

# Collection Development Policies and Resource Sharing Processes of Selected College Libraries in Guwahati

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## Abstract

The library plays an important role in a college. Collection development is the most important part of developing a library. A library collection is a total of books, library materials, manuscripts, recordings, microfilm, e-resources, pamphlets, reports, serials, and other online resources. Collection development is an important process for a library to increase the reading materials of a library for reader satisfaction. Selecting the best and useful materials and providing better and new information to the users is the purpose of collection development. It also helps the best selection and acquisition of books and other reading material. It is a process or rule or set of rules and a formal written statement of the principles guiding a library's selection of materials. There are different parts of policy in collection development. Resource sharing plays a vital role in collection development. The earlier concept that was a limited budget, highest cost, etc. replaced by resource sharing. In this process, libraries are participating in sharing their resources. Internet is part of resource sharing. E- resources can easily be shared through the internet. The main purpose of the study is to know the collection development policy and resource sharing process adopted by the college libraries in this pandemic situation. A survey method of research has been adopted for the study, and a sample has been collected through the questionnaire from the selected college libraries. Data has been analyzed by using MS Excel software, and it was found that college libraries are using Email, WhatsApp, and other electronic media to share the resources; few libraries have their institutional repository to share the resources. Libraries started subscription of e-resources for their collection development. Poor internet connectivity is the main problem of resource sharing.

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