

**The Comparative study on the Children Library Service in Public Libraries in Sri Lanka:  
Libraries Selected from Gampaha District**

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**Abstract**

When Creating Citizens to the Society with Intellectuals and with more disciplined, the Public Library would contribute much for this task. The main duty that contributes by a library are collecting Knowledge, Organizing, depositing and giving facilities to the reader to obtain the necessary knowledge for usage. The public library is the only institution, which gives services without any charge from the public, and it does not consider the intellects, ignorant, race, creed, religion and the age. The public library supplies service on behalf of the children and adults. The aim of this study is to focus the activities of the children libraries attached to public libraries in the municipals, urban councils and Divisional Secretaries in the Gampaha district.

The issues faced with the public libraries when giving efficient and more fruitful service to the children is the research problem. According to the problems identified, there a search has been done by this study to identify at what is level of the continuance and the activities of the service of the children library services attached to public libraries.

In order to collect data, questionnaires, interviews, discussions, investigations etc. have been used. When identifying the issues and problems those affected to the development of the children's library service in the Gampaha district, many reasons have been forwarded to follow the procedure to improving the conditions of the children affiliated library service in the Gampaha district. Main problem was the non-receipt of the infrastructure facilities as needed. It was also further disclosed that the infrastructure facilities that is given to the public libraries must be improved.

It was revealed by this study that at what level is the service of the children libraries in the Gampaha district are. Accordingly the termination is noted with how the problems affected for the children libraries and the suitable ideas and proposals to solve those problems.

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