

EXTENSION SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BY PUBLIC LIBRARIES BEFORE PANDEMIC

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Abstract: *Public Libraries in India works like social activity. Review taken about the facilities given by, activities taken by, benefits for people, changes in pandemic, what is extension activity, actual activity, conclusion, changed situations after pandemic, before pandemic.*

Introduction:

There are three types of libraries.

- Academic Library
- Special Library
- Public Library

Academic Libraries are Libraries of Educational Institutes such as School Library, College Library and University Library. All the Libraries contain educational material of their respective curriculums. Special Libraries are the Libraries which contains special types of collection. Special libraries are there in order to meet unsatisfied needs of information in an organization (1). Special Libraries are found in Government Departments, Hospitals, Religious institutions, Businesses and industries, Research organizations, Legal establishments, Factories, Museums, Defense establishments.

Public Library:

Public library is one of the most important democratic institutions evolved by the modern society. Public library is considered not only to be a library which is used by the public in leisure for passing time in recreational reading including study of poetry, drama, fiction, newspapers and popular magazines, but also as an intellectual power house, which strives to fulfill and meet the educational, cultural and informational needs of the users it serves through various kinds of materials. It caters to the varying needs of the people regardless of race, colour, creed, age, sex, status, educational attainments or language. A public library is a 'People's University' with a primary purpose to provide information resources and services to all sections of the society. Public Library is:

- Library for all.