

Impact of Punjab e-Library Project and Youth Development: A Descriptive Study

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Abstract:

The study aimed to explore the impact of e-libraries on youth development in Punjab, Pakistan. The study findings have implications for the government authorities, e-library administration and library professionals in justifying resources, identifying users' needs with special reference to the youth, and improving resources and services in the e-libraries.

Keywords: *Electronic libraries, digital libraries, Punjab e-library project, electronic resources, electronic services, youth development, Punjab, Pakistan*

Introduction:

"Library" is a Latin word which comes from "Liber" which means book, in simple words, library is a place where books, magazines, newspapers and information materials are collected. In Urdu and Persian, the word library is used for this while its synonym in Arabic is Khazara al-Kitab, Maktaba and Dar al-Kitab. The library is actually a great place where the intellectual and intellectual assets of thousands of years are collected, the result of the mental and pen efforts of millions of billions of scholars. Where the inspired books, the word collections of the concepts of certain human capabilities and cognitive breadth, the collection of interpretations and interpretations of modernists and commentators, the knowledge treasure of the researches and thoughts of researchers and thinkers, the books and translations of authors and translators, the capital of human writings, sciences. And the wealth of arts, poets, prose writers, writers and orators are available under one roof. Millions of geniuses who enter the library are side by side with the masterpieces of humanity and enlighten the world of mind and heart with their intellectual light.

Importance of Library

The library is the epitome and center of knowledge and thought and education. They should be protected and promoted by libraries, whose importance and utility have been recognized by civilized nations in every era. Scholars consider the libraries found in a country not only as a measure of cultural, educational and industrial development of that country but also as a national heritage. If you want to review the development of a country, you should look at the

educational institutions there and if you want to review the development of the educational institutions, you should visit the libraries there. Where libraries will be established, educational institutions will also be equally active in education and research. The essential result of which is the economic and social development of the country and the prosperity of the people. History also respects those nations that know how to protect their intellectual capital. Of inflation In this era, buying new books is becoming more and more difficult, so it is becoming impossible to build a personal library, so the importance of libraries increases somewhat, then every person has his own preferences and tastes. Some like history books. Some are fond of literary, some political and some religious books. A library contains books related to different subjects and many books are available on a subject and a person can simultaneously benefit from all kinds of ideas on a subject. Analyses, researches, opinions and many other means are used to describe the usefulness of library but in short, just as everything needs an environment to grow and flourish, so libraries in the society are needed to develop the book culture. need of The importance of libraries also increases somewhere, then every person has his own choice and his own taste. Some like history books. Some are fond of literary, some political and some religious books. A library contains books related to different subjects and many books are available on a subject and a person can simultaneously benefit from all kinds of ideas on a subject. Analyses, researches, opinions and many other means are used to describe the usefulness of library but in short, just as everything needs an environment to grow and flourish, so libraries in the society are needed to develop the book culture. need of But many books are available and one can simultaneously use all kinds of ideas on a subject. Analyses, researches, opinions and many other means are used to describe the usefulness of library but in short, just as everything needs an environment to grow and flourish, so libraries in the society are needed to develop the book culture. need of But many books are available and one can simultaneously use all kinds of ideas on a subject. Analyses, researches, opinions and many other means are used to describe the usefulness of library but in short, just as everything needs an environment to grow and flourish, so libraries in the society are needed to develop the book culture.

Why is a library needed?

There is no way to deny the importance and necessity of the book to any intelligent person, reading the book opens the mind and thoughts and ideas emerge, but this book is also the best helper in the vicissitudes of life, but all these are from civilized and religious books. Can be obtained and not books that promote obscenity. A question arises here that when modern technology has made everything easier, we can store thousands of millions of books in our

mobile laptops, opening them, searching and accessing our desired content has become very easy. So why the need for a library? Let it be remembered that for education and learning there is a dire need for books, teachers and educational institutions, there is also a great importance to have a library. The people of developed countries have more access to technology than us, but they Public libraries are still open because research has shown that reading from a book is more effective than reading from a tablet or mobile phone. Compared to screen reading, the mapping of reading words from a book is very clear. The left and right pages of the book and the eight corners help remember the placement of words. For this reason, reading on a book becomes easier as compared to reading on the screen. Reading on a book is more physical than reading on a screen. That's why, despite the advancement of technology in the world, people still prefer to read from a book rather than reading from a screen, and when it comes to reading a book, the home. It is also important to give priority to the library instead of because the library creates an environment where it is easy to read and understand the book. According to psychologists, we get tired in two ways while reading, one is psychological and the other is physical. The advantage of reading in the library is that a person is less prone to psychological fatigue because we see people around us busy reading, so the mind is convinced that we are not tired like them. A library. The most important advantage is that not every student can buy every book, but the library can have many of the best books available to them. A library does not only provide books or an environment for reading books, but it is a part of society where regular future development takes place. It is here that students meet others according to their thinking, share information with each other, give their opinions on the books, do analysis, which further increases their knowledge.

There is a loss. If we want to avoid this loss, we have to adapt ourselves to modern technology. At present, there are many such websites and There are apps on which digital books are available and the process of digitizing many ancient and modern books is going on rapidly.

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The previous Punjab government took a revolutionary step regarding the e-library and established "e-libraries" in various districts for the promotion of book culture. The project was spearheaded by the Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) with the support of Punjab Sports Board and took up Rawalpindi, Attock, Sargodha, Mianwali, Bhakkar, Faisalabad, Toba Tek Singh, Gujranwala, Gujarat, Narowal, Sheikhpura, Okara, Sahiwal, Multan, Wahari, Deir Ghazi Khan, Muzaffar. E-libraries were established in Garh, Bahawalpur and Rahim Yar Khan while the main e-library was built in Gaddafi Stadium Lahore. Highly qualified librarians and IT experts have been hired to run the project successfully. It was a great initiative of the Punjab Government to bring books and libraries up-to-date with modern technology, which is successfully ongoing and the present Govt. E-libraries established in 20 districts aim to engage the citizens in a positive way and inculcate in them the passion to read, write, learn, research and progress. These libraries have promoted e-reading, e-employment and e-learning culture among

students and common citizens. They are also helping to exchange ideas and ideas among people, promote positive activities and prevent extremism. No fee is charged to use them. The buildings of e-libraries are very beautiful. Built in style. Separate rooms and labs have been set up for mail and per mail. If you are a student of Journalism, Law, Medicine, Engineering or any other field then you don't need to spend time and search around on websites to find material because e-libraries have made it easy for you. And the e-library staff is always there to guide you. If you are an avid academic and literary reader, it is the duty of the e-library in-charge to give you access to your favorite books and other literature, and they will get you the desired book immediately. Muhammad Javed Iqbal is a highly educated, IT expert and visionary personality and is in charge of an "e-Library". He said that all libraries have been given access to online books, magazines, journals and theses through the central digital library created in Lahore. In these libraries, e-magazines, e-books, e-newspapers, e-theses, audio-video dictionaries, national International magazines and journals, reference Collection, Nobel prize winning collections, computing, engineering, medical, humanities, languages, mathematics, poetry, science, fiction, Urdu literature, audio-video lectures, children's literature, books of the subcontinent's famous and ancient publisher Munshi Noel Kishore, Sufi. Access to literature on isms, generalities, research and criticism, humor, travelogues, satire, autobiography, letters and many other topics has been made extremely easy. These libraries equipped with modern technology have cataloged digital books and the in-charge of e-library and other staff are there to guide you fully to get your required books. The libraries are equipped with modern laptops, tablets and computers. 30 laptops and 30 tablets have been provided in each library. Apart from this, if a person wants to use his laptop while sitting in the library, he can do so. Apart from regular members of the library, general public can also benefit from it. Print books were also kept in the libraries So that those who want to read printed books can also be facilitated. Here you can download your favorite books, audio video lectures etc. Wi-Fi facility is available in the libraries and 10-Books can be downloaded very fast with MB downloading speed. Higher Education Commission has a digital library which was earlier accessible only to government universities but now e-libraries have also been given access to it. Another digital library of Punjab Government, Pakistan Law Site and many other national and international digital libraries. Materials can be downloaded through "eLibraries". All the literature and laws related to all the courts and institutions can be accessed sitting in these libraries. If someone needs more content, they bring a hard disk, USB or any device to store the content, then the content is given to them. For M.Phil, Ph.D level thesis, full cooperation is done with male and female students Is . Doctors, lawyers and people from other fields are making full use of e-libraries. Beautiful auditorium halls with 50 to 60 comfortable seats have also been built in e-libraries. Seminars, workshops, lectures, symposiums and trainings on various topics are organized in these halls. Academic and literary organizations can conduct their programs free of charge. The halls have Wi-Fi, projectors, speakers, air-conditioners, microphones and camera facilities. No fee is charged for the use of the halls and the facilities provided in them. Thus, these libraries have the status of the best community centers in a way. The hours of these libraries are from nine in the morning to six in the evening. Some libraries are open late into the night. E-libraries also provide free training to local youth under the "e-employment programme". Employment means how to earn money through internet, websites and social media. The e-employment section provides training on web development, graphics, designing, earning employment through social media and online content management

courses. Under the "E-Learn Programme", the Punjab Government has digitized all science books from Nursery to FSC. Digitization does not mean that these books have been computerized only, but the lessons of these books have been digitized in the form of audios, videos and various documentaries. Also provided in SB. We were told that many students have been relieved of quotas by the "E-Learner Program" and they are preparing their lessons sitting at home. Various public and private institutions And social, literary and political personalities are invited to come to these libraries. Deputy Commissioner Bhakkar and Pakistan Army team led by Captain Faisal and Captain Wazir Khan visited the e-library established in the backward district of Bhakkar in Punjab. Describing the facilities in the library as the most important need of the hour, he appreciated the vision of the Punjab government and praised the academic, literary and research skills of the scholars in the library in backward areas like Mianwali, Bhakkar, Toba Tek Singh and Narowal. The establishment of such modern institutions is no less than a blessing or a shadow of a rush. According to a survey, 200 to 250 students and intellectuals visit the e-libraries in the backward areas on a daily basis. These e-libraries established in 20 districts of Punjab have made a good impact in a very short time and provided a positive activity to the citizens. Get instant access to the latest trends, creations and research It is necessary for any academic, literary and research person. E-libraries are an excellent forum to fulfill the needs of such people and cultivate their tastes. The Punjab government plans to expand the scope of this grand project to all districts and tehsils in the near future. The proposal to provide facilities for special people (blind, deaf and physically challenged) in these libraries is under consideration. It is necessary that other provinces should also establish digital libraries by imitating this revolutionary project of Punjab. Bring in and provide citizens with a positive and constructive activity.

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