

The role of Public librarianship in Sri Lanka

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Public library is defined as local university as it enables users to acquire a free service. This study aims to find out the role of the public librarianship subsequently the role of the public librarian, as his service needs to encompass with knowledge, abilities, experience and communication ability. The study is based on primary and secondary data, which altogether make the study both qualitative and quantitative in nature. Use of traditional methodologies makes the communication between librarians and users poor. Inadequate Knowledge in professional responsibilities also hinders the effectiveness of the services provided by the public libraries. In conclusion it's revealed that the role of the public librarians is not yet received credit of satisfaction.

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