

FACTORS CONDUCIVCE FOR THE PURPOSEFUL USE OF LIBRARIES AMONG UNIVERSITY'S STUDENTS IN PAKISTAN

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ABSTRACT

Education is a social activity that plays a critical role in enriching the living standard of people and libraries are the essential tools for promoting educational activities. The internet changes the whole world into a global village. Still educational institutions and libraries work hand in hand toward promoting knowledge. Libraries play a key role in developing reading habits among students. In Pakistan's educational setup, libraries are not functioning in the true sense due to many reasons, and students get no opportunities for reading additional books apart from their course books. These poor reading habits continue at the college level or even in university. The present study was designed to find out the factors conducive for the effective use of library among university students in Pakistan. It was planned to achieve the objectives, i.e. to identify the conducive factors for library use, library resources motivating students, the impact of teachers' motivation for students toward the use of libraries, importance of physical facilities for attracting students toward libraries. To investigate these objectives, two questionnaires were developed each for teachers and students on five point Likert scale. The study concluded that university teachers motivate students through library related tasks for the use of library. Students' own interest, library environment, librarian and other staffs' attitude and availability of necessary facilities are various important factors for the use of library.

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