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Availability of Infrastructure Facilities in School Libraries in Sri Lanka

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School libraries can consider as one of the major information storages which offers reading materials to the students in schools. Better infrastructure facilities are foundation of quality library service. Therefore, the objective of this research is to identify the availability of infrastructure facilities in school libraries. The sample of this research was consisted of randomly selected fifty school libraries from Akuressa Educational Zone, Sri Lanka. Data was collected using a paper based questionnaire posted to the librarians of selected school libraries. The response rate was 72%. In regards to the location of the library building, 44.44% of school libraries have separate library building. Meanwhile, 47.22% libraries are maintained in a room in the same building with classrooms. A minority (8.33%) of libraries are located on a floor of a separate building. When considering about the shelving of library materials, 25% of school libraries only have closed cupboards to store library materials. More than a third of school libraries use respectively, only open book racks (36.11%) and both open book racks and closed cupboards (38.89%). Lack of infrastructure facilities is a major challenge faced by school libraries. Thus, Sri Lankan government must provide sufficient funds to develop infrastructure facilities in school libraries.

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