

Report on Best Practices: Book Exhibition and National Library Week

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Introduction The Department of Library & Information Centre of A.V. Kamalamma College for Women successfully celebrated **National Library Week-2023** from **November 14 to November 20, 2023**. This annual event emphasizes the importance of libraries in shaping academic and intellectual growth. The week-long celebration was marked by diverse activities and an inspiring inaugural session.

Details of the Event

1. Inaugural Function:

Resource Person: Dr. K.V. Manjunatha, Librarian, BIET, Davanagere, delivered a thought-provoking lecture on the theme, "Empowering Education Through Libraries." He highlighted the evolving role of libraries in the digital age and their significance in fostering a culture of lifelong learning.

Chief Guest: Dr. M.G. Eshwarappa, Director (Academic), Bapuji Educational Association (R.), Davanagere, shared insights into the transformative impact of libraries on academic institutions.

Presidential Address: Mrs. Kamala Soppin, Principal, encouraged students and faculty to make full use of the library's resources and emphasized the role of libraries in women's empowerment. **Special Presence:** Sri R.R. Shivakumar, IQAC Coordinator and HOD of Physics, graced the occasion and emphasized the importance of integrating library resources with academic programs.

2. Activities Conducted During the Week:

- **Book Exhibition:** A display of newly acquired books, rare collections, and student-recommended titles.
- **Workshops:**
 - A session on **Digital Literacy** and training on accessing e-resources such as N-LIST and JSTOR.
 - A workshop on "Using Library Resources for Research and Academic Excellence."
- **Competitions:**
 - Essay writing and quizzes on topics like "The Role of Libraries in the Modern World" and "Digital vs. Traditional Libraries."
- **Interactive Reading Sessions:** Faculty and students participated in discussions on selected books, fostering critical thinking and communication skills.

3. Feedback and Suggestions:

- Feedback from participants was collected to improve the library's services and plan future events.

Best Practices of the Library Department

The Department of Library & Information Centre at A.V. Kamalamma College for Women adopts the following best practices to enhance its services:

1. **Annual Celebration of National Library Week:**
 - Conducted every year with engaging activities to promote library usage among students and faculty.
2. **Focus on Digital Resources:**
 - Subscription to leading digital platforms, including N-LIST, JSTOR, and e-books.
 - Providing digital literacy training to students and faculty.
3. **Student-Centric Initiatives:**
 - Organizing orientation programs for new students to familiarize them with library resources.
 - Offering personalized assistance to users for research and academic needs.
4. **Promotion of Reading Culture:**
 - "Book of the Month" recommendations and themed reading events.
 - Interactive sessions with authors and resource persons.
5. **Community Outreach:**
 - Donating books to underprivileged schools and hosting mobile library initiatives.

Conclusion

The celebration of **National Library Week-2023** was a grand success, reinforcing the role of libraries as pillars of education and innovation. With the active involvement of students, faculty, and esteemed guests, the event highlighted the importance of knowledge and its dissemination. The Department of Library & Information Centre remains committed to organizing such events annually to inspire and empower its stakeholders through knowledge-sharing initiatives.

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