

INFORMATION SEEKING BEHAVIOR OF LIBRARY USE PATTERN AMONG UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS: A CASE STUDY

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ABSTRACT

The present research paper examines that Information seeking behavior of library Use pattern among Undergraduate students the survey method adopted for the study. Followed by there are 232(100 %) were satisfied with “Text Books”, 201(86.64 %) were satisfied with “Reference Books”, 197(84.92 %) were satisfied with “Motivational Books”, 191(82.33 %) were satisfied with “News papers”, 186(80.17 %) were satisfied with “Exam preparation Books”, 165(71.13 %) were satisfied with “Electronic sources”, 199(85.77 %) were satisfied with “Story/Fiction and novels”, and 200(86.21 %) were satisfied with “Magazines”, 230(99.13 %) were satisfied with “Circulation service”, 228(98.27 %) were satisfied “Reference Service”, 218(93.96 %) were satisfied “Current awareness service”, 201(86.63 %) were satisfied “Alerting service”, 196(84.48 %) were satisfied “Selective dissemination of information”, 189(81.46 %) were satisfied “Internet” and 232(100 %) were satisfied with “Ask a librarian”, 200(86.20 %) were having Good opinion on Lighting /Ventilation 196(84.48 %) were having Good opinion on Library building, 186(80.17 %) were having Good opinion on Furniture/equipment, 189(81.46 %) were having Good opinion on Seat arrangement, 178(76.72 %) were having Good opinion on Drinking water, 168(72.41 %) were having Good opinion on Cleanliness and 163(70.25 %) were having Good opinion on Toilet.

KEYWORDS: *Information, Undergraduate, Reference Books, Motivational, Preparation, Electronic, Magazines, Circulation, Lighting, Arrangement*

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INTRODUCTION

User is a person who will use the library collections. User behavior is how user will behave while using library collections or while reading Books, Reference Books, Magazines, News papers, Story Books etc. In today's knowledge society information plays a very important role for all round development of the students. The present study examine that Information seeking behavior of library Use pattern among Undergraduate students, Government First grade college is centrally located in the heart of kolar town affiliated by Bangalore university and it is supporting education for rural area students.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Adekunle (2014) *The present study investigated that the survey method adopted for the study there are 89 questionnaire was distributed to the students 82 questionnaire (92 %) were analyzed for the study followed by 51 (62.2 %), general reading to enhance lecture notes 50 (61.0 %), preparation for examinations and tests 37 (45.1 %)*

which recorded high response rate, preparation for tutorial presentations 20 (24.4) have low response rate followed by preparation for Seminars and workshops 6 (7.3 %) and class–group discussions 6 (7.3 %) led undergraduate students towards seeking information. 47 (57.3 %), internet 46 (56.1 %) Test Books 40 (48.8 %), and Handout. **Garg and others (2020)** They examine in their study the survey method adopted for the study 110 questionnaires were randomly distributed among the library users out of which 98 questionnaire received back, 75(76.53 %) visit library daily whereas 12 (12.24 %) respondents visit library weekly. 9 (9.01 %) respondents visit the library occasionally, 49(50 %) respondents go to the library to get information for their competitive exams whereas 15(15.30 %) respondent seeks information for updating their knowledge and research work respectively and 2(2.04 %) respondents seek information to guide the others, 80 (80.16 %) respondents visit library to get Books, Internet is the second most preferred resource which is opted by 49(50 %) respondents, Newspaper 17 (17.34 %), Electronic media 17(17.34 %), Journals 6(6.12 %), Magazine 4(4.08 %), References 5(5.10 %) and 2(2.04 %) others sources also used by the students in the library for getting relevant information 58(59.18 %) responses. **Okoh and Ijiekhuamhen(2014)** Their study revealed that The Survey research method was used to carry out this study because of its large population. The total population of the study was 1,816 undergraduate students of federal University of petroleum Resources (FUPRE). A total of 816 of respondents were selected out of the total population. 816 copies of the questionnaire that were administered to the undergraduate students, 665(81 %) were retrieved. The data collected in the study is presented according to the objectives of the study. (95 %) of the respondents are male while (5 %) are female, (48 %) of the respondents are students in their first year while 16 % are second year students, 14 % are third year students, 13 % students in their fourth year, 9 % are fifth year students. (48 %) of the respondents are students in their first year while 16 % are second year students, 14 % are third year students, 13 % students in their fourth year, 9 % are fifth year students.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- To know the Number of questionnaires distributed and received back
- To find out course wise response received
- To verify Age wise response received
- To know the How often visit to the library
- To know Time spent in library
- To know the purpose of visit to the library
- To know Opinion on Sources for preferred reading
- To Know the opinion on Services of library
- To verify Physical facilities of the library

SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS AND METHOD OF THE STUDY

The Survey method adopted for study there are 250 questionnaires distributed and 232 (92.8 %) filled questionnaires were received back from the students. The present study limited only Under Graduate students of Government first grade college for Boys library kolar.

DATA ANALYSIS

The Present collected data was analyzed and presented with tables and graphs

Table 1 shows that Number of questionnaires distributed and received back from Under Graduate students. There are 250 Questionnaire were distributed and 232(92.8 %) are received back.

Table 2 shows that course wise response received from the students there are 87(37.5 %) were “BA” followed by 76(32.75 %) were “BSc” and 69(29.75 %) were “Bcom”.

Table 3 Shows that Age wise response received from the students there are 105(45.26 %) were between the age group of “18-20” years followed by 63(27.15 %) were between the age group of “21-23” years, 42(18.10 %) were between the age group of “24-26” years and 22(9.49 %) were 27 and above age group.

Table 4 shows that Often visit to the library there are 95(40.95 %) were visiting library “Every day” followed by 41(17.68 %) were visiting library “Alternative days”, 32(13.79 %) were visiting library “Once in a week”, 30(12.93 %) were visiting library “Once in Two weeks”, 21(9.05 %) were visiting library “Once in a Month”, 13(5.60 %) were visit library “Occasionally”.

Table 5 shows that purpose of visit to the library there are 231(99.56 %) were visit library for the purpose “To Borrow and return the Books” followed by 222(95.68 %) were visit library for “To read Books”, 215(92.67 %) were visit library “To do projects”, 218(93.96 %) were visit library “To write assignments”, 201(86.63 %) were visit library “To read News Papers”, 198(85.34 %) were visit library “To prepare for Competitive exams”, 184(79.31 %) were visit library “To read Story Books”.

Table 6 Shows that Time spent in library there are 87(37.5 %) were spent “Less than one hour” time in their library followed by 61(26.30 %) were spent “One hour time”, 53(22.84 %) were spent “Two hours time”, 20(8.62 %) were spent “Three hours” and 11(4.74 %) were spent “Four hours and above” in their college library.

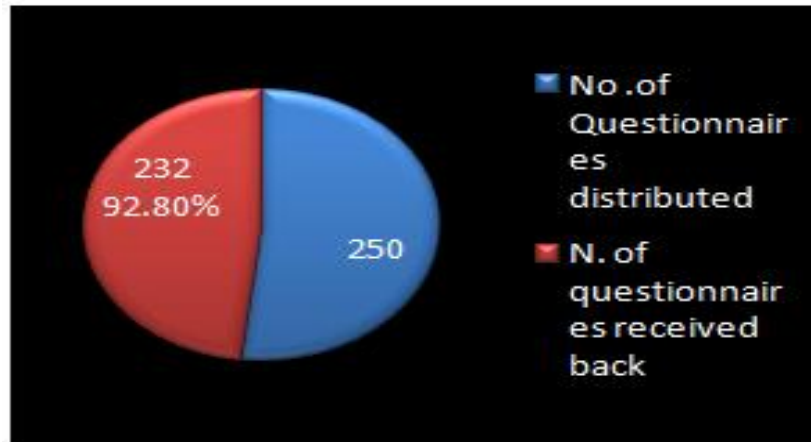
Table 7 Shows that Opinion on Sources for preferred reading there are 232(100 %) were satisfied with “Text Books”, followed by 201(86.64 %) were satisfied with “Reference Books”, 197(84.92 %) were satisfied with “Motivational Books”, 191(82.33 %) were satisfied with “News papers”, 186(80.17 %) were satisfied with “Exam preparation Books”, 165(71.13 %) were satisfied with “Electronic sources”, 199(85.77 %) were satisfied with “Story/Fiction and novels”, and 200(86.21 %) were satisfied with “Magazines”.

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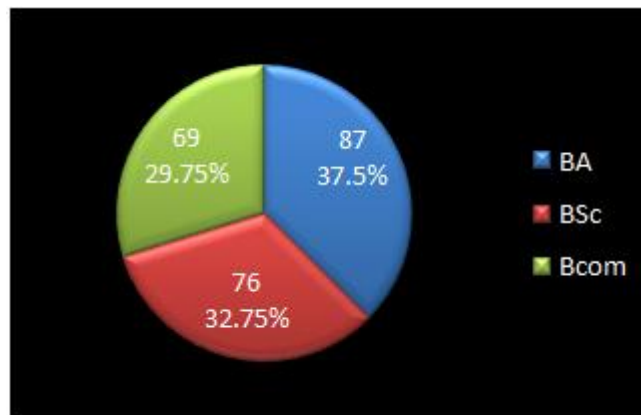
Table 9 shows that Physical facilities of the library there are 200(86.20 %) were having Good opinion on Lighting /Ventilation followed by 196(84.48 %) were having Good opinion on Library building, 186(80.17 %) were having Good opinion on Furniture/equipment, 189(81.46 %) were having Good opinion on Seat arrangement, 178(76.72 %) were having Good opinion on Drinking water, 168(72.41 %) were having Good opinion on Cleanliness and 163(70.25 %) were having Good opinion on Toilet.

Table 1: Number of Questionnaires Distributed and Received Back

No. of Questionnaires Distributed	N. of Questionnaires Received Back	%
250	232	92.8 %

**Figure 1: Number of Questionnaires Distributed and Received Back.****Table 2: Course Wise Response Received**

Sl. No	Course	No. of Respondents	%
1	BA(I,II,III)	87	37.5
2	BSc(I,II,III)	76	32.75
3	Bcom(I,II,III)	69	29.75
Total		232	100

**Figure 2: Course Wise Response Received.****Table 3: Age Wise Response Received**

Sl. No	Age	No. of Respondents	%
1	18-20 years	105	45.26
2	21-23 years	063	27.15
3	24-26 years	042	18.10
4	27 and above years	022	09.49
Total		232	100

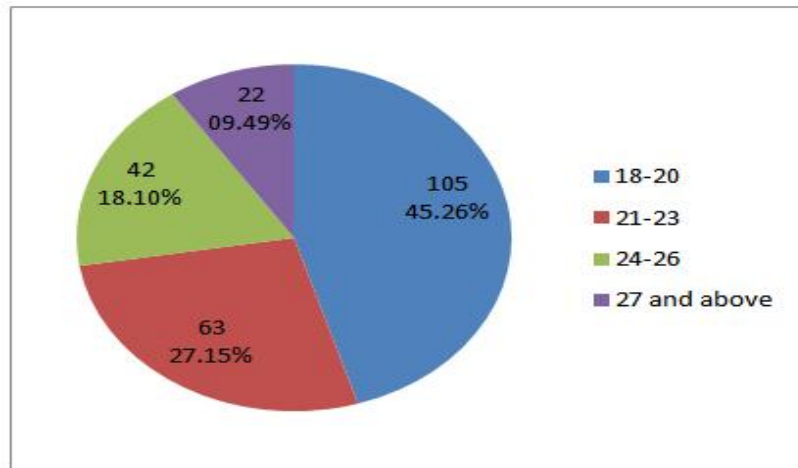


Figure 3: Age Wise Response Received.

Table 4: Often Visit to the Library

Sl. No	Often	No of respondents	%
1	Every day	095	40.95
2	Alternative days	041	17.68
3	Once in a week	032	13.79
4	Once in Two weeks	030	12.93
5	Once in a Month	021	09.05
6	Occasionally	013	05.60
Total		232	100

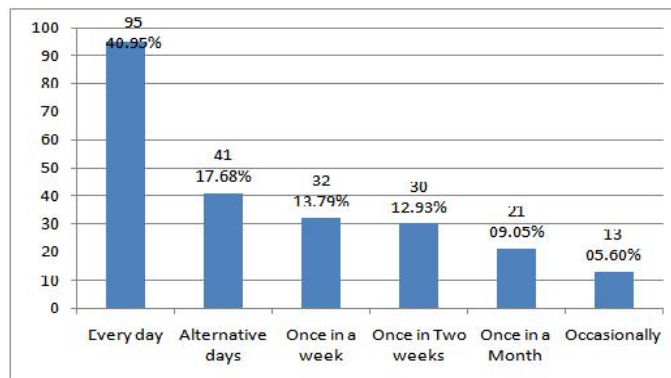


Figure 4: Often Visit to the Library.

Table 5: Purpose of Visit to the Library (More Than One Response Received)

Sl. No	Purpose	No of Respondents	%
1	To Borrow and return the Books	231	99.56
2	To read Books	222	95.68
3	To do projects	215	92.67
4	To write assignments	218	93.96
5	To read News Papers	201	86.63
6	To prepare for Competitive exams	198	85.34
7	To read Story Books	184	79.31

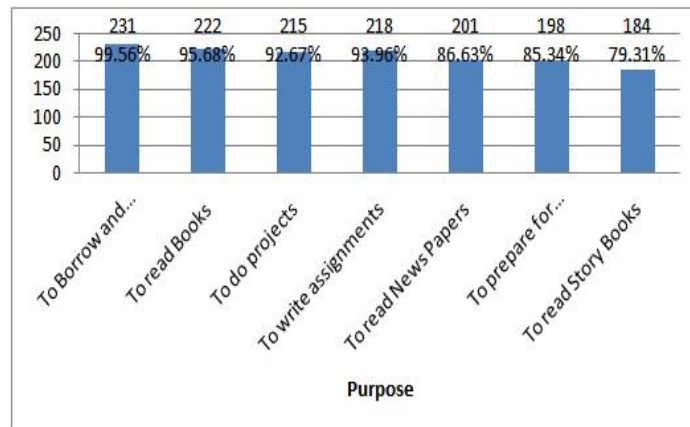


Figure 5: Purpose of Visit to the Library.

Table 6: Time Spent in Library

Sl. No	Time spent	No. of Respondents	%
1	Less than one hour	087	37.5
2	One Hour	061	26.30
3	Two Hours	053	22.84
4	Three Hours	020	08.62
5	Four and above	011	04.74
Total		232	100

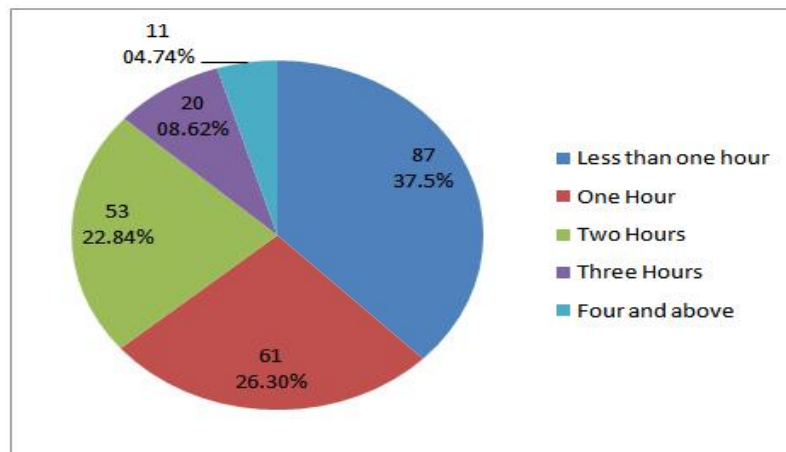


Figure 6: Time Spent in Library.

Table 7: Opinion on Sources for Preferred Reading

Sl. No	Sources	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory
1	Text Books	232(100 %)	Nil
2	Reference Books	201(86.64 %)	31(13.36 %)
3	Motivational Books	197(84.92 %)	35(15.08 %)
4	News papers	191(82.33 %)	41(17.67 %)
5	Exam preparation Books	186(80.17 %)	46(19.83 %)
6	Electronic sources	165(71.13 %)	67(28.87 %)
7	Story/Fiction and novels	199(85.77 %)	33(14.23 %)
8	Magazines	200(86.21 %)	32(13.79 %)

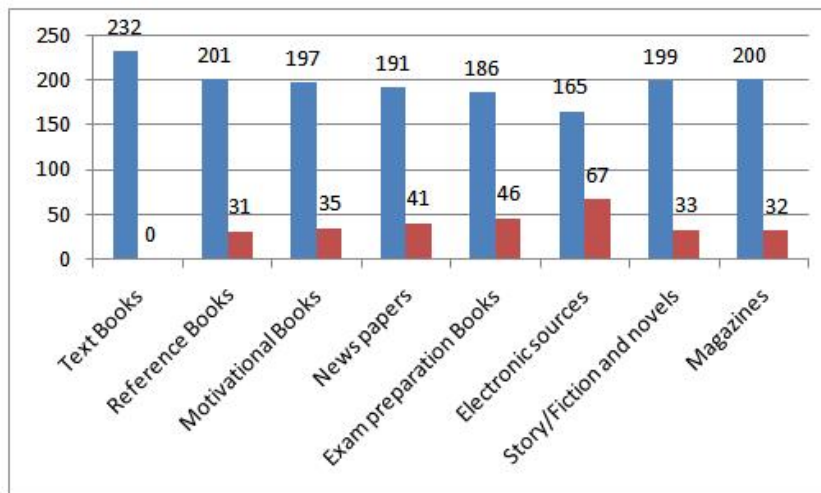


Figure 7: Opinion on Sources for Preferred Reading.

Table 8: Opinion on Services of Library

Sl. No	Library Services	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory
1	Circulation service	230(99.13 %)	02(0.87 %)
2	Reference Service	228(98.27 %)	04(01.73 %)
3	Current awareness service	218(93.96 %)	14(06.04 %)
4	Alerting service	201(86.63 %)	31(13.37 %)
5	Selective dissemination of information	196(84.48 %)	36(15.52 %)
6	Internet	189(81.46 %)	43(18.54 %)
7	Ask a librarian	232(100 %)	Nil

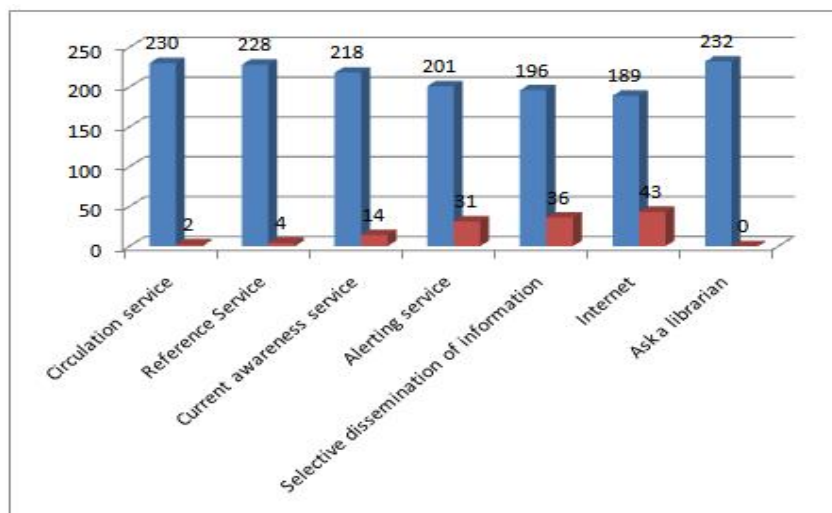


Figure 8: Opinion on Services of Library.

Table 9 Physical Facilities of the Library

Sl. No	Physical Facilities	Good	Average	Poor
1	Lighting /Ventilation	200(86.20 %)	29(12.5 %)	03(01.30 %)
2	Library building	196(84.48 %)	20(08.62 %)	16(06.90 %)
3	Furniture/equipment	186(80.17 %)	25(10.78 %)	21(09.05 %)
4	Seat arrangement	189(81.46 %)	23(09.91 %)	20(08.63 %)
5	Drinking water	178(76.72 %)	29(12.5 %)	25(10.78 %)
6	Cleanliness	168(72.41 %)	40(17.24 %)	24(10.35 %)
7	Toilet	163(70.25 %)	39(16.81 %)	30(12.94 %)

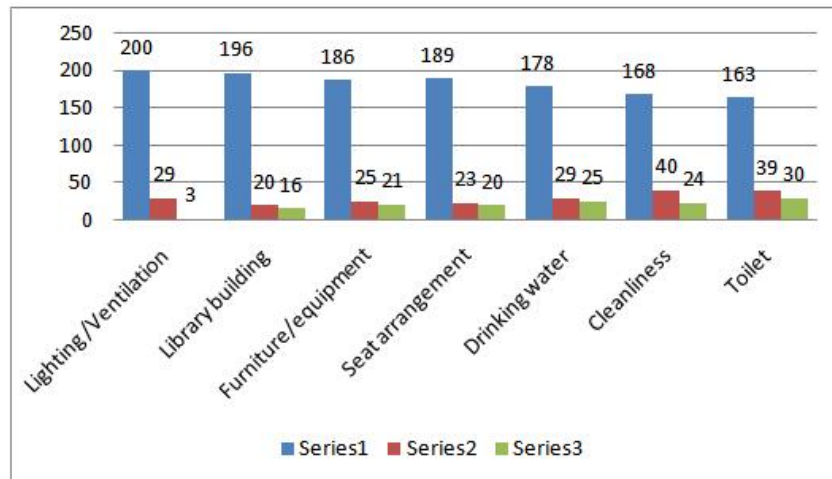


Figure 9: Physical Facilities of the Library.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION OF PRESENT STUDY

The major findings of the study shows that There are 250 Questionnaire were distributed and 232(92.8 %) are received back from the students followed by 87(37.5 %) were “BA”, 76(32.75 %) were “BSc”, 69(29.75 %) were “Bcom”, 105(45.26 %) were between the age group of “18-20” years, 63(27.15 %) were between the age group of “21-23” years, 42(18.10 %) were between the age group of “ 24-26” years, 22(09.49 %) were 27 and above age group, 95(40.95 %) were visiting library “Every day”, 41(17.68 %) were visiting library “Alternative days”, 32(13.79 %) were visiting library “Once in a week”, 30(12.93 %) were visiting library “Once in Two weeks”, 21(09.05 %) were visiting library “Once in a Month”, 13(05.60 %) were visit library “Occasionally”, 231(99.56 %) were visit library for the purpose “To Borrow and return the Books”, 222(95.68 %) were visit library for “To read Books”, 215(92.67 %) were visit library “To do projects”, 218(93.96 %) were visit library “To write assignments”, 201(86.63 %) were visit library “To read News Papers”, 198(85.34 %) were visit library “To prepare for Competitive exams”, 184(79.31 %) were visit library “To read Story Books”, 87(37.5 %) were spent “Less than one hour” time in their library, 61(26.30 %) were spent “One hour time”, 53(22.84 %) were spent “Two hours time”, 20(08.62 %) were spent “Three hours” and 11(04.74 %) were spent “Four hours and above” in their college library.

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