

GURUDAS COLLEGE LIBRARY

Annual Report (July 2015-June 2016)

SALIENT FEATURES:

- College Library is presently situated at the 1st floor of Golden Jubilee Building of Gurudas College and properly arranged and decorated
- Both open and closed access systems have been maintained simultaneously in the library. Students are not allowed to enter inside the stack area which is the closed access area. However, in case of need, or in case of unavailability of books in the open shelves, library staff members help them to bring book(s) from the closed access area. However, there is no such restriction for the Faculty Members of the College.
- A computerized bibliographical database is in progress with the help of Library Management Software **Koha** (version 3.18.03) on Ubuntu 12.04 Platform customized by Bengal Library Association.
- College Library as well as library building is under CCTV surveillance to maintain the security of whole library building specially Journalism Department and the monitor is kept within the library premises.
- Bar coding for closed access book is rapidly going on.
- Issue return system of Faculty Members of the college is recorded in computer and an immediate intimation to the Faculty members has been sent through e-mail at the time of issue/return/overdue a particular book.
- 8 academic journals and 2 Bengali and 3 English dailies are being subscribed regularly.
- Students of both General and Hons. courses can borrow two books at a time for home use from the Central Library and in addition to that students of Hons. courses can borrow one book from their Seminar Libraries.

- Ex-Faculties, Ex-Staff members and Ex-students and the students of Netaji Subhas Open University can consult the library within stipulated hours.
- Internet searching facility is being regularly provided to the users.
- Reprographic facility is also being provided to the users.
- Career Guidance Section has been running successfully from 2010 with 3 weekly career-related newspapers and 4 journals as well some career-related books on general knowledge, current affairs, etc.
- Some magazines of popular interest have been regularly procured, such as Desh, Saptahik Bartaman, Bhraman, Sustha, etc.
- The College Library is a member of UGC N-LIST consortium and library members can have access of online journals, e-books, etc. within and outside the library premises and even at home.
- The College Library is a member of British Library and American Library. Members of College Library are able to access these two renowned libraries in Kolkata.
- Library database is available beyond the library premises through Wi-Fi.
- Web-OPAC using Cloud Technology has been introduced this year to search the College Library database in 24x7 hrs.
- SMS facility has been introduced to the members of College Library at the time of issue and return of books
- Wishnet broadband system has been running simultaneously with BSNL Broadband system.
- Library Day was celebrated on 19th January, 2016 within the College Library premises. In this occasion, Mr. K.K. Banerjee, the former Director General of National Library and Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation and the then Director, Archives, Prasar Bharati (Eastern & North-Eastern Region) delivered a lecture on “From Libraries to Archives”. Prof. Manotosh Baisya, the Principal of the College welcomed the audience and Prof. Rupayan Bhattacharyya, former Principal of the College shared his views about the development of Gurudas College Library.

- Electronic Surveillance System has been running on to prevent unauthorized issue of books.
- One dedicated Server for running library management software Koha was procured within this period from RUSA Fund
- One lamination machine was procured within this period.

SANCTIONED POSTS IN THE LIBRARY :

Librarian --- One
 Asstt. Librarian --- One (vacant since Dec, 1996)
 Library Attendant --- Two

N.B. One permanent Library Clerk has been appointed on February 2016 as well as two Project Assistants are working on purely temporary basis since March 2012 to help the day to day functioning of the Library

PROCUREMENT OF BOOKS & JOURNALS:

This year books & journals have been procured from two different funds: College Fund and UGC Fund.

Books procured for the Academic Year 2015-2016:

- *Total no. of books procured:*

College Fund	: 979 vols.
RUSA Fund	: 239 vols.

Total : 1218 vols.

- *Total amount spent:*

College Fund	: Rs. 4,64,045/-
RUSA Fund	: Rs. 1,00,534/-

Total : Rs.5,64,579/-

Number of books received on gift within this period : 12 vols.

Total no. of journals subscribed within this period : 8 titles

USE OF THE CENTRAL LIBRARY:

- Total no. of students in various departments who used the library: 14932
- Total no. of books issued by the students: 8050
- Total no. of books returned by the students: 5872
- Total no. of books consulted by the students in the reading room: 1721
- Total no. of Faculty members in various departments who used the library: 124
- Total no. of books issued by the Faculty Members of various departments within this period: 216
- Total no. of books returned by the Faculty Members of various departments within this period: 213
- Total no. of users availing Net & Computer Searching facilities: 730
- Total no. of library working days: 244

PROBLEMS:

- Unprocessed Gift collection
- Acute space problem

FUTURE PLANS:

- To give special effort for processing Gift Collections
- To regularise periodical procurement
- To celebrate Library Day for the year 2016
- To organize book exhibition/book talk in the College Library
- To complete barcode for closed access books
- To procure one colour printer for the College Library