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## Library Service and Best Practice

## Library Service

Library services encompass a wide range of resources and activities designed to meet the informational, educational and recreational needs of a community. Here are some common services provided by RCMAS library:

#### Collection and Resources:

- Books: Fiction, non-fiction, reference books, and textbooks.
- Periodicals: Newspapers, magazines, and academic journals.
- Digital Resources: E-books, audiobooks, online databases, and journals.
- Multimedia: DVDs, CDs, and digital media collections.

## Access and Lending Services:

- Borrowing and Lending: Library card issuance, book lending, and interlibrary loan services.
- Reference and Information Services: Assistance with research, locating information, and answering queries.
- Online Catalog: Access to the library's digital catalog for searching and reserving materials.

#### **Educational and Community Programs:**

- **Technology and Digital Services:** Computer Access: Public computers with internet access and office software.
- Wi-Fi: Free wireless internet access within the library premises.
- Printing, Scanning, and Photocopying: Facilities for printing documents, scanning, and making photocopies.

#### Research and Academic Support:

- Research Assistance: Help with academic research, thesis preparation, and access to scholarly resources.
- Study Spaces: Quiet study areas, group study rooms, and meeting spaces.
- Citation and Writing Support: Workshops and one-on-one assistance with citation styles and academic writing.

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## Best Practice of Chavara Library- Qualitive initiatives

Chavara Library at Rajagiri College of Management and Applied Sciences, Kakkanad acts as a lively and interactive forum for students, faculty, and staff, aimed at nurturing a culture of reading, learning, and intellectual engagement. The library and its activities play a crucial role in enriching the academic atmosphere by advancing literacy, honing research skills, and instilling a passion for books and knowledge. The library dreams of a vibrant and welcoming space where everyone can explore their love of reading and learning.

The best practices include:

- 1. **Book Review Sessions:** Conducted during reading week celebrations to encourage students to engage with literature and develop critical thinking skills.
- 2. The Library Club collaborates annually with the English Department to celebrate Reading Week by organizing various literary competitions with the goal of nurturing students' passion for literature and reading.
- 3. **Literary Lectures:** Hosting poetry and story sessions to familiarize students with cultural and literary heritage, fostering a deeper appreciation for the arts.
- 4. **Orientation Sessions:** Focused on optimizing the utilization of electronic resources for research purposes, these sessions aim to cultivate a culture of reading and research within the student and staff community.
- 5. Cafeteria and Garden Library Corner: A unique addition designed to cater to Generation Z, featuring a reading corner within the open auditorium, blending social interaction with the joy of reading, by providing a serene outdoor reading facility that aligns with nature, this initiative encourages spontaneous reading habits among students and staff, enhancing their overall reading experience.

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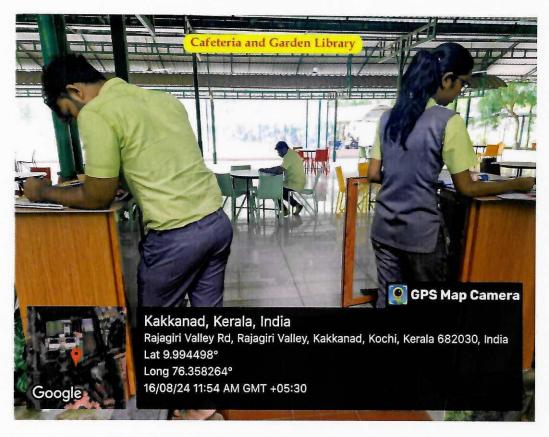
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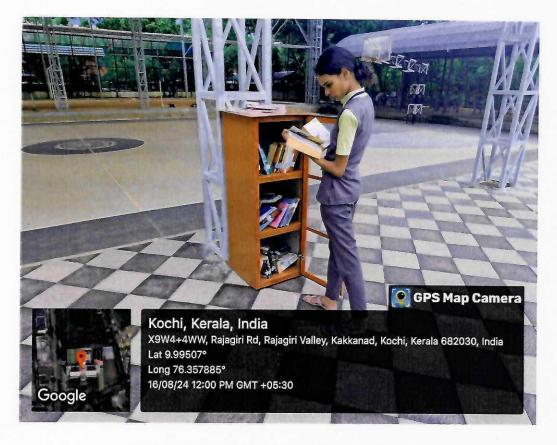
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## Cafeteria and Garden Library Corner



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