

Editorial



Librarian as a Researcher



Twelve August is observed as librarian's day in India. Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, who was the pioneer of library science in India is honoured by the intellectual communities for his great contribution and sacrifice in the field of library science. Dr. Ranganathan was a professor of mathematics in Madras University, but he was deputed as librarian. After deputation, he was sent to London to study library science at London school of library science where he not only educated as a librarianship but also established as a researcher of library science. His best outcome of research is 'Five Laws of library science'. This Five Laws of library science is the pillars of library science at present. Dr. Ranganathan also coined 'colon classification'. Apart from these, Dr. Ranganathan has contributed a lot in the field of library and information science and librarian society. As father figure of library science, Dr. Ranganathan is a model personality for all the librarian. The librarian's role in a knowledge society is not only as a preserver and disseminator of knowledge, but also as producer of knowledge. A librarian of an academic institution like college and universities should be a researcher also. He should search knowledge and should produce it in the knowledge society. They have enough opportunity to study the reading habit of students, teachers, common readers and intellectuals. A librarian should lead or guide the researchers and should keep honest and deep public relation with the readers.

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