PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN INDIA
WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE
TO TAMILNADU

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PUBLIC LIBRARIES

- Public libraries are a world-wide phenomenon.
- It is a local gateway to knowledge.
- Provides a basic condition of life long learning, independent decision making.
- And cultural development of the individual and social groups.
- Is an organization established, supported and funded by government or community organizations.

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Libraries in Ancient India were established by Emperors, Major Capitalists and Scholars.

In Sixth A.D Nalanda University, Bihar had Magnificent Library.

Taxila, Vikramashila Universities also had Valuable Libraries.

Mughal Emperors Babur, Humayun, and Akbar established many new libraries.
In 1820 Saraswathi Mahal Library established at Tanjore, Tamilnadu by Maharaja Sarfoji II.

In 1896 Connemara Library at Madras opened to Public
PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN INDIA

- In 1808 Bombay Government proposed to register libraries.
- Royal Asiatic Society (1784), Bombay Literary Society (1804), Madras Literary Society (1818) had libraries used only by British People.
- In 1891 Imperial Library was established in Calcutta by making different Government Department libraries together.
- In 30\textsuperscript{th} January 1903 opened to public by Lord Curzon.
PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN INDIA

- In 1953 Imperial Library Calcutta declared as National Library of India by then Education Minister of India Moulana Abulkalam Azad.

- In 1951 Delhi Public Library was established by UNESCO’s Public Library Pilot Project

- Delivery of Books Public Library Act was enacted in 1954, Periodicals are included in 1956.

- In the year 1972, to promote library movement in India Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRLF) was established.

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NATIONAL LIBRARY - INDIA
PUBLIC LIBRARY ACTS

- 1948 Tamilnadu
- 1960 Andhra Pradesh
- 1965 Karnataka
- 1967 Maharashtra
- 1979 West Bengal
- 1988 Manipur
- 1989 Kerala
- 1993 Mizoram
- 1993 Goa
- 2000 Gujarat
- 2001 Orissa
- 2005 Uttaranchal
- 2006 Rajasthan
- 2006 Uttar Pradesh
- 2008 Bihar
- 2009 Chattisgarh

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IMPORTANT YEARS

- 1948 – Madras Public Library Bill Passed.
- 1950 – Connemara Library designated State Central Library.
- 1951 – Delhi Public Library Established.
- 1954 – Delivery of Books Act enacted
- 1955 – Central Reference Library Established
- 1957 – Advisory Committee for Libraries appointed.
- 1962 – Model Library sent to states.
- 1972 – Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation established
- 1978 – National Adult Education program adopted.
- 1979 – Library Section established in Department of Culture of Government of India.

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1985 – Committee on National Policy on Library and Information Systems appointed.


1986 – National Literacy Mission established.


2005 – National Knowledge Commission
PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN TAMILNADU

Madras Literary Society was established in 1812.

In 1928 Madras Library Association was formed, Mr. V.V. Srinivasa Iyangar was the first President and “Father of Libraries in India” Dr. S.R. Ranganathan was the first Secretary.

Tamilnadu is the first state to pass Public Libraries Act in 1948, it was the milestone in the Public Library Movement in the country.

Under the G.O No 1421 dated 02.06.1939 School Libraries are opened to public in the Madras Presidency.
MOBILE LIBRARY

First Mobile Library was inaugurated on 21st October 1931 by Dr. S.R. Ranganathan at Mannargudi, Tamilnadu.

Mobile Library was designed by then PWD Engineer, Raosahib S.V. Kanagasabai Pillai.

Books, Gramophone, Slide Projects, Slides and Music discs are kept in a cart.

In 1939 Mobile Library called “Gnana Ratham” had started by Madurai District Association.

One of the report reveals there were 13,000 Libraries for Aged people.
First Mobile Library
DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

- Under the section 4(A) of Public Libraries Act Connemara Library was declared as the State Central Library.

- Under the Section 5(2) of Public Libraries Act Local Library Authority for Chennai was formed.

- Under the Section 5(3) of Public Libraries Act Local Library Authority in other districts were formed in other districts.
Connemara Library
In early years Public Libraries functioned under Directorate of School Education.

In 1972 Directorate of Public Libraries was Established.
DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Mission and Vision

- To Promote Public Library Movement in the State.
- To Provide life-long self education.

Main Activities:

- Popularizing the Public Library Movement.
- Providing adequate infra structural facilities
- Providing reading materials.
- Resource building and mobilization of funds.
OBJECTIVES

- To render best library service to the greatest number at the least cost.

- To monitor and guide the subordinate officers for providing library service to the public.

- To establish more library system in Districts, Villages, Blocks.
Tamilnadu Public Libraries

- State Central Library : 1
- District Central Libraries : 32
- Branch Libraries : 1662
- Mobile Libraries : 10
- Village Libraries : 1800
- Part Time Libraries : 546
- Anna Centenary Library : 1

Total Libraries : 4042
LIBRARY SERVICES

- Mobile Library Service.
- Prison Library Service.
- Hospital Library Service.
- Library Services for Researchers and Students.
- Competitive Exam Section.
- Libraries at Police Quarters premises.
- Braille Section.
- Reference Section
- Readers Circle
- Library Patron Service
- Library at Airport Premises.
SPECIAL SERVICES

- Permanent book exhibition is established in Connemara Public Library to facilitate the exhibition of new books and publication.

- Class Room Library.
  - In collaboration with School Education Department, Directorate Public Libraries provides this service.
  - Books will be sent to the concerned school through Librarians and Teachers and kept for student’s use.

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“Our World Library” is a special programme launched for --

- Maintaining a neat and tidy library.
- Arranging the books in proper order.
- Enrolling maximum number of Patrons, Users and Members to the Library.
- Creating awareness about library among the students.
SPECIAL SERVICES

As a Part of “Our World Library” programme competitions are conducted every year for the students for class IX to XII

- Essay Writing
- Elocution
- Library Awareness Slogans
SPECIAL SERVICES

- Students securing First place in State Level competitions were sent to Singapore Tour.
- Students securing Second place in the State Level competitions were sent to All India Tour.
- Students securing Third place in the State Level competitions were sent to Tamilnadu Tour.
- Due to this 20,00,000 Students have become the members of public library during 2009 - 2010
WELFARE BOARD

- Tamilnadu Book publishers, Book sellers and workers welfare board is formed by the state government.
- 2854 workers have became the member of this Board so far.
- Various welfare measures have been awarded to the members.
All the routine works of libraries are computerized.

DCLs, Branch Libraries are computerized and having Internet facility.

KOHA open source software is being used.
NETWORKING

- Now All the District Central Libraries are connected in Public Library Network.

- District Central Libraries will be connected with Connemara Library and Anna Centenary Library soon.

- OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) facility has been launched
INCOME

- Library Cess
- Matching grant from the Government
- Plan grant from the Government
- Donation from Public
BEST LIBRARIAN AWARD

- Librarians working in the Public Library system are Honoured with “Best Librarian Award” every year from 2000.

- It Motivates the Librarians to work enthusiastically.
ANNA CENTENARY LIBRARY

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BLUE PRINT OF ANNA CENTENARY LIBRARY
KEY STATISTICS

Location : Kotturpuram, Chennai
Land area : 8 acres.

Floors : Ground + 8 floors
Collection : Capacity of 12 lakh books
Braille Section : For Visually Impaired persons
Kids special : Dedicated section (1st floor)
Seating : 1250 persons at a time
Parking : 417 Cars & 1026 Two wheelers
Accessibility : Disabled friendly library
Facilities : Auditorium, Amphi theatre, Conference, Exhibition halls
Fully : Fully automated digital library
Refreshment : Food court, Coffee lounge
Braille Section

- Conveniently located in the Ground Floor
- Disabled friendly ramp facility available
- Text to Braille conversion, Braille printouts and Braille reading
- Audio CD’s with book contents for listening
- Help desk for the Braille users
- Refreshable Braille Display

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Own Book Reading Section
CHILDREN SECTION

- Located on the first floor spreading over 15,000 sq. ft.
- More than 60,000 books which over all subjects in Tamil, English, German, French, Spanish and Italian languages
- Contains 2000 Multimedia CDs
- Children who are at the age from 4 to 14 years can use this section
- Artificial tree and a performance stage are special attractions.
- Multimedia resource centre which possesses 22 computer terminals.
- Cartoon pictures are mounted on the walls
- Spacious play area.
E- Resources

- E-Journals and E-Books
- Major Publishers
  (Science Direct, Springer Online, SCC Online, Thomson Reuters, Wolters Kluwer etc., etc., )
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