

# **Best Practice II**

## **Library for Community**

### **Objectives:**

1. To provide research resources such as free databases to the community.
2. To enhance the reading culture of the community.
3. To make optimum utilization of college infrastructure.
4. To make available a good source of extensive reading books for the community.
5. To meet the needs of students who are preparing for competitive exams.
6. To meet the needs of students who are pursuing higher studies.

### **Context:**

Our Library lends textbooks & reference syllabus books & for competitive exams to research resources to people of Boisar and surrounding areas.

Many people have no access to such kinds of books. In this area there is no single circulating library.

To fill this gap, we have started this practice of 'Library for community'. Furthermore, there are many students who are appearing for competitive examinations and who are pursuing higher education. We avail our library to these students and people, a reading room and also lending them reference books.

### **Practice:**

1. The people living in the surrounding area have a good source of library.
2. Youth who are preparing for UPSC, MPSC, NET, SET & other competitive exams & higher studies get a free reading room & books.
3. Teachers from surrounding villages get the opportunity to refer to books.

### **Evidence of Success:**

1. We at Library provide varieties of books related to Marketing, HR, Finance, Literature, Food & Production, Beverage & Service, housekeeping, FrontOffice & competitive exams like UPSC, MPSC, NET, SET.
2. Library is open between 9am to 5.30pm.
3. The person who wants to join the library needs to furnish personal information such as name, residential address etc.

### **Problems encountered:**

1. Not using E-Library Management System is a drawback

2. All interested readers as they have to physically present in the campus.
3. Maintaining all the information about the books present in the library, their authors, the members of library to whom books are issued and all is a complex task to maintain manually.
4. Library does not provide access to computers and high speed internet to readers.