ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Professor Amitabha Chatterjee of Jadavpur University (now retired) guided me in making the systematic study of the West Bengal college library situation in the perspective of fast changing higher education. I acknowledge gratefully the constant encouragement and support received from him throughout the entire period of my research. I also gratefully acknowledge the constant encouragement and support that I have received from Dr. Sanghamitra Mukherjee, Principal, Lady Brabourne College.

Mr. V.P. Singh, Secretary, Indian Library Association, (2005-2006) sincerely helped me by introducing me to Delhi college librarians and also in collecting the filled-in questionnaires(questionnaire-1) from the colleges in Delhi. I owe him a big debt of gratitude. I am grateful to librarians of different Delhi colleges for their support. A few students of Hindu College, Miranda House, Kamala Nehru College, Gargi College and Sri Ram College of Commerce helped me in quantifying the Delhi college library services through the questionnaire-2. I also gratefully acknowledge their support.

Gratefully I acknowledge the service of three websites www.petersons.com and LIBWEB (Libraries on the web); and FREE ONLINE.COM which helped me to collect addresses of the colleges and their libraries in the USA and to reformat the on-line questionnaire for USA library professionals respectively. Since the beginning of my work I had an opportunity to find an American friend who unhesitatingly helped me in my work. She is Mrs. Anne Huberman, Reference Librarian/Evening and Weekend Supervisor, Andrew Bouwhius Library, Canisius College, Buffalo, New York (now retired). She was the General Secretary, Association of Part-time Librarians of USA Colleges and Universities.
My interactions with her helped me to clarify my ideas about USA college library system. The extent of service she lovingly lent to me in pursuing my study was simply beyond my expectations. I lack words to adequately thank her. I am grateful to ERIL-@LISTSERV.BINGHAMTON.EDU (an academic library forum) which helped me to come in contact with a good number of USA college library professionals. I am thankful to Allan Boyd, Associate Director of Libraries, Oberlin College, Patricia Bunker, Jessica Smith, Reference Librarians, Trinity College, Connecticut, USA and David Graver, Interim Director, Wayne State College for their co-operation. Whenever I communicated with them through e-mail they replied and enlightened me about the system changing process in the USA college libraries in the near past and at the present time. I am grateful to Mrs. Soma Kundu, Miss Anita Sharma, Miss Debasmita Roy, Mr. Sayak Mukherjee and some other present students of different USA colleges who helped me in getting the information about the USA college library services (through my questionnaire -2). I also acknowledge the constant support that I have received from Dr. Sushanta Banerjee, Director, American Library, Kolkata, throughout the entire period of my research work.

Also I thank my colleagues in different college libraries in West Bengal for their co-operation. I am thankful to a good number of students of West Bengal colleges for their help in quantifying the PG college library services.

I also acknowledge the steady support that my family has given to me for pursuing my work.

(Mitali Bhattacharya)
Kolkata