.
4. Library must and should conduct book exhibition for book procurement process.
5. International journals subscription is not sufficient compare to research output.
6. University library always depend the UGC consortia journals but library did not subscribe International journals.
7. Activate the student book recommendation for collection development.

12. Conclusions

University Library collection indicate research production of university because whatever the research and academic output is based on the library collection and Library

facilities. University output is according to Web of science database in the year 2011 around 308 articles are published in different International journals. That's why father of Indian library movement Dr.S.R. Ranganathan define fifth law is “**Library is a growing organism**” very relevant for collection development of library, so library must and should change and adopt the new technological development and library collection reach the user requirements.

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