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1. INTRODUCTION:

An academic library is a library that is attached to academic institutions above the secondary level, serving the teaching and research needs of students and staff. These libraries serve two complementary purposes: to support the school's curriculum and to support the research of the university faculty and students.

Academic libraries include school, college, university and research libraries. All these cater to the needs of academic community for supplementing the study and research programmes of the institution and help conserve and disseminate knowledge. Although these academic libraries share certain common features and characteristics, they differ enormously in the value and content from one another. Academic libraries do not exist by themselves: they exist to serve the objectives of the education system of which they form a part. The primary objectives of any academic institution are: conservation and preservation of knowledge, expansion of ideas and dissemination of knowledge with the help of interpretation, research and publication; and dissemination of knowledge through teaching and extension services. The libraries in academic institutions help to achieve these objectives.

2. Objectives:

Academic libraries have a primary obligation to meet the information needs of the members of their institution. Functions outside this, such as availability to the general public, are secondary, through FEE-BASED SERVICES are becoming significant. Academic libraries therefore always have two purposes:

- 1- Providing for the educational needs of students, both those arising directly from the curriculum and those of a more general nature.
- 2- Supporting the teaching staff in their need for up-to-date material required for their teaching role.
- 3- Providing for research (where the institution undertakes this), both higher degree work and research activity of academic staff.

3. Types Of Academic Libraries:

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- School Libraries
- College Libraries
- University Libraries

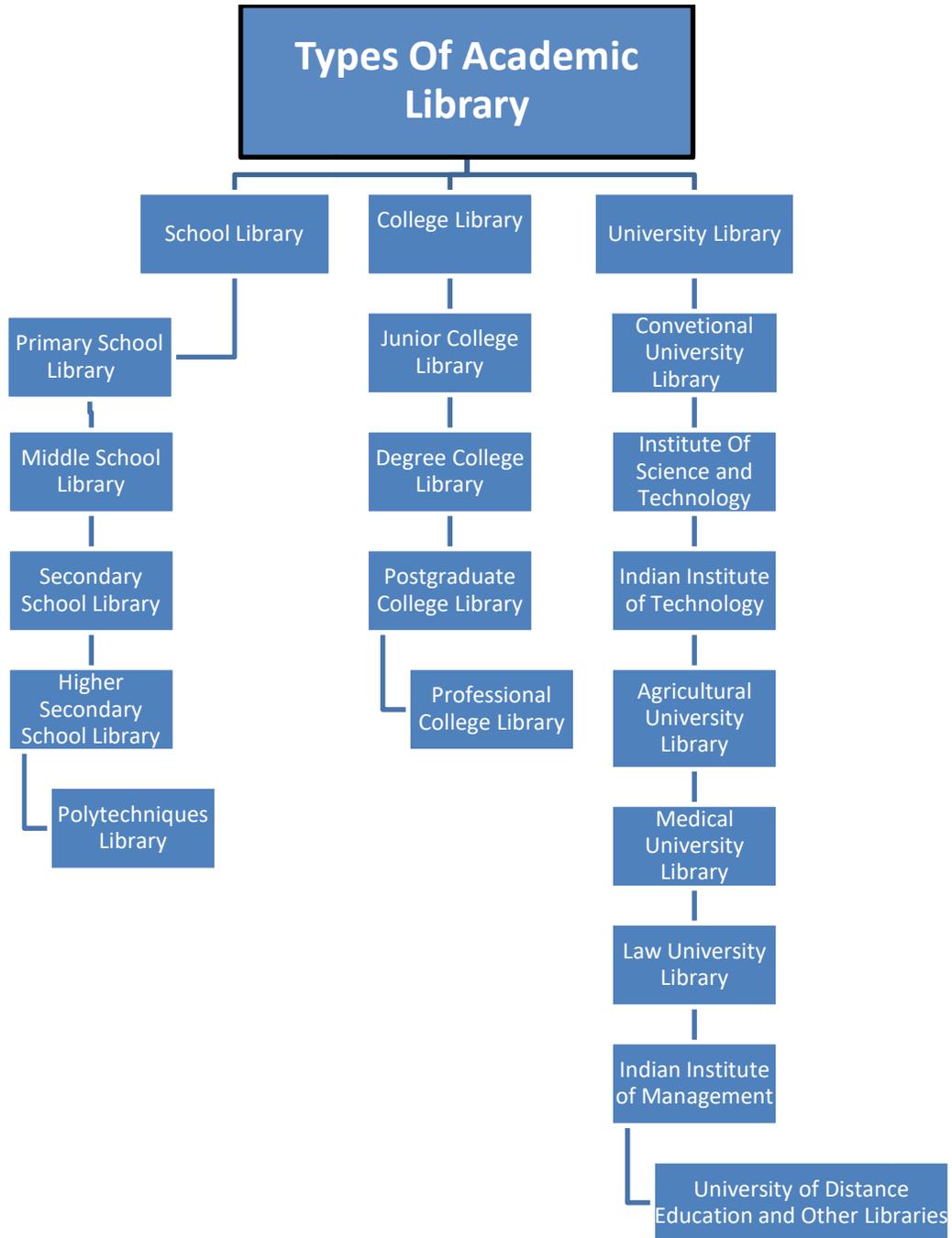


Figure: Types Of Libraries

College Library:

Colleges form the integral part of higher education and libraries in colleges are the primary source for learning process. With the shift of emphasis from teaching to learning, libraries must play their role effectively. A landmark in the development of college libraries was the appointment of Library Committee of the University Grants Commission and publication of its Report in 1965. Some of the important recommendations of the Committee relate to the financial support of college libraries by UGC (India) and State Government include staff strength and qualifications; book selection and collection, measures to promote reading habit proposal for library building etc.. The National Education Commission 1964-66 (popularly known as Kothari Commission) recognized the importance of libraries in colleges and stated that no new college or department should be started without adequate provision for its library. This is the place where they can set their future goals and shape their career. Hence college libraries have a vital role to play in the graduate and postgraduate education programmes.

4. Functions:

college library performs the following functions:

- To prepare the students for different professions and occupations and to develop their skills it procures self-learning materials, competitive exam books etc. are provided by the library.
- The procures newspapers, weekly and monthly magazines on current events, general knowledge books etc. to make aware its users about their surroundings.
- It subscribes useful journals, research bulletins on different subjects as per the recommendations of faculty for research work and to keep the teachers abreast with the latest in their disciplines.
- If some document is not available in the library it brings it on inter library loan on demand of its users.
- It also provides light reading material like fiction, bibliographies, magazines, travel book guides, audio- visual etc. to give healthy leisure time to its users.

- It procures general reference books such as dictionaries, directories, encyclopedias, yearbooks as well as some subject specific reference books.
- To make library and its use more accessible and easy it makes proper classification, catalogue, shelf arrangement, display of new arrivals and provides services like bibliographical, indexing, abstracting, etc.
- To provides operation training to its new users to use the library and dissemination time to time

5). Objectives Of College Library:

College library is the most important adjunct of a college. It aims at realisation of institutional objectives. It strives to generate enthusiasm and eagerness among the students and faculty and help them to make use of the available reading materials. The primary objectives of college library are to:

- support implementation of objectives of parent institution i.e. the college;
- supplement the curricular taught in the institution to which it is attached;
- give students a wider and deeper understanding of the universe of knowledge; and
- work as an independent agency and encourage life-long learning beyond the prescribed syllabi so that the students can be more enlightened and knowledgeable.
- To open the door to the worldwide of books that lie beyond the borders of one's own field of specialization; and
- To help the teacher in keeping abreast of developments in his field;
- To provide resources necessary for research in the field of interest to the college;
- To bring books, students and scholars together under conditions, which encourage reading for pleasure, self-discovery, personal growth and sharpening of intellectual curiosity.

6).Services Of College Library:

The services of the College library towards the society are:

1. To provide the opportunity for self-education to everyone.

2. To provide modern trade business for the managerial people to adopt the training for the development of information.
3. To provide up to date information to all.
4. To provide scientific knowledge.
5. To provide biased and unbiased materials for the people.
6. To Provide full-text digital collections available on CD-ROM or online include Automatic Digital Online Information System (ADONIS), IEEE/IEE Electronic Library (IEL), Computer Application Binary Interface Databases (ABI/ INFORM) and Library and General Periodicals, E-space worlds, US Patents, etc.

7).Collection Of College Library:

Collection Development Policy is the Course of Action Adopted For Developing the Collection or Stock in a Library. A Policy Can unwritten Convetion or a Written

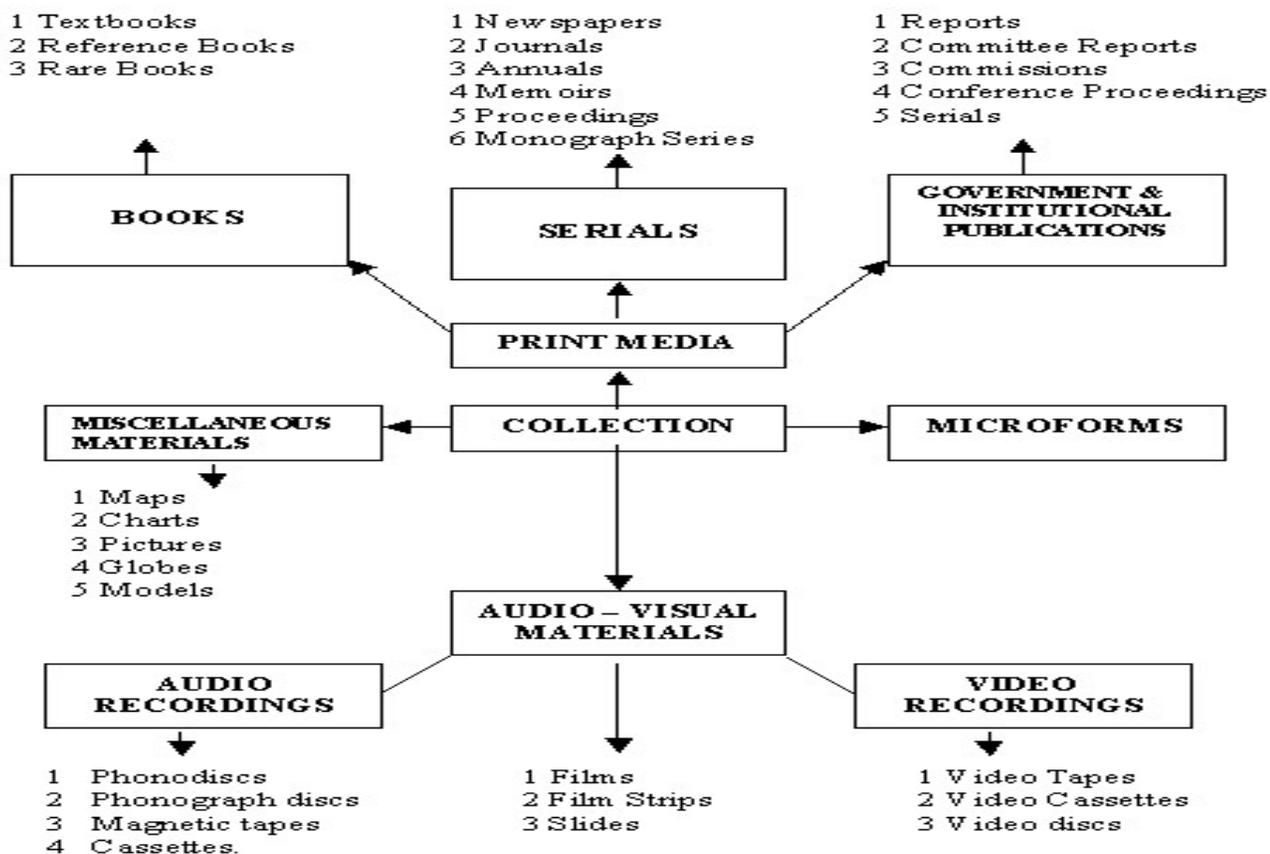


Figure 2. Course materials for various media.

8).Conclusion:

Libraries, many of their resources and services, and the information experts who work in libraries appear to be increasingly less visible in a universe of abundant information, but without data we could not say with any certainty how extensive this apparent shift has become. College students have the highest rate of library use and broadest use of library resources, both physical and electronic. College students use the library, but they use the library less and read less since they began using the Internet. College students use personal knowledge and common sense and crossreferencing other sites to judge if electronic information is trustworthy.