A Study of the Grading Libraries in Sri Lanka: With Special Reference to Public Libraries in Sri Lanka

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Abstract

The library can be cited as a service center that will generally serve the information needs of a nation's population. From the service centers, public libraries have a unique place in the service centers for education, science, entertainment, entertainment and evaluation, no matter where they are born or demise. The public libraries need the standardization and the grading in order to provide an efficient and effective library and information service for the people. Therefore, this study focusses the grading of Libraries in Sri Lanka with particular reference to Public Libraries. The principal objective of the research is to study the grading in Sri Lankan Public Libraries in its present operations. Other objectives are to identify the steps taken by the librarians for future grading of their libraries, to examine the support given by the parent institutions in the process of grading their libraries. Survey research method is used for the study. Both primary and secondary data were used in this research. The questionnaires and interviews were used to collect primary data. SPSS computer software is used to analyze the collected data. The result of the study will be presented by using the tables and graphs pointing quantitative and qualitative data. Public Libraries in the Western Province are used for data collection. Sample will be designed using libraries attached to Municipal and Provincial government public libraries. The Sample population is divided in to three parts. The first category of sample is Public librarians of the hundred selected public libraries in Western Province. As the second category of the sample, the all staff including the Head of Extension Services Division at National Library are used. The third category of sample is the members of the Library Grading Committee attached to National Library Services Board of Sri Lanka.

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