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Birthday Celebration by Donating Books, the Best Practice Incorporated by Shri Kumarswami Mahavidyalaya Library, Ausa

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Abstract

This paper shows the best practice incorporated in our college Library by donating books from faculty members and students on their birthday. Paper shows need addressed at the context, the practice since the academic year 2015-16. Flow chart of the huge collection along with the total cost of donated books. Finely conclusion is also given.

Key words: Best practices in Library, Birthday celebration by donating books, Donating books on birthday.

Introduction

Various types of best practices had been in practice by Library professionals. Birthday celebration by donating books is our best practice in library incorporated from the year 2015-16. During every year an appeal has been kept before our college staff and students. Every year we receive the increasing response in this regard from our staff and students as well. Due to this best practice Library received 1778 books in various subject and languages too. This practice gives the best increased number of books in Library collection. The Library has been admired by various eminent personalities time to time. We are going to show year wise developed Library collection by following this best practice.

Definition of the term 'Best Practice'

Oxford English Dictionary describes "Best practice as quality of most excellent or desirable type of most appropriate, advantageous, highly improved, outstanding, Par excellence services or the customary or expected procedure or way of doing something that is usual or expected way in a particular organization or situation, guidelines for good practices. In this procedure of developing best practices we take ideas, and we improve our skills."

According to National Board of Accreditation and Assessment (NAAC) "Best practice may be innovative and be a philosophy, policy, strategy, program, process or practice that solve a problem or create new opportunities and positively impact on organization. Institutional excellence is the aggregate of the best practices followed in different areas of institutional activities."

Name of the best practice of the college: Birthday celebration by donating books.

Objective of the best practice: To donate books and enrich the knowledge & Library.

Need addressed and the context:

Generally institutions are good not only in their facilities or in the management facilities which are available to them, but also good in building up the learning recourses, to begin with the Library. A good Library never stagnates and goes on buying newer and newer titles. Its annual budget in not meager, though for inflation and price are becoming more and more forbidding. Our Library has formed a technique on this to en-cash one of the happy moments of everyone's life, the birthday, by receiving books to Library in terms of donation.

The Practice:

The biggest pleasure comes from what we read not from on what we read. The practice involves celebration of every faculties and students birthday by receiving books.

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The faculties are one of the stakeholders who steps in the Library. Naturally, he/she is aware of the titles which are not available in Library and he wants to be read those by others. By keeping this in mind he/she makes available the books that he likes mostly from market and donate in the Library on his/her birthday celebrate the joyful day by tailoring it with social return responsibility.

The following chart shows the significance of the collection of donated books on occasion of birthday celebration.

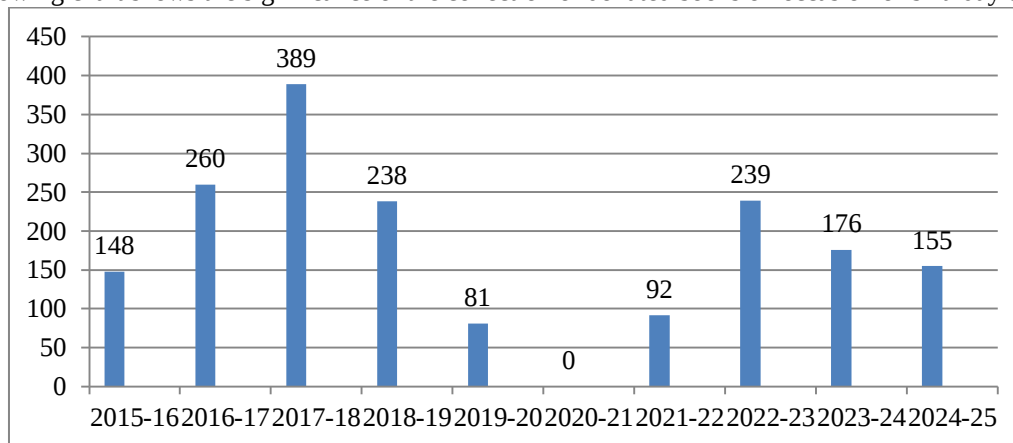


Figure 1: Books added in the Library under best practice from 2015-16 to 2024-25.

Figure 1 show the number of books gifted in this activity were the highest in the year 2017-18. The numbers of books were 389, but in the year 2020-21 there were no books gifted and it was obviously because of worldwide Covid-19 pandemic. In the year 2016-17 and 2022-23 there was moderate response, the number of books gifted were 260 and 239 respectively. The total number of books received from the academic year 2015-16 to 2024-25 is 1778.

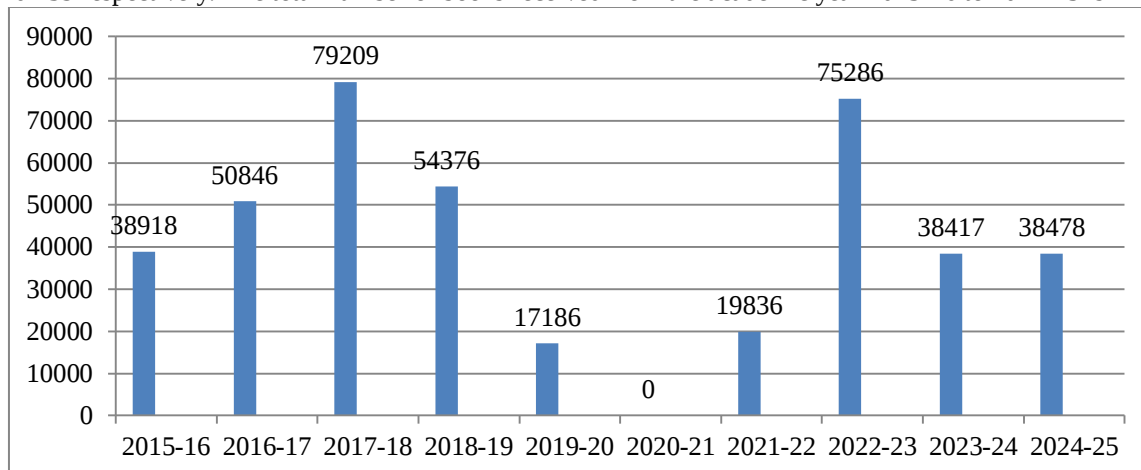


Figure 2: Cost of books added in the Library under best practice from 2015-16 to 2024-25

If we talk about the gifted books in term of amount then the figure 2 shows the highest amount was 79209 rupees in the academic year 2017-18, followed by the academic year 2022-23 the amount was 75286. The total amount of 412552 rupees is the total of the gifted books from 2015-16 to 2024-25, the duration of 10 years.

Conclusion

Most of the faculty members are following this donating trend on his/her birthday. Now the students and alumni are also inspired from this practice and started donating the books on their birthday. As the outcome, the volumes are increasing day by day to enrich the Library.

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