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## OBJECTIVES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### Abstract:

*“Public library is a social institution owned and maintained by the public of its area for the socialization of its books and kindred materials for free service to the people of the area”.*

### INTRODUCTION

A Public library as a system preserve and administer books and related educational materials in organized way in order to promote through guidance and stimulation an enlightened citizenship enriched lives.

### OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS

As per the Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, the doyen among the library science, projects library as a “Social Institution” and formulates the following objectives/purposes.

- 1) It should help to enrich the lifelong self education of each and everyone
- 2) It should disseminate up to date facts and information on all subjects to one and all.
- 3) It should distribute in an unbiased and balanced way all shades of opinion and thought to one and all, as a help in the discharge of local, national and international affairs.
- 4) It should contribute to productivity drive by offering to the industrialist, the information, diverse materials and facilities relating to the latest trends and exploration data in diverse enterprises.
- 5) It should provide to one and all a harmless and elevating use of leisure.
- 6) It should preserve the library remains of humanity for posterity as vehicles of cultural and as source materials for antiquarian.
- 7) It should work for continued social well – being as the agency in charge of all social recorded thought.

Thus a public library according to Ranganathan has educational, informational, political, economical, industrial, cultural and antiquarian functions.

### FUNCTIONS OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

A public library generally performs the following functions

- 1) It provides free and direct access to tools of information and education.
- 2) It serves as an instrument of informal self education.

## OBJECTIVES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY



- 3) It acts as a center for cultural and social activities of the local community.
- 4) It stimulates through and develops understanding among people and to strengthen the spirit of democracy.
- 5) It preserves the materials of local/regional cultural heritage.

**Important functions of public library may be presented under two broad headings.**

- I. Collection related functions
- II. Service related functions

### A) Collection related functions

The public library acquires, collects, organizes and make available material for use of audiovisual materials to the public with an aim to:

- i) Providing to the public facilities for formal and informal lifelong self education.
- ii) Provides facilities to support their formal education by collection of books and other documents on various subjects and courses.
- iii) Provides healthy literature for recreation constructive use of leisure time.
- iv) Meeting information need of the community.
- v) Reach those who do not or cannot reach in.
- vi) Providing documents to support the civic and cultural engagement.

### B) Service Related functions

The public library performs numerous range of functions and activities in order to serve the community more effectively. In brief they are as under.

- i) To provide guidance to its readers in locating and using the document of their interest.
- ii) To promote the use of the library by registering, publicizing the library's service.
- iii) To serve as a social, cultural and intellectual power house for the community and for this purpose to employ efficient way of information retrieval system to organize extension activities such as discussion, on the current problems of the community religious discourses after library hours and local festivals book exhibitions etc.

## SUGGESTIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

Our primary aims and objectives are to make a non reader to a common reader and the common reader to a purposeful reader. This agency for lifelong education should be maintained and developed properly. No doubt, we face numerous problems of varying degree from time to time but we should endeavour to take them one at a time and move further to establish and achieve the desired goal.

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