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A Study on the Contribution of Medical Faculties' Library Services and How Does it Fulfil the Requirements of Medical Students' Necessersities: A Case Study on University of Kelaniya and University of Sri Jayawardhanapura

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The main objective of this study is to identify the library services provided by the Medical Faculty libraries. Other objective of this study are to examin the collection of books in libraries to check the quality and quantity of resources necessersities of the students who are using libraries, to identify the way of providing information regarding newly introduced books, to indentify the mutual understanding between students and officers at libraries, to study the service in the magazine section, and to examin the readers' attitudes. The samples consisted of the medical students of University of Sri Jayewardenepura and University of Kelaniya.Questionnaiers were distributed as a main part of data collection method.Secondary data were gathered by using of internet resources, books, magazines and articles and data were analyzed using Excel. It was revealed that a large amount of students of the medical faculties are using faculty libraries to gain the information. Also it was recorded that students are highly referring the. Printed media to obtain the knowledge than the electronic media. Moreover, the capacity and fastness of lending sections of said libraries are not sufficient to fulfill the students' requirements. The Magazine section was used by less number of students. However, it was also it was revealed that the students had satisfied attitudes towards the libraries. This study made recommendations as; expanding the opening hours to create an effective information services, increasing the quantity of books at lending sections, implementing the consultations programmes for readers, and improving the internet facilities.

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