

Collection Development: A Hub of Information for Academic Library



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Abstract

Collection development is one of the most important activities of a Academic Library. It is the composition and size of a collection that is a major determinant of the importance, value and quality of a library. Collection development is a two-way process involving the faculty and the librarian of academic library. Thus, informal communication between librarian and faculty is needed to cultivate consciously the relationship to make collection development process efficacious. At the root of all collection development procures in libraries; the goal is those materials that will meet the diverse needs of their users. It is the process of making certain that the library meets the information needs of its user population in a timely and economic manner, using information resources produced both from inside and outside the organisation. This process involves several components that include, the library's mission, assessment of user's needs, strength and weakness of the existing collection and tools for identifying the relevant and quality materials.

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Introduction

Education makes the society free from superstition and makes people educated is very essential to increase the knowledge and also very important to wake up or to arise our inner strength . To get this information everybody must depend on library and information sources . Library is the important part to store the information and also important for getting information whenever you need. It don't give priority to develop library science then it is worthless for the society. Every librarian has a great dream to collect the literature which is published from all around the world and it must have vision about awareness for knowledge and education. In old days, there were a belief about a point related to library science that only those books must be kept in library which are in written made.

In middle century , there were revolution in this thinking . Collection development was known as " collection storage". This work was very difficult at that time and was followed by this thinking .Then in 7th century very famous librarian Mr. John Dury wrote that every library must be developed at every point of view as per need of users. Everybody was impressed by the thinking of Mr.John Dury and then every librarian worked faster to develop their library quickly.

In this modern era, different types of information sources are published due to printing and other phenomenon like books, magazines , etc are the part of traditional information sources while in non traditional information sources contain like epic information. According to the modern thinking of library, the collection development must be dedicated to the needs of reader's .and also the library must have aims and visions .Every library must be developing within the limits of financial matters also librarian feels difficulties in India, it is worst because due to our culture and many languages, for this, it is the responsibility of every librarian, experts their duty to analysis periodically about storage, balancing and financial support to keep, it with modern technique. Unnecessary books or magazines must be eliminated by same protocols or by some rules and regulations.

In academic library, books are not just stored as an intension with store but it is stored with a purpose of reader's need. Every librarian has a duty to analyze the library books for maximum use. For this, much work is related to it. Some are directly related with users and some are indirectly related to the users.

Collection development is explicitly related with users and it is an important work related to higher studies about library science. Even it is considered

as an important work to attention in the curriculum of higher studies

Definition of Collection Development

Collection development in a library therefore means building up and improving the collection in that library. Earlier librarians were concerned merely with acquisition and preservation of reading materials.

At that time number of documents was more important than the information they contained. That is to say quantity was given utmost importance in a library. There is a change in this outlook now. User needs have gained importance now. The term Collection Development has evolved to emphasize the need to respond to user's needs.

Bloomfield (1987) says "to meet the demands, librarians have evolved theories of collection development, which imply a more active role in managing libraries collection and indicate that the role may change and develop in response to changing conditions". With the change in our outlook towards library and information services we are now more conscious of user needs, usefulness of information, available with us, and exhaustive and expeditious dissemination of information.

Collection development is sometimes considered as synonymous to "Collection Building" which means that there is already nucleus of collection in the library and the librarian is going to build up the collection. But collection development is a term other than collection building, since the word development implies qualitative improvement of the collection.

"The planning of collection availability programme is a process in which information are not collected for just an instantaneous needs, But it is a long process for collection development which is an appropriate and reliable. Through this plus point, the purpose and services of library can be fulfilled with satisfaction "The planning for developing collection as pore need of present and future requirement is called collection development. Through which the purpose of library can be achieved".(Dhyani,2002, P150)

"Collection development is a consistent process to develop the collection for a library. It can be done by purchase gifts and barter etc. (Gupta,1994, P13).

Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science says "Library Collection is the sum total of library materials - books, manuscripts, serials, government

documents, pamphlets, catalogues, reports, recordings, microfilm reels, micro cards and microfiche, punched cards, computer tapes, etc. - that make up the holdings of a particular library".

The words related with collection development has no perfect definition but the words like collection development, selection, acquisition and collection management are used.

In short the addition or sum of collection of library is called collection development.

Importance of collection development

Collection is a true university for users. Library is co-ordination between collection and employees. There must be some protocols to provide collection to the users. In this protocols, these are some classification and necessary collection, to arrange collection perfectly, barter of collection and attaining process. Posse's collection which is that useful to the users and must present it to them because it is an important that collection should be used maximum. The purposes and goals must be achieved in an appropriate way. Within the financial support and under the control. If these are suitable facilities about collection then the needs of users will be satisfied. if it is not suitable then the users go other places where they get facilities. It is shameful thing to the library. Users will go away due to unnecessary collection, disorder way of library and lack of management. so it is important thing to evaluate some time to examine every part of the library.

Collection development is very important work for library. so it is done very carefully. Its importance depend upon the types of library, types of users and types of collection. Every library must has an aim to have qualitative and maximum collection. Due to qualitative collection, users will happy and will come again which shows the importance of collection development for this, librarian must have efforts to best information.

According to Dr.S.R.Rangnathan, proper development of collection is very important thing. if we think about the requirement of collection then it contains 5 things:1, To establish proper collection. 2,Modern collection. 3,Need of users. 4, Review of users, any library do their work with satisfaction only by appropriate and modern collection. It makes the library effective. though it is the responsibility of librarian to develop collection, every user's have same responsibility to give contribution in construction and development of collection.

Library is an important part of collection development and to provide the information sources. Collection development is an important part for information which is in different form like information collection, interaction by technology. This principle provides the facilities in library. It is applied since the library concept was come. The universities will choose the perfect collection by the arrangement and collection of library .It appreciates the teachers to take part in collection development. It appreciates the teacher's opinion about collection .This principles helps to work together and makes a worth relation between the academic section of the university and the library .This principle is accepted to develop the collection at both the side. The library will use the government 's grant to develop the different parts of it. The library is independent in the matter of money to spend for collection development.

Library purchase that facilities or sources which are considered to the treasure .It works on the principles of "Spend where you need". Library will decide the price of electronic source which are in partnership and also barter the unnecessary collection .As per bond , the spend on unnecessary collection will be taken from regarding college , departments or a person .This principle provides a guidance to cover the extra spend. This also guides about the proper co-operation between library and the different departments of the university.

Conclusion :

Collection development interrelated with a similar word 'collection construction'. For every library and its librarian, a lot of thinking and planning's are required to establish collection and to develop collection. In reality, if we interpreted this two words them it is qualitatively related with the collection development. That's why famous librarian shipman told, "Choices and availability are considered in collection establishment. Another interpretation is that the other collection is also linked with the collection development having definite methodology .from shipman's idea , it is clear that collection development is a definite process in which needs , important and demands of users are priority. It is and it needs a consistent

process to achieve their needs important and demands of users.

Collection is one kind of the Information hub of Academic Library. Without collection Development we can not getting the information from the library. Collection development is must for library development. Collection development is an addition of epics, patterns books, magazines, summaries, records, micro records, microphone , punch card, etc..From which a particular collection is established. The process of collection development is a process of choices, availability and evolution of collection. This process is done in reference of printed and non-printed collection. For this we have to neglect the random selection and random availability of collection, Library must be examined periodically by the government so the correction takes place. so it is clear that purpose of collection development is to increase the collection as per need of users.The library has a great contribution to develop the society . Every library provides useful information to the society

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