

RESEARCH SCHOLARS: ULTIMATE FOCUS OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

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Abstract : *What is expected from Library and Information Science (LIS) unit of any institute by Research Scholars is discussed in this paper. Their requirement in terms of assumable form and potential requirement either reactive or proactive should find a focus of library and information services. The necessary and ambient atmosphere can be created for them by library. They expect tailor-made services that need to be energised by existing library staff. It does not take any extra efforts but slight adjustment in our professional skill will bring out of focus services in the main stream. The major emphasis is on targeted services that appeal all the research community with in general and scholars in particular. The right information at right time and a right person bring happiness to all.*

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Introduction :

The research in any country is a continuous and unending process. In India it has innovative and evolutionary nature. Innovative research may be the outcome of experiments with various alternatives that are being studied and the successful are reported. Whereas in evolutionary research altogether new entity is developed that jerks the set norms/ideas.

The research scholars who are engaged in project pilot studies, feasibility studies and any other pure research require a specific pinpointed and nascent information from library. Data may prove to be major requirement that can be had from any reference or referral sources. The librarians or information handling personnel have to energise themselves with lot of sources. They have to work really hard to obtain any reactive information required by researcher. The time frame is more important. The researchers enquiry's, be immediately supplied with available resources, within shortest possible time, any information. The skills of library personnel augurs point blank and targeted information. Any laxity in supply of information by library may not be needed to researchers. Hence, the library personnel need to work fast and gather information required by researchers.

Characteristics of Research Scholar :

- Possess better level of understanding.
- Explicit source to enlighten us personnel exactly requirement.
- Possesses enriched information in the areas his/her works.

- Has good sense of presentation of literary products.
- Necessary to prepare profile of researcher in key words.
- Requirement for nascent and source supported information.
- Delineation the format of requirement that need repackaging the information.
- He is always in front of his area research and on verge of creating new information.
- It is better to have excellent wavelength with researcher.
- He always acknowledges timely assistance of information resources.
- Proactively given information carries more weightage

Types of Information Sources required by Researcher :

- Directory Type Information
- Data, facts, recorded knowledge
- Handbooks
- Historical information
- Reviewed literature
- Pre-prints
- Reprints
- Statistical type of information
- Graphs, Photographs
- Artifacts
- Manuscripts
- Website
- Analyses of project
- Recent articles in his field/project
- Analysed content of document
- Trend reports
- Feasibility reports
- Pilot studies
- Abstracts or Full text depending upon abstract studies

Ideas for preparing to serve Research Scholars

- Keep ready al dictionaries encyclopedic and directory type information at fingertips.
- Prepare document and Research Scholars profile through different key words.
- Run a match programme to justaxpose your efforts and Research Scholars requirements.
- Keep them on centre stage, never avoid them. They are our carrier of good messages.
- Develop good intrapersonnal skills.
- Be promising, Keep promises.
- Speak clearly, dress neatly, give listening ear to research scholars.
- Have positive body languages that send right signals to research scholars.
- Volunteer to know their research project.
- Plan any service well in advance.

- Exceed his expectations.
- Keep an eye on global issues.
- Discuss the unknown domain, may prove to be very satisfying.
- Always be in touch with research team as information is proliferated quickly among the members.
- Identify the areas of developing awareness for handling any equipment.
- No procrastination.
- Maintain high profile of knowledge.
- Loyalty begets loyalty.
- Have a sense of appreciation.

Do Nots for library personnel when research scholar are being served

- Never argue.
- Never be rude.
- No over promising.
- Never ask him/her to develop some skill for machine handling (Necessity will teach them doing so).
- Do not anticipate any thing on his areas of research.
- Do not allow reactiveness to over power proactiveness.

Research Scholars whose accountability is always at stake and are more dependent on recorded knowledge. Never supply undocumented information. Always ensure authoritative and verified information. These can always be challenged hence, library personnel have to be more careful. Research scholar may be shy, having superiority complex but deal with them equally, unbiased, truthfully.

Conclusion :

Research has productive value, commercially can be exploited for improving economy of country. Research scholars deserve better services from library. A methodical approach to well planned and humanly rich information services never get unacknowledged.

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