Beyond Library Schools: Sustainable Training For Future

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Library School Curriculum

- UGC (University Grants Commission), NewDelhi
- Bangalore University
- Andhra University
- DRTC (Documentation Research & Training Center)



- Traditional Training(e.g) cataloging, classification
- Information Technology Training (e.g) Library automation, Networking
- New Concepts
 - Personality Development
 - Internet Search
 - Library Softwares
 - Administration of Electronic Information
- Digital Library



Extended Library Training

- Reorientation of Distance Education
- Internship facilities from library schools after graduation
- Partnership with Industries and their Libraries
- Partnership with Research Institutes and Special Libraries
- Role of Library Associations



Library Training in India

- Short term training and attachments with established libraries as part of library school syllabi
- USIS (American Library) Internship
- British Library program
- Specialized training program offered by Research and Technology libraries in India



- Emphasis of day to day library activities
- Adaptation to the Development of Communication skills
- Transition from Print to Electronic environment
- Collaborative programs with libraries attached to industries & research organizations
- Tie-up or interlink with with head hunters and placement services
- Collaborative programs with regional, national, and international Library Associations/ Conferences/Seminars



- Foundation of Library And Information Science
- Knowledge Organisation, Information Processing and Retrieval
- 3. Information Sources, Products and Services
- 4. Management of Library and Information Centres/Institutions
- 5. Information Technology: Basics and Applications
- 6. Research Methods and Statistical Techniques
- 7. Electives: Information Systems



Administration of Electronic Information

- Access Methods
- Consortia concept
- Development of negotiating skills with published vendor
- Copyright & Licensing Issues
- Decision-making from feedback and usage statistics of electronic access to information



Specialized Training Program

- IIA(Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore)
- IIM(Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore)
- IISc(Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore)
- IIT(Indian Institute of Technology)
- NAL(National Aerospace Laboratory, Bangalore (CSIR labs)