

Lokmanya Tilak Public Library: A Knowledge Tree

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Abstract

If a public library is doing a good job for the society, it is important to mention it. That is why the present article mentions its past history, number of readers, services provided in open door library, reference services, various departments, computerization programs, library time and awards received.

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History

Native libraries were started from 1838 in small and big cities of Maharashtra. But his main objective was to quench the hunger of the British who came to India for the sake of rule. So naturally, such libraries were filled with English texts. Marathi books or texts were not included there. Later, Hon. It was shifted to a new building with the help of Madhavraoji Kalikar. When Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated on January 30, 1948, the library was completely burnt down, manuscripts and rare literature were destroyed, and the library was closed and re-established on May 28, 1963.

Today, the library has 39,000 books and currently has 2,000 members of all kinds. These books are made available to the readers free of cost through this library. Books on various subjects have been neatly presented in the library of this library which has been promoting reading culture for 118 years till date

Readership

The total number of readers is more than 1000 and there are all kinds of readers in the city and mainly women and children readers.

Open door library

Upon entering the library, there is an open door library in the front area. It has newspapers, fortnightly, weekly magazines free of cost for the readers. There are separate seating arrangements for women as well as children. An average of fifty readers per day takes advantage of the open door section.

Collection / Reference

The collection / reference section is the soul of reading. In this library There were very few books before 1903. However, after the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi on January 30, 1948, the library was completely burnt down, so the rare literary manuscripts were destroyed. This section contains books on a wide range of topics, from scientific ideas today to Marx's ideas yesterday. It is used by many scholars and researchers. Science] Mathematics] Astrology] Medicine] Travel] Spirituality] History] Drama] Poetry] Mythology] There are various types of dictionaries. The total number of books in this reading is 29865 and there are 4056 reference books. Apart from RVB, there are 18 daily newspapers, 22 weekly and 11 fortnightly.

Department of Libraries

The library has various sections including the following section

1. **Women's Department** - This library has a women's section. There are 16 magazines for women, 89 women members and a daily average of 10. Book delivery service is provided

- 2. Department of Children's Literature** - This library has a children's section. There is space for feet. There are 10 types of magazines for children and there are 120 children readers while the daily average is 10. The monthly subscription is Rs. Is
- 3. Reference Section** - Services are provided under Reference Section. There are 4056 reference books in this library. There are 3814 in Marathi, 112 in English, 75 in Hindi and 55 others. The area of these reference books is 405 sq. Km. Feet. Reference services are provided free of charge.
- 4. Circulation Section** - Books are exchanged under this section. Readers are given books as per their demand
- 5. Administration Department** - In the administration of this library, there are four posts of Librarian, Assistant Librarian, Clerk and Peon to look after the library. Like these departments, the library also has various departments. It has competition examination department, reading room department
- 6. Donation /Subscription**
The organization provides books and texts to very decent readers. If you want to become a subscriber, the entrance fee is Rs. 25, Rs. 20 per month and the annual subscription is Rs. 200. They can read two books at a time. If you pay five thousand rupees, you can become a patron of the organization. They are allowed to carry three books at a time.

Computerization

Over time, the library has implemented a computerized

system. Therefore, the work of registering entire books by purchasing the first software system is underway. Soon, readers will be able to search for the book they want through the software system.

Cultural events

Along with the book service, many cultural events are organized by the museum. From time to time lectures are given by eminent persons in the field of literature. Babasaheb Ambedkar Jayanti Lokmanya Tilak Death Anniversary, Ganesh Utsav and Library Gathering are organized by celebrating Birth Anniversary and Death Anniversary in this way. The best readers in the organization are honored every year. Various cultural as well as entertainment programs are organized on the occasion of the annual festival.

Undertaking :

Library classes have been organized by this library for the last several years. The training period is from March to May and the exams are held in June. Books in the library are delivered to the readers at home under the name 'Library at your doorstep'.

Awards :

Assistant Librarian Shri Chandrakantji Panse has been awarded the Best Librarian Award by the Government of Maharashtra for his contribution to reading culture and literature for more than a century.

Timing :

The library is open from 8 to 11 in the morning and from 5 to 8 in the evening. It is a public holiday and the library is completely closed on Fridays.

Conclusion :

By providing various services to the readers in this way, he is continuing the work of imparting knowledge. This is due to proper management and planning The library has a history of 100 years and is serving the readers till date. Such libraries should be enriched by government grants.

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