

# **A Study of Space Management in Aided College Libraries in Sangola Taluka**

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## **ABSTRACT**

*Space management is a burning issue in libraries. This paper highlights space management in academic-aided libraries about space for reading resources, furniture, electric equipment, structural components, etc. The paper also points out miscellaneous things in the library that are to be placed in a smart way and the clever task for librarians to adjust the various library sections in the provided space adhering to norms regarding the space of the library which is significantly dense in aided libraries of Sangola Taluka. Availability of space is prominently relied on by college administration and other UGC funding agencies and stakeholders' suggestions can lead to the optimization of space usage and aided libraries are on the same footprint. Users' suggestions contribute a lot in deciding the ultimate space management in the library hence Paper attempts to calculate major issues of space management in aided college libraries in Sangola Taluka.*

**KEYWORDS:** space management, aided colleges, reading resources, users suggestions.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Libraries are growing organizations and hence become huge year by year encompassing modern knowledge resources and equipment. Academic libraries have tremendous pressure involving with latest technology and knowledge resources with availed space in the library. Sufficient space is to be provided for reading resources with respective sections along with facilities like Xeroxing, washrooms, drinking water, etc. need decent space in the library. Academic libraries should reserve space is to be reserved for the future development of the library. Attending this entire librarian manages to occupy every niche of the library to use maximum space with the help of stakeholders of the library.

College libraries of Sangola College Sangola and Ganpatrao Deshmukh Mahavidyalaya, Sangola have provided enough space for various sections of knowledge resources. Libraries also have enough space in the reading room having separate reading rooms for students and staff. College libraries have provided more space for furniture and electrical types of equipment and physical facilities. Entrances of the libraries have informative sections like the

New Arrivals Section, Notice Board, Newspaper Section, OPAC Counter, etc. Libraries have allocated space for dead stock and future growth. The development of these libraries demands more space considering the bright future of college courses with absolute management and this paper is a little attempt to glimpse the status and development of space in the library and users' inclination towards space management in said libraries.

## **LITERATURE REVIEW**

1. Chijioke Ferdinand Ugwuanyi and others (2011) in their article “Library Space and Place: Nature, Use and Impact on Academic Library” discussed initially the principles and management of space in the library. The later part of the article discloses the features of good library building and the implication of the library as a place and place of the library in an academic environment. Finally article gives some suggestions regarding space management in the library.
2. Khan H.A. (1992) in his PhD thesis “Planning and Utilization of Space in University Library Buildings in Karnataka - An Evaluation” defined the expected structure of library buildings, allocation of space to various sections of the library, other aspects of the library and the role of university administration in support of library space allocation and management.
3. Ahn, Joon-Suk ( 2014) in his research article “A Study on the Space Usages of Academic Libraries” highlighted the importance of space in the library for better delivery of library services. He further says libraries can grow in future unless sufficient space is provided and the task relies on the administration of institution and librarian to avail and access the utmost utilization of space in the library.

## **OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY**

- ✓ To study the status of library building
- ✓ To study space management at the entrance of the library
- ✓ To study the space provided for reading resources.
- ✓ To study Space availed for other than reading resources
- ✓ To study space management in reading room
- ✓ To study suggestions of users on space management in the library.

## **HYPOTHESIS OF THE STUDY**

- Libraries have separate building
- Libraries have used entrance for multiple information display sections
- Reading resources get ample space in libraries.
- Libraries have availed sufficient space for other than reading resources section
- Libraries have provided separate space according to types of users
- Users have suggestion on space management in the library

## **DEFINITIONS OF RESEARCH**

### **1. Space Management**

Space management is the process of making the best use of a company or facility's physical space. It involves intentionally planning, organizing, and overseeing the use of a given workspace to ensure that it's used efficiently and effectively.

### **2. Aided Colleges**

Aided College means a college other than a Government college which receives aid out of the Government Funds.

## **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

In this study descriptive research methodology is used. It is useful in the accumulation of information about space management in proposed research colleges.

### **Population and Sampling**

For the present study, the researcher has chosen all 02 aided colleges in Sangola Taluka. It means 100%. Sampling is there in Sangola taluka. 25 questionnaires are issued to the users of each college (which are selected for research). Amongst them, 40 are student users and 10 are teacher users. Users are selected by random sampling. Users are students and faculty members of U.G. and P.G. courses. The total sample size of the user questionnaire is 50. 42 users have responded to the questionnaire.

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### **LIBRARIES IN SANGOLA TALUKA**

#### **1. Separate Library Building**

Separate library building deserve for abundant space for every sections of library.

**Table No. 1:** Separate Library Building

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Students Response</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
1	21	50
2	21	50

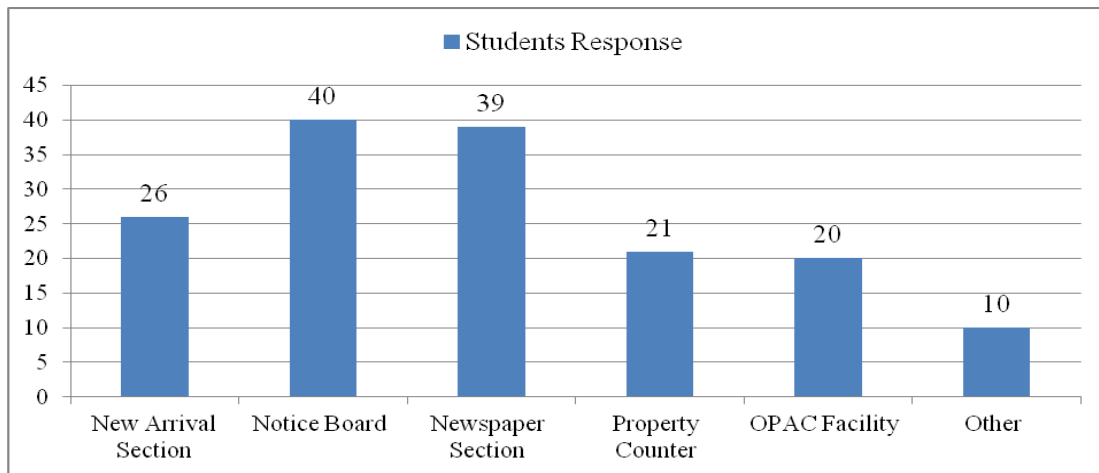
According to students 50% libraries have separate library building. There is a need of separate library building to justice the library resources.

#### **2. Entrance of Library**

Information display tools are placed at the entrance of library. Students are noticed recent information at the entrance of the library.

**Table No. 2:** Entrance of Library

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Entrance of the Library</b>	<b>Students Response</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
1	New Arrival Section	26	61.90
2	Notice Board	40	95.23
3	Newspaper Section	39	92.85
4	Property Counter	21	50.00
5	OPAC Facility	20	47.61
6	Other	10	23.80



**Figure 2:** Entrance of Library – Sections

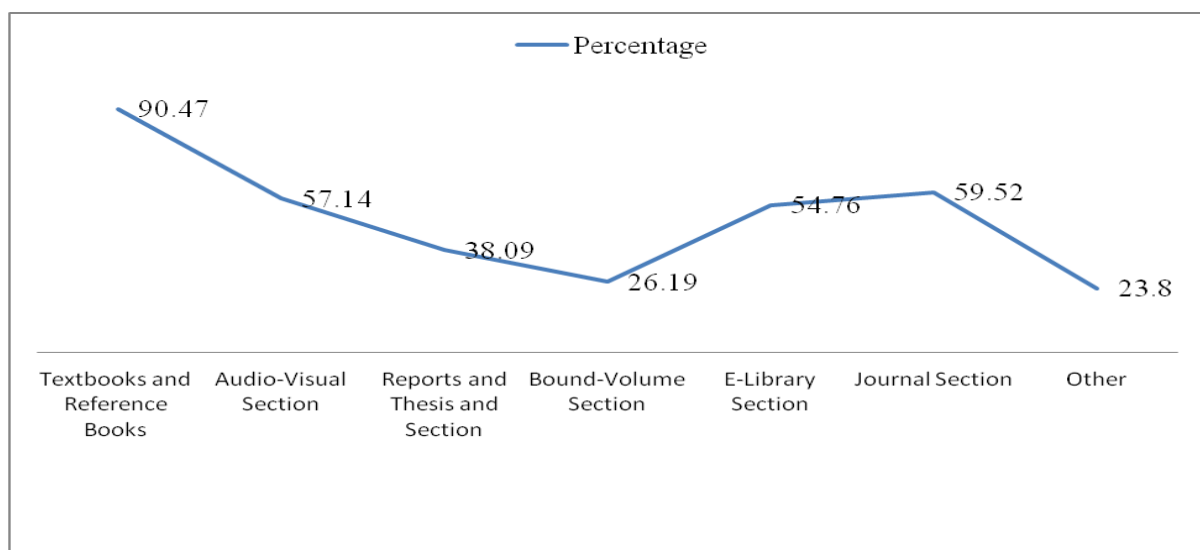
The figure 2 shows that according to 95.23% students’ notice board section is availed on the entrance of the libraries. Other display sections are also placed in the library.

### 3. Sufficient Space for Library Sections

Libraries should have enough space for library sections to accommodate the reading resources in the library.

**Table 3:** Sufficient Space for Library Sections

Sr. No.	Sufficient Space for Library Sections	User Response	Percentage
1	Textbooks and Reference Books	38	90.47
2	Audio-Visual Section	24	57.14
3	Reports and Thesis and Section	16	38.09
4	Bound-Volume Section	11	26.19
5	E-Library Section	23	54.76
6	Journal Section	25	59.52
7	Other	10	23.80



**Figure 3:** Sufficient Spaces for Library Sections

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Figure 3 shows that most students think that enough space is provided in the library for textbooks and reference books section (90.47%) followed by Journal Section (59.52%), Audio-Visual Section (57.14%), E-Library Section(54.76%), Reports and Thesis and Section (38.09%), Bound-Volume Section (26.19%) and Other (23.8%) ,

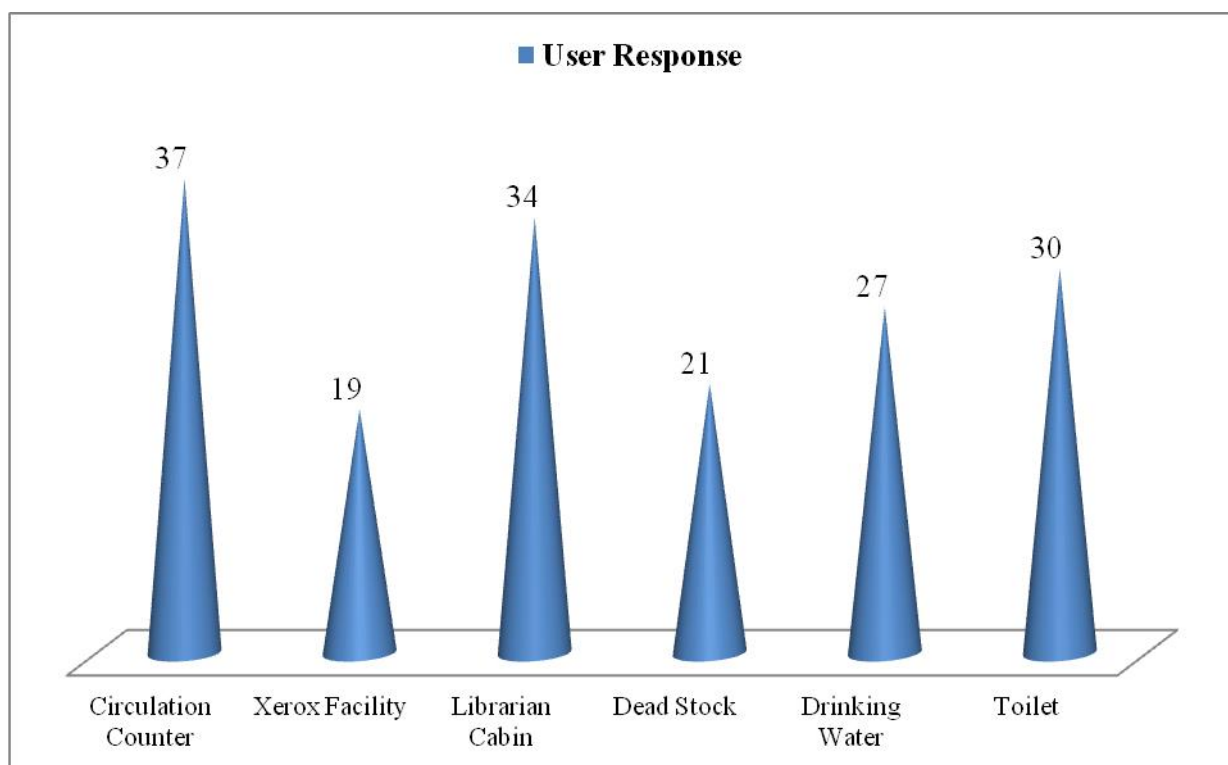
### **4. Space for Miscellaneous**

There are miscellaneous things in the library which needs the space. The facilities like Circulation counter and Xerox Centre takes more space for efficient service.

**Table 4:** Space for Miscellaneous

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Space for Miscellaneous</b>	<b>User Response</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
1	Circulation Counter	37	88.09
2	Xerox Facility	19	45.23
3	Librarian Cabin	34	80.95
4	Dead Stock	21	50.00
5	Drinking Water	27	64.28
6	Toilet	30	71.42

The Table .4 explores the space used for miscellaneous things in the library. It is observed that sufficient is prominently availed for circulation counter and librarian cabin in the libraries. It shows that libraries should pay more attention on space management of Xerox facility, dead stock and drinking water facilities.



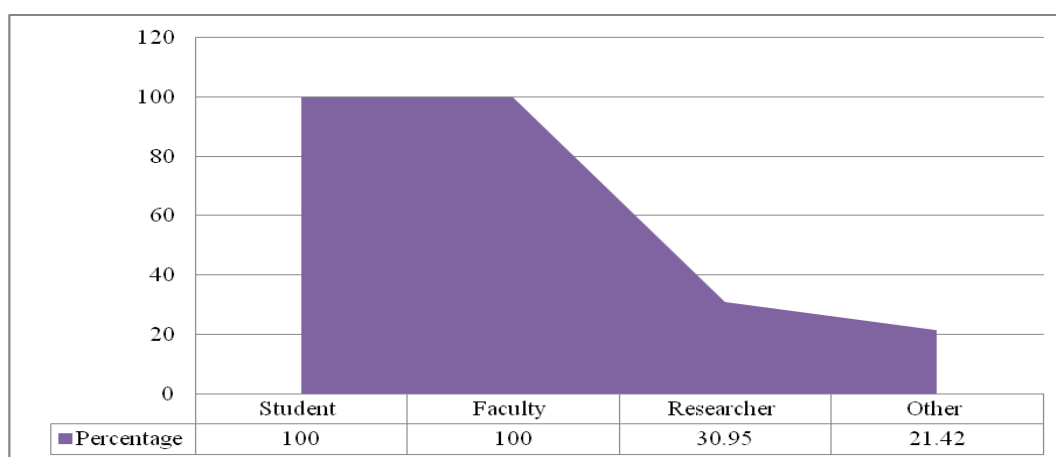
**Figure 4:** Space for Miscellaneous

### 5. Separate Spaces in Reading Room

There should be separate space according to users in reading room. Libraries must follow norms of apex institute regarding the reading room space and area.

**Table 5:** Separate Space in Reading Room

Sr. No.	Separate Space in Reading Room	User Response	Percentage
1	Student	42	100
2	Faculty	42	100
3	Researcher	13	30.95
4	Other	09	21.42



**Figure 5:** Separate Spaces in Reading Room

All libraries have separate reading room for student and teacher. Libraries should avail more space to researchers and include other users form the society in reading room.

### SUGGESTIONS

Users have addressed some issues regarding the space management in the library as follows:

1. Libraries should avail more space to researchers in reading room.
2. Space should enhanced according to the users strength
3. Library furniture to be placed properly.
4. Reference section should be extended according to future needs.
5. Proper placements of toilet and drinking facility

### Results

Users input drawn following results:

1. 50% libraries have separate library building
2. Libraries have placed various user informative sections at the entrance of the library. Latest information of reading resources is displayed.
3. More space is available for textbooks and reference books section in the libraries.

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4 Libraries have provided proper space for miscellaneous things like librarian cabin, circulation counter, Xerox facility etc.

5. All libraries avail separate reading room for students but only 50% libraries avail reading room facility for researchers or other users.

6. Users have suggestion about placement of library furniture, placement of toilet and drinking facility, reading room.

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### **CONCLUSIONS**

Space management in libraries is a growing issue for librarians but libraries are utilizing utmost availed space. In the present study aided college libraries of Sangola Taluka have provided maximum space for reading resources. Libraries have various types of reading sections, equipment, and furniture and libraries have neatly managed them. Libraries have also reserved the space for future growth. User response shows that libraries have maintained handy space for the reading room and physical facilities. Users' responses also suggest some helpful suggestions that indicate librarians' future space management. Summarily we can conclude librarians should give the best space to every section of the library considering the information needs of users and the information flow of the nearest time.

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