

## **Evaluation of Purchase of Books in KIMS Library, Hubli**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), Hubli, is affiliated to Rajeev Gandhi University of Health Science (RGUHS), Bangalore.

The study is focused on the purchase of books for the library for the reference period 2010-2011 as per the TOR.

The budgeted amount Rs. 50 lakhs for the purchase of books/journals etc. has not been utilized fully for the year 2010-2011. The same trend has been observed for the year 2007-2008, 2008-2009, and 2009-2010.

A structured questionnaire was designed to elicit the views of the library users. A sample size of 115 students and 15 faculties were contacted to assess the effectiveness of library to the users.

A structured schedule was also designed for getting the feed-back from the library.

Based on the sample responses of the students and faculties and discussions with the library authorities and other concerned, the following are the outcome of the Evaluation Study:

- A proper mechanism should be in place to ensure that the budget sanctioned for purchase of the books is utilized effectively. The Library Committee should take timely decision to ensure that the required books / journals etc., are decided well in advance. This will enable to float the tender for procurement of books in time and utilize the fund.
- Internet/ digital library services need to be opened on par with the working condition of the departments or round the clock and available to the users at free of cost.

- The user's requirements like new edition subject wise books, sufficient copies of the well known author books, scientific books, latest foreign edition magazines / journals/ periodicals/ current news paper cuttings have to be made available.
- Library timing needs to be extended beyond 11.00 p.m. and morning at 6.00 a.m for the early readers.
- The library reading room need to be adjacent to reference room to help the users.
- To create a library friendly atmosphere to the students, conveniences like spacious reading area with comfortable chairs, table, fan, uninterrupted power supply, drinking water, and display of wall clock will facilitate the readers.
- The library has to provide additional amenities to the users like lightning facility in the wash room, refreshments like light snacks/tea/coffee.
- The library needs be totally automated to facilitate the users to use the library effectively.

## **Findings of the Study**

- Among the respondents the daily users of library is more.
- Among users of the library 74% undergraduate students, 55% of the post graduate students, 75% of faculty members used daily for more than three hours.
- Among the undergraduate students using library facility daily 74% used more than three hours, 55% used for three hours, 50% used for two hours and 43% used for one hour.
- Among the post graduate students using library facility daily 55% used more than three hours, 50% used for three hours, 60% used for two hours and 100% used for one hour.
- Among the faculty members using the library facility daily 75% used more than three hours, 67% used for three hours, 33% used for two hours and 100% used for one hour.
- On an average 74 persons per day visited the library from January 2011 to November 2011.
- The budgeted amount of Rs. 50 lakhs for the purchase of books/journals etc., has not been utilized fully for the year 2010-2011.
- The air conditioned digital library has 30 computers.
- The digitization of the library on priority helps the users.
- Users require scientific books/ magazines of foreign edition, foreign journals, periodicals, current news paper cuttings for their use.
- New edition books need to be purchased as and when required by the users.
- Adequate subject wise books with sufficient copies of well-known author books required to be available at reference section.
- Library timing needs to be extended beyond 11.00 p.m. and morning at 6.00 a.m for the early readers.
- Users needed spacious area for study with uninterrupted power supply, provision of drinking water, display of wall clock, provision of wash room with lighting arrangements, availability of comfortable chairs, table and fan.

## **Conclusion and Recommendations**

### **Conclusions:-**

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- The user's requirements like new edition subject wise books, sufficient copies of the well known author books, scientific books, latest foreign edition magazines / journals/ periodicals/ current news paper cuttings have to be made available.
- Library timing needs to be extended beyond 11.00 p.m. and morning at 6.00 a.m for the early readers.
- The reference section to be equipped with latest editions of subject specific books, encyclopedia, medical dictionaries, journals, atlas, Practical books, graphs and relevant charts.
- Maintenance of suggestion box in the library premises will enable the library staff to provide best services.

### **Recommendations :-**

- The library reading room needs to be adjacent to reference room to help the users.
- To create a library friendly atmosphere to the students, conveniences like spacious reading area with comfortable chairs, table, fan, uninterrupted power supply, drinking water, and display of wall clock will facilitate the readers.
- The library has to provide additional amenities to the users like lightning facility in the wash room, refreshments like light snacks/tea/coffee.
- Adequate soft ware need to be adopted for speedy acquisition of books / journals.

- Regular updated list of publishers/ distributors will come in handy during procurement of books.
- The library needs be totally automated to facilitate the users to use the library effectively.