



PALAKKAD DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY



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Palakkad District Public Library is a registered Society with Register No: CA 237/2010/PKD established with the aim of setting up a library and promoting reading habits among the citizens of Palakkad, Kerala, India. It is the premier library of Palakkad district, set up with the support of the Government and has been inaugurated in June 2013 in the newly constructed building with more than 10000 Square Feet of built up area in three floors. The library is managed by a Governing Body with District Collector as Chairman & representatives of people and Government, NGOs and prominent citizens.

Palakkad District Public Library after Twelve years of successful existence, laudable working and service has become one of the Best Libraries in the state of Kerala. The library has more than 13500 members in its Rolls. The number of visitors to the library for various purposes per day is more than Five Hundred and fifty on an average.



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THE MISSION

The Mission of Palakkad District Public Library is as follows;

1. To sustain and preserve a universal collection of knowledge and creativity for future generations.
2. To serve as a premium digital repository with cutting edge technology.
3. To promote contemporary research and development of library services and programs.
4. To encourage international cultural exchanges through participation in the activities of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), World Digital Library (WDL) and other related organizations worldwide.

THE VISION

The Vision of the Library is described below

1. To foster a free and informed society by building, preserving and providing resources for human creativity, wisdom and achievement.
2. To provide unrestricted access to information that is very important in the process of free and unbiased mind development, liberation of consciousness, propagation of peace and mutual understanding.





• THE GOVERNING BODY •

The following people are the members of the Governing Body of Palakkad District Public Library .

1. Mrs. Madhavikkutty M.S.I.A.S, District Collector, Palakkad (Chair Person)
2. Adv. C. P.Pramod (Vice Chairman)
3. Prof. K. Mohandas (Vice Chairman)
4. Mr. T. R. Ajayan (Secretary)
5. Mr. K. Santhappan (Treasurer)
6. Mr. V.K. Sreekantan.M.P
7. Mr. Rahul Mankootathil. M.L.A
8. Mr. T. M. Sasi, President, Palakkad District Panchayath
9. Mr. P.Smithesh, Chair Person, Palakkad Municipal Council
10. Dr. C. P. Chithrabhanu, President, Palakkad District Library Council
11. Mr. K. N. Sukumaran , Secretary, Palakkad District Library Council
12. Mr. E. Chandrababu, Executive Committee Member, Kerala Library Council
13. Secretary, Press Club, Palakkad
14. Principal, Government Victoria College, Palakkad
15. Principal, Mercy College, Palakkad
16. Principal / Director, Lead College of Management, Dhoni, Palakkad
17. Mr. K. R. Sudheeshkumar
18. Mrs. Jyothibai Pariyadath
19. Prof. C. Somasekharan
20. Mr. Mohandas Sreekrishnapuram
21. Mr. Rajesh Menon
22. Mr. Murali.S.Kumar
23. Mr. K. Rajeesh
24. Mr. B. Rajendran Nair
25. Mr. E. Jayachandran
26. Mr. R. Santhakumaran
27. Mr. A. K. Chandran Kutty
28. Dr. P.R. Jayaseelan
29. Mr. Manoj Veettikkad





THE FACILITIES

The library is having the following facilities to its credit

1. 10000 Square Ft Building in three floors in 30 cents of land at the centre of Town.
2. More than one lakh of Books in English, Malayalam, Tamil, Hindi, Sanskrit, Russian etc.
3. An Air Conditioned Seminar Hall to accommodate 150 persons
4. Periodicals Reading Area to accommodate 50 persons at a time where 25 Newspapers and 250 Periodicals are provided.
5. Book Reading Area
6. Research and Reference area
7. 26 Corners dedicated to famous Writers and illustrious Leaders
 - 7.1 Mahathma Gandhi Corner having 358 books donated by Mani Bhavan, Gandhiji Memorial, Mumbai and Photos etc.
 - 7.2 Karl Marx Corner having 150 Books purchased with the financial assistance from MPLAD scheme of Mr.M.B.Rajesh.M.P
 - 7.3 Swami Vivekanandan Corner having 465 Books donated by Vivekananda Samskarika Kendram Palakkad
 - 7.4 Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Corner having 85 Books purchased with the financial assistance from MPLAD scheme of Mr.M.B.Rajesh.M.P
 - 7.5 EMS Corner having 136 Books and Photos
 - 7.6 P.Govinda Pillai Corner having 32 Books and Photos
 - 7.7 O.V.Vijayan Corner having 28 Books & Photos
 - 7.8 O.N.V Corner having 111 Books & Photos
 - 7.9 Prof.K.N.Ezhuthachan Corner having 16 Books & Photos
 - 7.10 Olappamanna Corner having 18 Books & Photos
 - 7.11 V.K.N. Corner having 18 Books & Photos
 - 7.12 Mundur Krishnan Kutty Corner. having 27 Books & Photos
 - 7.13 Cherukat Corner having 18 Books & Photos
 - 7.14 P.Kunjiraman Nair Corner having 12 Books & Photos
 - 7.15 M.A. Anantha Krishna Iyer Anthropology Corner having 984 Books & Photos donated by M.A.Anantha Krishna Iyer Foundation
 - 7.16 Islamic Culture Corner having 657 Books & Photos donated by Islamic Book House, Kozhikode
 - 7.17 Reference books English Corner having 1125 Books
 - 7.18 Reference Book Malayalam Corner having 386 Books
 - 7.19 Competitive Examination Reference Books Corner having 446 Books
 - 7.20 Prof.Viswanathan Memorial Technical Books Corner having 438 Books Donated by old Students of NSS Engineering College, Palakkad





- 7.21 K.P.S. Menon Corner having 950 Books and Photos donated by K.P.S.Menon Trust Ottapalam
- 7.22 Tarur Parameswaran Memorial Corner having 16 Books & Photos donated by his Son and Family
- 7.23 P.T.Bhaskara Panikker Corner having 115 Books & Photos
- 7.24 SBT Financial Literacy Corner having 159 Books, donated by State Bank of Travencore
- 7.25 Netaji Subhas Chandrabose Corner having 56 Books donated by Mr. B.Rajendran Nair
- 7.26 Children's Corner

The Children's Corner of the Palakkad District Public Library is a bright and cheerful space with over 6000 books in Malayalam and English. The books are of a broad diversity that is rarely found in Indian libraries and book shops. Since it was opened in December 2015, the Children's Corner has been popular with young readers and proved that children in Palakkad are eager to read. In 2018, the section won an award for best children's library in the state.

Now the section was renovated with the support of private donors, and a second phase of renovation is planned. We designed the section to be well-lit and attractive and we found that youngsters quickly became engrossed in the books. They often write in the suggestion book to request more titles. Books in Malayalam, English and Hindi are arranged by subject so that children become used to the way a library is organized and can in future confidently navigate the large general collection of the library.

Children can easily find their familiar authors and at the same time explore new subjects.

The most popular titles are put in a Favourites section, and a special display area is set up to highlight the full variety of books in the collection. Every month we select a topic (e.g., ancient civilizations, sports, famous lives) and display books on that topic, so that readers know the wide range of books available.

A map centre along one wall, with state, national, and international maps, has drawn members of all ages. Very small children who come in with their siblings can occupy themselves with toys from the toy box. Children can draw or leave messages on the chalkboard wall, and there are pinboards on which they can pin their own artwork or thoughts.

In the second phase of renovation, we plan to replace the remaining older shelves and open up and brighten the space available. We also plan to overhaul the collection and add new books in subjects that are not sufficiently represented.

- 8. Book Circulation Area
- 9. Children's Play Area
- 10. Internet Cafe
- 11. Toilets in every floor
- 12. Book Down Loading Facility where lakhs of Books of all languages can be downloaded and read.
- 13. Periodicals down loading facility where more than ten thousand periodicals of all languages can be downloaded and read.
- 14. Ample Parking Area





PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED BY LIBRARY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC & MEMBERS

THE MAIN ACTIVITIES

1. Lending of Books
2. Providing Periodicals and News Papers
3. Providing area for reading Books
4. Providing Research Area for Research Scholars
5. Providing Reference Area for Students
6. Conducting Seminars on various subjects
7. Conducting Workshops on various Topics to various genres.
8. Counselling for Ladies, Students and Patients
9. Conducting programmes for the benefit of Senior Citizens
10. Conducting discussion of Books
11. Conducting Musical Programmes
12. Conducting Career Guidance Classes
13. Conducting Motivation classes for Children
14. Execution of Organic Cultivation
15. Maintaining a Garden

Palakkad District public Library is unique in conducting various innovative programmes and activities for the benefit of its members and public. Some of the most important programmes are given below

1. Film Shows Every Friday
2. Inspiring Wednesday Programme for Students which provides chance for school students for interaction with District Collector and visit to Public Library
3. Sargarashmi Monthly Programme for Children of all ages to present their talents in writing Poems, Short stories and Essays, presentation of their skill in painting and drawing and presentation of songs, skits, dances etc on a theme for the month
4. Vayana, Discussion on a selected Book, monthly once
5. Meet the Author Programme twice a month
6. A Lecture on Current Topic by a Speaker of Repute every Month
7. A Lecture on Science & Technology in association with Indian Institute of Technology once in two months
8. UnnikaleOruKadhaParayam, Story Telling for Children monthly
9. Prathyasha, a Lecture programme for Senior Citizens every month.
10. Counselling and lecture programmes for Ladies every month.
11. Life Skill Classes for Youth by Mr. P. Anilkumar, monthly.
12. A programme called 'DELETIVITY' for Youth lead by Mr. Sudeep. T. George, monthly.
13. Career Guidance classes for college students and youth.
14. Seminars on Literary Subjects periodically
15. Workshops on various art forms once in three months
16. Programmes in association with various Academies.
17. An on line and Off Line Monthly News Bulletin called Vaayana vedi etc.
18. Disa, A programme for Children in association with Kerala Lalitha Kalaa Academy

The Staff and Members of the Library are doing the following works also.

1. Organic Cultivation inside the compound
2. Maintenance of Garden
3. Maintenance of Vertical Garden on the Gate





• THE DIVISIONS WORKING IN THE LIBRARY •

1. The Ladies Wing (Vanitha Vedi)
2. The Youth Club (Yuvajana Vedi)
3. The Children's Wing (Balavedi)
4. Theatre Group (Nataka Vedi)
5. Palakkad District Public Library Film Society
6. Vaayana – The Assembly of Serious Readers
7. Prathyasa – The Assembly of Senior Citizens
8. Social Media Wing
9. Vayana Vedi – Monthly Online Periodical
10. Painters Group (Chithra Kara Koottayma)
11. Sports & Games Wing (Kayika Vedi)

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS OF PALAKKAD DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Palakkad District Public Library is having the following categories of Membership

- I. Patron Membership with a one-time fee of RS 50000 and they can take 10 Books at a time without any Monthly Subscription
- II. Life Membership with a one-time fee of RS 10000 and they can take 10 Books at a time without any Monthly Subscription
- III. Class I Membership with a caution deposit of RS 10000 and a monthly subscription of RS 60 and they can take 4 Books at a time
- IV. Class II Membership with a caution deposit of RS 750 and a monthly subscription of RS 40 and they can take 2 Books at a time
- V. Student Membership with a caution deposit of RS 200 and a monthly subscription of RS 20 and they can take 1 Book at a time
- VI. Honorary Members are persons who have helped the institution in various ways like Peoples Representatives, Media People etc for whom the facilities are open without any charges.

**At present
Palakkad District Public library
is having the following number
of Members in its Rolls**

Patron Members	:	9
Life members	:	192
Honorary Members	:	310
Class I Members	:	2710
Class II Members	:	5986
Student Members	:	4292

Total Members : 13499
(Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred and NinetyNine only)





BOOKS AVAILABLE IN PALAKKAD DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Palakkad District Public library is having an excellent collection of Books in English, Malayalam, Tamil, Hindi, Russian etc.

Total Number of Books : 123813

(One Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirteen only)

NEWS PAPERS & PERIODICALS AVAILABLE IN PALAKKAD DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Palakkad District Public Library is subscribing the following News Papers and Periodicals in Malayalam, English, Tamil, Sanskrit and Hindi for the benefit of its members

News Papers	: 24	Monthly	: 158
Weekly	: 54	Others	: 3

MONTHLY AVERAGE BOOK CIRCULATION IN PALAKKAD DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monthly Average Book Circulation : 3300





MEMBERS UTILIZING THE RESEARCH AND REFERENCE AREA

Monthly average : 1820

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS VISITING LIBRARY EVERY DAY

For Reading Periodicals	:	125
For Research & Reference	:	340
For Book renewal	:	120
For Programmes	:	80
Total	:	665
Average Number	:	665 / Day



EXPENDITURE

Palakkad District Public Library is having a monthly expenditure of about Rs. 2,50,000.00 (Rupees Two Lakhs and fifty Thousand only per Month) towards Salary of the Employees, Water and Electricity Charges, News Paper and Periodicals subscription charges, Book Purchase charges, Programme Charges etc.

STAFF MEMBERS

12 (Twelve only) Staff Members are working in two shifts in the Library





CONCLUSION

Palakkad District Public Library after Twelve years of successful existence, laudable working and service has become one of the Best Libraries in the state of Kerala. The Library is having more than 123813 Books in its Registers for Circulation and 13499 members in its Rolls. The visitors to the library for various purposes per day is more than Six hundred on an average.

Hence Palakkad District Public Library has become one of the most active Libraries of the State and has been acclaimed as the Centre of Culture of Palakkad and as well as the literary and knowledge mine of the state.

Even though Palakkad District Public Library has got a total worth of more than RS 12000000.00 (Rupees Twelve Crores only) with 30 Cents of Land in the heart of Palakkad Town, a building of 10000 Square Feet plinth area, more than one lakh of books costing more than Rupees Six Crores and furniture, computers, electric systems, Air Conditioners worth more than one Crore of Rupees etc we are finding it difficult to run the institution in a tiny town like Palakkad meeting the genuine requirements of expenditure of salary of 12 staff members, Electricity and Water Charges, subscription charges for News Papers and periodicals, Programme Charges, Purchase of Books Etc.

The institution is not getting any financial assistance from Government to run the Library and meet the day today expenses and salaries.

The prime method for the increase of income to make both ends meet is enrolling more Patron and Life Members to the Library. For Expansion of the existing facilities financial help from Governmental Machinery including MPLAD scheme and MLA Fund is necessary.

The only other way of meeting the expenditure and actions to make both ends meet is the generous contributions from the public, companies, institutions and important persons who always help the genuine institutions for the purpose of Service and charity.

Patron Membership, Contributions, Donations, Financial Help, Assistance through Corporate Social Responsibility Fund are requested to improve the facilities and running this prestigious institution

**Secretary
Palakkad District Public Library**





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