



CHAPTER 7

STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY

Libraries, according to their clientele, collection, work and services are classified into Academic, Public and Special Libraries. The Academic Libraries are further classed into School Libraries and University Libraries.

The School Library is at the foundation level and central to the teaching-learning process. The minimum standards that will enable School Libraries play their role more meaningfully and effectively are listed below:

1. SPACE (ACCOMMODATION)

Adequate and suitable space is the first and foremost requirement of a School Library be it a Primary/Middle level or Secondary/Senior Secondary level.

- 1.1. **Primary/Middle:** A minimum of a Standard Classroom for 40 pupils should be marked as 'Library' in all Primary/Middle Schools.
- 1.2. **Secondary/Senior Secondary School:** A minimum of three Standard Classrooms be designated as Library by removing the inner partition wall to organise Library and Reading Room in all the Secondary and Senior Secondary Schools, though the ideal is to have a separate building built for the purpose.

2. STAFF

The following structure of Library Staff is required for different levels of schools having Student Strength of 2000 or less.

2.1. Primary/Middle School: A minimum of two members of library staff is required in a Primary/Middle Schools.

- Librarian (Assistant Teacher Grade) - One



Fig. 6. A Spacious Library

- Library Attendant - One

2.2. Secondary School: The Library Staff of Secondary School should consist of

- Librarian (TGT Grade) - One
- Assistant Librarian (Assistant Teacher Grade) - One
- Library Attendant - One

2.3. Senior Secondary School: The Library Staff of a Senior Secondary School should consist of

- Senior Librarian (PGT Grade) - One
- Librarian (TGT Grade) - One
- Assistant Librarian (Assistant Teacher Grade) - One
- Library Attendant - One

In case the number of students crosses 2000, there should be corresponding increase in the number of Library Attendants for every 500 Students or part thereof.