

## **An Analytical Study on the Library Acquisition Policy of Public Libraries: Study based on the Public Libraries in Kegalle District**

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### **Abstract**

*All Libraries should follow library policies for success services and activities. Public library proved user's present needs and future needs and also parent body needs. Therefore public library should follow acquisitions policy success their goals and objectives. This research main objective to study library acquisition policies followed by Public Libraries in Kegalle. The secondary objective was analysing the library acquisition policy if enacted. Survey methodology was used in the research in which both qualitative and quantitative data were gathered. The research sample consists of 5 Public Libraries in Kegalle District. They were situated at Kegalle, Mawanella, Rambukkana, and Ruwanwella Pradeshiya Sabhas. The study observed a 100% absence of a written library acquisition policy in researched libraries. The study observed a 100% absence of a policy in activities. Conclusions of study the libraries do not follow a library acquisitions policy. There is no written library acquisitions policy as well. A written library acquisitions policy has to be introduced to each library to be set as a guideline to standardize the activities done in the libraries.*

**Keywords:** *Acquisitions policy, Library policy, Collection development, Public libraries*

### **Introduction**

Information has become a basic needs of human being in society. The impact of information has become crucial in all aspects of life. The Public Library plays the role of a university in disseminating information on economy, society, politics, culture, sports and so on. Therefore, organizing a library according to the needs of the users and parent institution is of prime importance. A library policy is a formal procedure of collect information, developing information and conserving information. A library policy helps to build a better coordination between the library and the users, and library and the parent institution. It also gives a formal outlook to all technical and non-technical activities done in a library.

### **Objectives**

This research main objective to study library acquisition policies followed by Public Libraries in Kegalle. The secondary objective was analysing the library acquisition policy if enacted. The research also focuses on the strategies included in library acquisition policy and what needed to be developed in a library acquisition policy