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Developing Library Career Corner Section: A Great Challenge for Technical College Librarian

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Abstract

Career guidance is most important part of the engineering education. In that sense library not only serve the fulfillment of engineering course curriculum beside of that users building their career opportunity through Career Corner Cell or Section of the library. The collection of motivational books and biography/autobiography of successful eminent person, competitive examination books, magazine, newspapers, etc are the most valuable resource of any library which represent the success of the students for increase their knowledge and awareness about themselves by identifying their own skills and interest to enable with the life skills for holistic development. Present studies represent the types of collections developments and few suggestions for the successful smooth development of a technical college library career corner section.

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1.0 Introduction

In the world everywhere if you look around yourself, you will find so many things such as tables, chairs, computer laptop, phone etc and we see around ourselves require engineering and engineers. So, engineers who invent, design, analyze, build and test machines, systems, structures and materials to fulfill objectives and requirements while considering the limitations imposed by practicality, regulation, safety, and cost. The work of engineers forms the link between scientific discoveries and their subsequent applications to human and business needs and for the quality of life. Therefore career guidance is most important part of the engineering education. In that sense our central library not only serve the fulfillment of engineering course curriculum beside of that we support our student their career opportunity through Career Corner Section.

Jalaja and Dineshan (1997) proposed that career awareness service is a one type of sort of reference service. It provides information regarding a particular job on request. In this sense, career awareness service is a current awareness service. It alerts the potential candidates, to the current employment opportunities in various sectors. The Career Corner Section is the part of Central Library which is well-equipped with

computers, internet facility and sufficient reading material including audio visual, e.g. motivational textbook and biography/autobiography of eminent person, competitive examination books, magazine, newspapers, etc. Beside of that library provide e-books and e-journal services for the readers to providing information regarding various career opportunities.

2.0 Objective of the Study

- To help students for awareness about themselves by identifying their own skills and their own interests.
- To provide information about various future course prerequisites for academic planning.
- To cover major competitive examinations, seminars/workshops, real time interview skills, personality development, communication skills, leadership skills, resume writing, analytical skills, quantitative ability, verbal and reasoning skills etc.
- To enable students with life skills for holistic development

3.0 Limitation

- This study only for degree engineering college library
- This study based on the students' needs and solving their problems

4.0 Methodology

Basically designing the career corner of the library we gather several information's from various engineering institute like degree engineering colleges then process the information and construction the library section for our users. The basic requirements to development of any career corner we focus the following areas:

- Material collection
- Software and hardware platforms
- Library furniture and visualization
- Staff enrolment

4.1 Material Collection

Reading material including motivational textbook and biography of eminent person, cover all major competitive examinations, seminars/workshops, interview skills, personality development, communication skills, leadership skills, resume writing, analytical skills, quantitative ability, verbal and reasoning skills, magazine, newspapers, etc. Beside of that library provide e-books and e-journal services for the readers to providing information regarding various career opportunities (Table – 1).

Table 1: Material Collection

Item	Description
Reading Materials	Coverage Areas
• Printed Books	• Biography/Autobiography of life success eminent person
• E-Books	• Competitive exam study materials
• Printed Journals	• Innovative ideas for placement
• E-Journals	• Innovative ideas of new discovery
• Printed Magazine	• Success of Higher studies
• E-magazine	• Idea of career counseling and opportunity
• Seminar/Workshop	• Skill development and interview process
• Project/Manual	
• Newspaper	
Audio Visual Materials	
• CD/DVD	
• PPT	

4.2 Software and Hardware Platform

Now situation is changes, running of a career platform library must keep and using the web base platform. The smooth running in the digital environment it depends on its hardware and software which play a vital role in the career corner section (Table – 2).

Table 2: Software and Hardware Platform

Item	Description
Web-platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web-based platform for development or career lunning environment including sufficient information in library website • NPTEL and NDL platform
Hardware	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer with internet facilities • Printer • Flat Scanner • Web-cam • Projector • Sound system • White Screen • Power supply

4.3 Requirement of Library Furniture & Visualization

Any section of the library is acceptable by the users first its visual changes with its furniture decoration and like that's. Therefore library must be decorated in that sense we think the following requirement may be helpful for any library to start the career corner section (Table – 3).

Table 3: Library Furniture and Captions

Item	Description
Library Furniture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Shelve and Almira • Journal Display Rack • Computer Table • Reading Table • Sitting Chair
Caption	Caption are basically represent like that: Keep Silence Please

4.4 Staff Enrolment

Keep in the mind the word of renewed professor Dr. S.R. Ranganathan's "service with smile", a library staff should be educated and trained for that filed which they provide information its users with smiley (Table – 4).

Table 4: Staff Criteria

Item	Enrolment Criteria
Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained Library Professional staff minimum qualification MLISc with working experience in digital environment • Fluent speaking capability with basic knowledge on career counseling

5.0 Technical College Library Career Corner Section

Here we reflect on the technical college library career corner section which already successful run by the college central library. In the following section we discuss about the following:

- Textbooks and references
- Journals and Magazines
- Newspapers
- E-documents

5.1 Textbooks & Reference

Library always tries to fulfill their target and goals for its user's communities. Here we cover technical college libraries users' needs where keep textbook of some motivation story or eminent personals biographies and reference books, handbooks, manuals, guidebooks etc are serves to quickly check information which you choice for a particular topic which they want to build their career for future. The above types of said books provide a more comprehensive overview about your dream which go ahead user's life style. Here given some pictures of career related books (figure – 1)

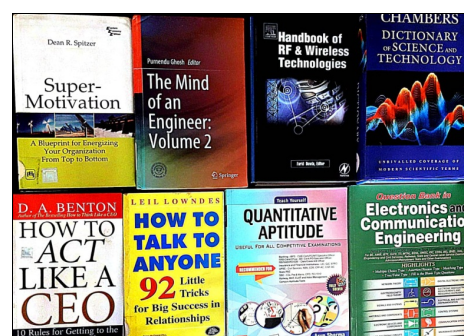


Fig 1: Text and Reference Books for Career Corner

5.2 Journals & Magazine

Before choosing journal, magazine and others periodicals look or strain on the subject or focus on the career guidance which are plays the very crucial points. Because in the technical college library users requirement are varieties like course up-gradation, software development, core engineering development, competitive examination, project corner etc. So, keep in the mind below types of pictures represent or focus career development documents (figure – 2).



Fig 2: Example of Journal and Magazines for Career Corner

5.3 Newspaper

Daily newspapers are plays a very vital role for career counseling, it gives not only point to job related, it published article play very crucial role for guidance of the students. There are so many newspapers available in the market and their presentation style are different however their motive or target more or less same for its targets audience. Here given some example of newspapers pictures (figure – 3).



Fig 3: Example of Newspaper for Career Corner

5.4 E-environment

Now a day advancement of technology so many web based materials available in the world wide like e-journals, e-books, video lecture etc and so many government sector including private also provide all information regarding career counseling. National Digital Library (NDL) and NPTEL are the grate resources where lots of documents are available for career motivation. The following pictures are given the example for that (figure – 4).

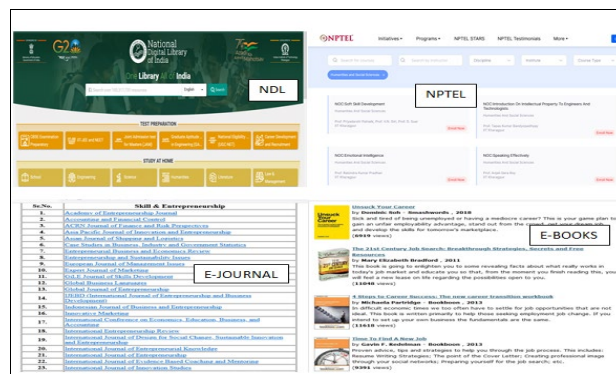


Fig 3: Example of E-environment for Career Corner

6.0 More Suggestions for Buildup a Successful Career Corner

Beside of the above discussion here given the following more suggestion for creating for any library their career corner section:

- **Career Exploration, Writing and Interview Skills Workshops:** about workshops where individuals can explore various career paths, learn about different industries, and understand the skills and qualifications required for each. Offer sessions focused on crafting effective resumes, cover letters, and honing interview skills. Providing mock interview sessions can be particularly helpful.
- **Visual or Digital Board:** create a physical or digital job posting board where local businesses and organizations can share job opportunities. Ensure these postings are regularly updated.
- **Guest Speaker Series:** invite skill professionals from various fields to share their career journeys, insights, and advice with attendees. This can provide valuable inspiration and networking opportunities.
- **Job Fairs and Recruitment Drives:** organised job fairs and recruitment drives where companies can interact with potential candidates and even conduct on-the-spot interviews or assessments.
- **Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Workshops:** organized workshops which focused on developing in-demand skills such as coding, digital marketing, project management, etc., to help individuals enhance their employability. And offer workshops for aspiring entrepreneurs covering topics such as business planning, fundraising, marketing strategies, and legal considerations.
- **Career Development Webinars:** organized webinars on topics relevant to career development, such as navigating career transitions, advancing in one's career, and achieving work-life balance.
- **Industry Insights Panels:** Arrange panel discussions featuring experts from specific industries discussing trends, challenges, and opportunities within their respective fields.

Conclusion

In a tech-savvy society and current development of new technology it is possible to serve any type of career related service by the library. Therefore career guidance is most important part of the engineering education. Any library takes an action for their student to make decision to create better opportunities. Librarian can play a crucial role for selection of material, purchase, processing, presentation which is the most important part for its users. A successful librarian can develop their career guidance beside of their technical education. Last but not least keep in the mind the renewed scientist Dr. S.R. Ranganathan fifth law "Library is growing organism". So, it is very challenges to us people to build up a library career corner section.

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