

මහජන පුස්තකාලයන්හි ක්‍රියාත්මකවන ව්‍යාප්ති
සේවාව පිළිබඳ අධ්‍යයනයක් : කුරුණෑගල
දිස්ත්‍රික්කය ඇසුරින්

ජේ. එම්. ප්‍රතිභා මධුරංගි ජයසිංහ

FGS / LISC / MC / 10 / 005

ප්‍රකාශන අංකය:	1131
වර්ග අංකය:	

කැලණිය විශ්වවිද්‍යාලයේ සමාජීය විද්‍යා පීඨයේ පුස්තකාල හා
විද්‍යාපන විද්‍යාව පිළිබඳ සමාජීය විද්‍යාපති උපාධිය සඳහා ඉදිරිපත්
කරන ලද පර්යේෂණ නිබන්ධයකි.

Abstract

The extension services operating in public libraries of Sri Lanka were studied through ten libraries selected among public libraries in Kurunegala district.

During this study, active operation and qualitative status of extension services of different public libraries were taken into consideration. Accordingly, information was presented about new tendencies, contribution of physical and human resources for development, service to the society, challenges and means of overcoming them of extension services.

In this study, the research methodology was the survey methodology. Questionnaires, interviews and observation methods were used for the survey. Principally, information was gathered from librarians and users through two different questionnaires.

In general, extension services are operated in a fair stage in public libraries. Seminars, lectures, discussion forums, users educating programs, users' societies, movies, mobile library service and other extension services are offered by the public libraries. None of the public libraries keep branch libraries operating under them. User education is in a good condition, however, user participation and use of novel technology are in a medium status. Protection of culture of general public in this area is contributed by public libraries and the related extension services are being developed. A proper methodology to assess extension services is needed to be organized. It is required to take necessary steps to fulfill lapse of financial, physical and human resources which are essential for providing extension services. The need of efficient and trained library staff with latest knowledge could be achieved through preparing policies and plans for extension services, use of new latest technologies, providing assistance and guidance to public libraries by national libraries, and provision of state assistance to the public libraries.

Key words: Public library, Extension services, Library Services, Mobile library, Branch library