

LSS457: PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

Objectives:

- To understand the meaning, origin, objectives and growth of public libraries;
- To know the various agencies involved in the promotion and development of public;
- To provide an understanding of need and different types of library and information service;
- To study about the library finance, budgeting and infrastructure;
- To know the need and different public library acts;
- To understand the requirements of infrastructure and sources of resource mobilization;
- To know the advances of information technology in public library.

Course Outcome (CO):

- CO1 Recognize the importance, principles and role of public libraries in society;
- CO2 Understanding the historical development of higher education in India;
- CO3 Identify public library finance and delineate the public library movements;
- CO4 Identify different sections of academic library and illustrates their functions;
- CO5 Define the principles of collection development in academic libraries;
- CO6 Describe the academic library services and networks;
- CO7 Acquaintance with public library automation and networking.

Unit 1	:	Public Libraries: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Meaning, definition, origin, objectives, and functions of Public Libraries;- History and development of public libraries in India and other countries;- Role of public libraries in 21st century;- Role of government and non-government agencies in the development of public libraries;- Role of public library in literacy and mass education.- Public library users.	08hrs
Unit 2	:	Managing Public Library: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Public library administration;- Financial management of public libraries;- Recent development in public libraries in India;- Library & information policy: National and international.	08hrs

Unit 3	:	Public Library Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning and organization of various types of information services to the different categories of users including the physically and mentally challenged persons and special groups: women and children; - Rural library services; need and importance; library users in rural areas, library services to rural public, library publicity, exhibition, seminar, book talks, A.V. programs, mobile library services; user awareness programmes. 	08hrs
Unit 4	:	Organisations Involved in the Development of Public Library: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Role of national and international associations and organizations in the promotion of public Libraries; - Raja Ram Mohan Roy library foundation, UNESCO, IFLA etc.; - Internet public library. 	08hrs
Unit 5	:	Public Library Legislation in India: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Study of public library legislation: need and importance; - An overview of public library acts in UK, USA, and other countries; - Public library acts in different states with emphasis on Karnataka State Public Library Act, 1965. 	08hrs
Unit 6	:	Automation & Resource Sharing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Networking, integrated public library system; - Library automation: Automating the house-keeping services in various sections in the public libraries; - Library services to special groups of people including physically handicapped, mentally challenged, Visually impaired, prisoners and children; - Role of National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) on digitization of manuscripts and rare documents. 	08hrs
Total			48hrs

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