

Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, Bidar

College of Fisheries Library, Mangalore



The university library is located at headquarters in Bidar campus of Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University and the southern region and the coastal region libraries are located in Bengaluru and Mangalore respectively. Apart from these, libraries are also located at Veterinary Colleges of Hassan, Shimoga, Gadag and Dairy Science College Kalaburgi and Wildlife Veterinary Research Institute, Kudige

Library Administration

The University Library (Central Library) is headed by the University Librarian while the Regional Libraries by the respective colleges Deputy Librarians/ Assistant Librarians/ Library Assistants/. Apart from the University Library Committee, there are Regional /Local Library Committees (LLC) to develop the library services at all campus libraries.

Function of the LLC

To develop a plan for improving the functions of the library and to review the progress of library services at time to time.

To review the collections of the library and to recommends the educational resources for procurement in the academic interest of the campus.

The Committee also reviews existing facilities and recommends other infrastructure requirement to the University Librarian/ University Library Committee for restoring facilities, including staff.

Library Collection:

College library is having a good number of book collections including text books, reference books and other collections, total collection of books are 16300, and every year library is subscribing journals 13, e-books 17, and apart from

aforementioned collection, library is having collection of reports, Newsletters and magazines etc. The college library has PG/Ph.D thesis 813.

Procurement procedures of Books and Journals

Books are procured on the basis of recommendations from the faculty and the students and the pattern of reading habits. Subscription of journals had taken the lion's share of the budgetary allocations so far. However, it is with great difficulty a good number of international journals were subscribed to within the limited budget allocation with an act of balance though they were/are expensive. Thanks ICAR for giving to CeRA (Consortium for e-Resources in Agriculture) connectivity to the College; this has, to a very large extent, reduced the burden of subscription to expensive international journals. Even with limited funds, the library could get Rs.4.00 to 5.00 lakhs worth of books on various branches of fisheries including common interests on an average every year over the last four years.

Library Usage

The Library is routinely visited by the faculty and the students of the college. Quite often research scholars, students, faculty of other institutes also visit the library, since the library is having very good and potential collections in the field of fisheries discipline in the country; the library is striving hard to fulfil the different types user's needs on general as well as syllabi concerned. Apart from books, journals and back volumes, it also provides magazines and newspapers in sufficient numbers. In addition to reading, members of the library are also entitled to borrow books from the library. Students can borrow the books from stack section for a period of 15 days and the staff for a period of 30 days. Books from the reference section are issued overnight while strictly reference books like encyclopedias, yearbooks, dictionaries etc. are not issued outside but to be referred to only in the library. There are two text-book banks- General and SC/ST students. The books from the text-book banks are issued to the students to be kept for a period of one semester. The students are making a good use of this facility.

ICT Tools and Internet

Computer section is developed with 10 computers (with internet connection) for the purpose to access CeRA and online e-books. The library has maintained an one computer it used as a server for Library Software Management System and another one used as a terminal for accessing OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue). One more with internet connectivity is used for the office purpose - using it for all official matters related to procurement of books, letters correspondence, preparation of reports, locating resources online, etc.

Reprographic facilities

A photocopier is available to the library users at nominal charges and one scanner is also available for the use of office works.

Future Outlook

The Library of Fisheries College, Mangalore is one of the oldest and the best in the field of Fisheries in the country, with a standing of more than 4 decades. The library has a good collection of books, back volumes, pamphlets, reports, reprints, theses, annual reports, newsletters, bulletins etc. The library has been being made use of not only by the faculty and students of the College, but also by scholars, students, faculty of other institutions and the public as well. The access to information and materials has been partly manual. However, OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) system has been introduced for an easy catalogue search by installing Library software Management System (Easylib) nearly two and half years ago. But the System is of a limited one with only a few functionalities and further, as per ICAR mandate it is converted to KOHA software. Though it is a first step towards automation of the library services and functionalities, there are a lot more things to be done for a quick and free user- friendly library services to be offered to the readers and the users of the library.

In view of the library materials and services to be made available electronically to the readers, the library resources should be converted into digital format so as to store and retrieve them through electronic media. Digitization of the library fully or partially offers many benefits to the Librarian and the users of the library and it, in terms of the following:

As a first step towards digitization of the library resources, it is proposed to make the Post graduate dissertations and Ph.D. theses deposited in the library are available in digital form and university library, Bidar already uploaded all theses and university annual reports, newsletter, convocation addresses on ICAR website (www.krisikosh.com). The Pamphlets and rare books are to follow next, and all to be preserved and made accessible through online.

More than 160 journals related to fisheries are already made available online through CeRA (Consortium for e-Resources in Agriculture), also other open access journals which could be of use are also planned to be made available.

It is proposed to make the library fully automated in the years to come and the better the earlier by using KOHA software which is an ICAR made mandatory to apply in all universities.

After the completion of the proposed project and the improvement/development of the library, it is contemplated that better services can be offered to the users, especially the regular ones, by customizing delivery system.



E-Resource Centre



Reading Hall



Periodical Section



Stack Section

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