

RESOURCE CAPABILITIES OF MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES OF BOHOL: PROPOSED ACTION PROGRAM

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The Problem

The main task of the study was to determine the resource capabilities of municipal libraries of the towns of Bohol in consonance with the standards set in the Minimum Standards of Public Libraries.

This study utilized two data collection instrument; the questionnaire and the interview schedule. The researcher employed descriptive statistical measure to analyze the data. Statistical procedures include frequency count and percentage computations.

Findings

The analysis of the data yielded the following findings:

1. Profile of Municipal Librarians
Majority of the Library staff do not possess the educational qualifications to become a librarian.
2. Library Resources
 - 2.1 In terms of book collections, the three big libraries in terms of titles of books acquired are Trinidad, Talibon and Jagna. In terms of volumes of books, the biggest is Trinidad, followed by Talibon, Loon and Balilihan.
 - 2.2 General references were found to be generally poor. A fair rating was given to Filipiniana collection and non-fiction. Fiction books were rated poor.
 - 2.3 Non-book collection were rated generally poor and very poor.
3. As a whole, the librarians rated their facilities poor or fair.
4. On utilization of library services, the study revealed that daily attendance was not very encouraging.

Conclusion

Based on the findings, the researcher concluded that:

Municipal libraries in Bohol need improvement in terms of personnel and facilities. There is a need to revise a plan to upgrade resources to meet acceptable standards. Efforts to improve the local libraries may begin from upgrading the librarians' skills and expertise in running the libraries because majority of the current librarians do not meet the minimum qualifications.

The formulation of a proposed action program of resource capabilities of municipal libraries is very important for the improvement of the municipal libraries.