Abstract

Present study is “Security Audit of College Libraries Affiliated to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad”. The study covers college library security related problems such as loss, vulnerabilities, regular security inventories, etc are cause to select the problem. The study has tried to identify the problems, find out adopted security systems, security measures used by college libraries, weakness in security and discover how college librarians deal with them. The study has provides security check list and measures to recognize and implement it in the libraries. Many examples are found in literature regarding loss of libraries due to different reasons and hazards. Hence, there was need to study the college libraries security preparedness and implemented measures.

Present study considers security measures part and partially from available sources these are GFR-2005- *General Financial Rule 2005*, Bureau of Indian Standards (1998) ISI14489- *Code of Practice On Occupational Safety and Health Audit*, regulations of University Grants Commission (UGC) and Dr.B.A.M.University, Guidelines of National Assessment and Accreditation Centre (NAAC-SSR), American Library Association (ALA) and American College and Research Libraries (ACRL).

All college libraries have used maximum security measures and traditional security system like guards, well building, lighting, ID cards, access control etc. Study has not found use modern technology based security systems like CCTV’s, alarm, electronic recording system, RFID, smoke sensor etc. in College libraries.

Some illegal activity by staff or student have found in this study. These are theft of collection; misplacement; book hiding, disruptive behaviour; mutilation; tearing of pages; verbal abuse; physical assault (fighting); non return of books by staff; food used in restricted area; theft of library equipment; vandal or damage of library property; un authorized borrowing; loss by late maintenance and repairing; violate privacy; collection stored in unsecure manner. While comparing the illegal incidents by users and staff it is observed that users are more cause to in all illegal incidents.