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Dr. Sushila Mondal Memorial

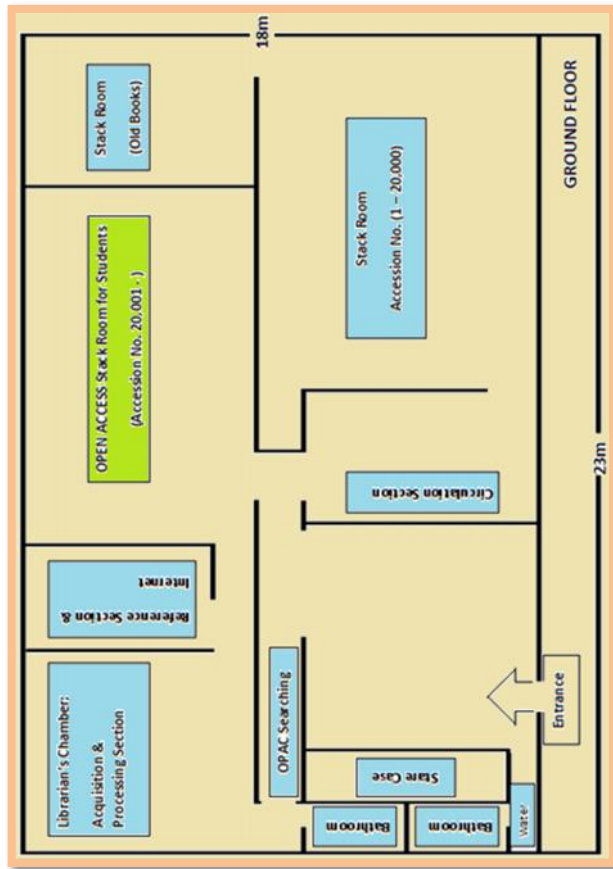
Central Library

RAJA N.L. KHAN WOMEN'S COLLEGE

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Layout of the Central Library (Ground Floor)



Introduction

Dr. Sushila Mandal Memorial Central Library is the nerve center of all academic activities of the Institute. It is the most advanced and well equipped College Library under Vidyasagar University. It creates a spirited environment to acquire, share, preserve and disseminate knowledge. The Library is housed in a large three storied building with enough space for the users. It has one of the best collections on subjects like Humanities and Literature in the district of Paschim Medinipur.



Library Resources

Books	: more than 35,000
Journal & Magazines	: 32
News Papers	: 5
Employment Bulletin	: 2
Bound Volumes of Journal	: 600
E-Database	: N-LIST (INFLIBNET)

Salient Features

- Fully automated Library System through SOUL 2.0 software.
- Open Access stack-room for Students.
- Very easy circulation (issue and return of books) system.
- Large Reading Room (288 m²) with classified stacks of books and journals.
- Very rich Reference Section and Periodical Section.
- Internet and E-journal browsing facilities.
- Steady Wi-Fi connectivity inside the Library premises.
- Institutional Membership of the Central Library of Vidyasagar University.
- Weekly Book-talk and other extension services.
- User orientation program on regular basis.

Library Services

- Book Lending Service
- Bibliographic Search Service (OPAC)
- Reference Service
- Internet & E-journal Access
- Digital Library (E-Books & Institutional Repository)
- Inter-Library Loan Service
- Career Guidance
- Reprography Service
- Book Exhibition

Library Hour

Days	Reading Room	Circulation
Monday to Friday	10 am to 6.30 pm	11 am to 4 pm
Saturday	10 am to 4 pm	11 am to 1.30 pm
Sunday	12 noon to 2pm	X

Reading Room

The heart of this library belongs to the Reading Room as because the students who are the future designer of the knowledge architecture pass their time here. It is spacious, it is airy, and it is enriched with enough number of precious books and periodicals. There are separate zones for teachers and students. In the Reading Room also the *Open Access System* is followed, which means none appear as an obstacle between readers and their desired documents.



Reference Section

As a College Library we have an exceptionally rich collection of reference books. Besides several updated yearbooks, directories, and dictionaries, the Library possesses the classic titles like “The New Encyclopedia Britannica (30 Vol.)”, “McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology (15 Vol.)”, “The Oxford English Dictionary (12 Vol.)”, “Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics (13 Vol.)”, “The Wealth of India”, “The Cultural Heritage of India (5 Vol.)”, Encyclopedia of The World and its People (27 Vol.), etc.

Old and Rare Books

Our library possesses a great collection of old and rare books on different subjects of arts and humanities. The proud archive includes some priceless original series on History, Philosophy, English Literature, etc., published from UK & US based publications in the 1950s and 1960s. Moreover, it must be mentioned that “The Encyclopaedia Britannica: a dictionary of arts, sciences, and general literature” (9th Ed., Edinburg: Adam and Charles Black, 1889), which was once used by the honourable Raja Narendra Lal Khan is also preserved here.

List of Prominent Journal and Magazines Subscribed

Current Science ● Desh ● Down to Earth ● Economic and Political Weekly ● Electronics for You ● India Today ● Kurukshetra ● National Geographic Magazine ● Pramana: Journal of Physics ● Proceedings: Mathematical Sciences ● Resonance: Journal of Science Education ● Sanctuary ● Science & Culture ● Yojana ● Indian Literature ● The Indian Journal of Public Administration ● Veda Jnana Ganga ● World Focus ● The Quarterly Review of Historical Studies ● Sociological Bulletin ● Indian Journal of Gender Studies



Inter-Library Loan

We have the institutional membership (with six membership cards) of the Central Library of Vidyasagar University. Students and Teachers of our college can issue the cards from the Librarian of this College and visit the University library.

Institutional Digital Repository

Primarily, the *Repository* has been initiated with the published journal articles by the faculty members. It is managed by open source software GSDL (Green Stone Digital Library). At present, the repository is accessible only inside the library LAN. It will be published on the web in the near future.

Online Database N-LIST (INFLIBNET)

Our Library is an Institutional member of a very useful online database N-LIST (National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for Scholarly Content). Members can access the database by logging in through user Ids and Passwords. The database provides access to 3000+ e-journals and 75000+ e-books.



Book Talk

Book Talk is one of the special extension activities of the Central Library. It consists of two parts, a talk based on any popular book for 15 minutes, followed by an interactive session of 10 minutes. The "Talk" has become very popular among the teachers and students in a very short period since its initiation. Currently the Central Library is organizing the talk weekly.

User Orientation

The library organizes User Orientation Program on a regular basis. The current edition of this present booklet "*Our Library*" is distributed among the newly admitted students every year.



Book Exhibition

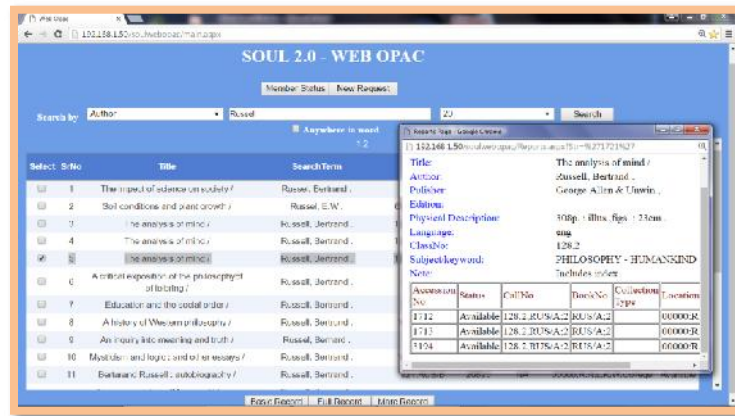
Sometimes, Book exhibitions are organized in the Reading Room of the Central Library to make the students aware of important titles on any subject and to boost up their reading habits.

How to be a Smart Library User

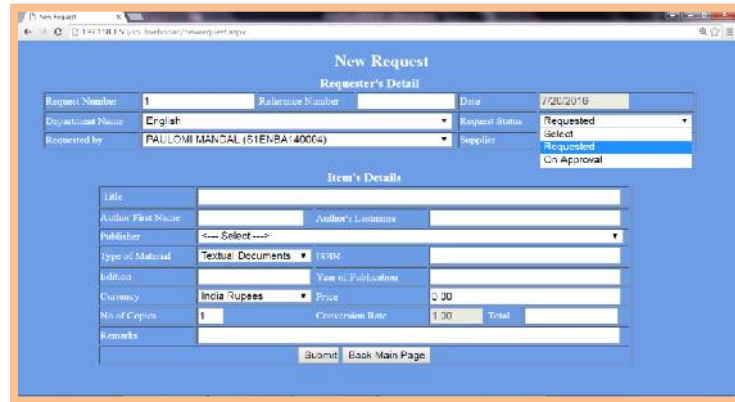
- Collect your membership card on the scheduled date.
- Frequently visit the Library (at least 4 times a week), so that you become acquainted with the Library system quickly.
- Learn to search and browse the OPAC.
- Walk through the Open Access stack-room and browse books.
- For any kind of queries, approach to the information window.
- Spend your leisure time in the Reading Room.
- Conform to the notice board to be aware of the current activities of the Library.
- Follow the board of the New Arrivals
- Encourage your friends and juniors to visit the Library regularly.



How to Locate a Book



For new books (Accession No. 20,000 and onwards), our Library follows *Open Access System*, in which the users are allowed to go to the book stacks directly and choose their desired book. To search the books with Accession Number below 20,000 or to browse the database by title, author, subject, series, etc., the users can go through the Web OPAC.



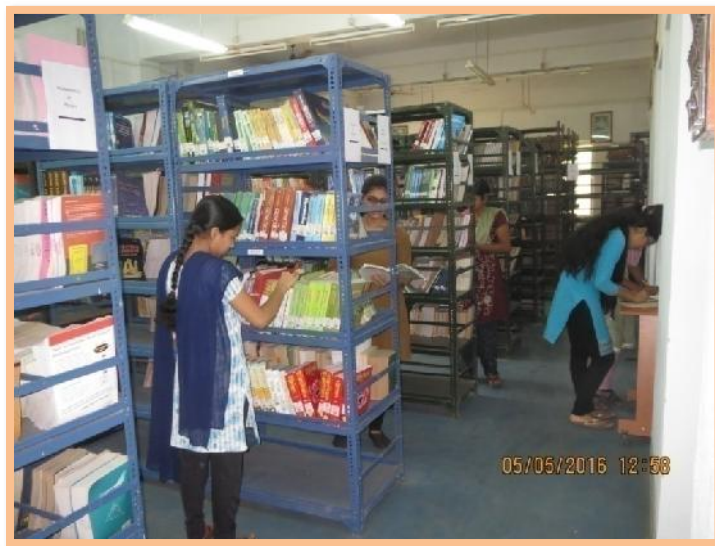
Progress of the Library in Last Five Years

- Acquisition of more than 5000 books.
- Utilization of prestigious funds like CPE BSR etc.
- Addition of 3 Journals, and 1 National News Paper.
- Installation of a new server PC with advanced configuration and genuine software.
- Installation of newer version (2.0) of Library Management System SOUL.
- Initiation of almost fully automated Library Services for the users.
- Introduction of Open Access System for the students in circulation section as well as in the Reading Room.
- Expansion of the area of the Library.
- Introduction of separate reading space for the faculty members.
- Increase in the seat capacity of the Reading Room.
- Introduction of Wi-Fi facility in the Reading Room.
- Introduction of new extension services like Book Talk and Book Exhibition.
- Installation of CC TV in the Circulation section and in the Reading Room.
- Extension in Library hours. Now, the Library is open on Sundays too.



General Instructions for the Students

- Silence in the Library is imperative.
- Students are not allowed in the library without membership cards. The card is not transferable.
- Mobile phones must be switched off before entering the library.
- Borrowers are responsible for loss or damage of the books borrowed on their card.
- The borrowers may retain book(s) borrowed on their cards for 15 days only. A fine of Rs. 1.00 per day per volume will be imposed after the due date of the return of the book.
- Loss of library card must be reported to the Library personnel immediately. A sum of Rs. 5/- will be charged for a duplicate one.
- The card is valid for the entire period of the course (i.e. 3 years for UG students and 2 years for PG students). Therefore, it must be preserved carefully.



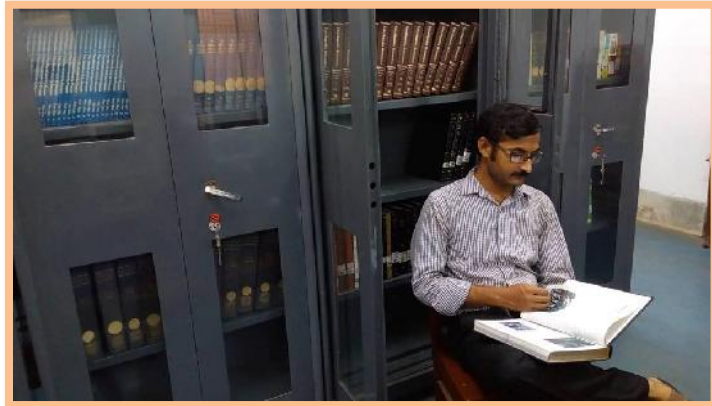
Future Plan

- Digitalization of old and rare books
- Publishing the Library OPAC on the Web
- Separate sections for PG students and research scholars

Book Talk



Reference Section



Comments on the Library by the Students and Visitors

The College Library has escalated my exposure to the world of knowledge to a new level. Throughout the years, I have managed to collect and go through a lot of books which would be otherwise impossible for me to have with my limited budget. Whatever insights I have of my subjects are mostly because of the books I came in touch with here.

— Paulomi Mandal, 2nd Year, English (H)

The rich collection of our Library have incremented my knowledge base. The study room of the Library provides a quiet environment for self and group studies. The Book-talks conducted by the library are great mind exercising interactive sessions. It also has been a refreshment from the monotone study routines.

— Payel Rana, 1st Year, Math (H)

It's a very good library with an extremely useful collection of English and Bengali Books.

— Debi Chatterjee

Retired Prof., Dept. of International Relation, Jadavpur University

It has been a unique experience to be in this learning resource center located in this place (Midnapore).

— S. Seetharama

DRTC, Indian Statistical Institute, Bangaluru

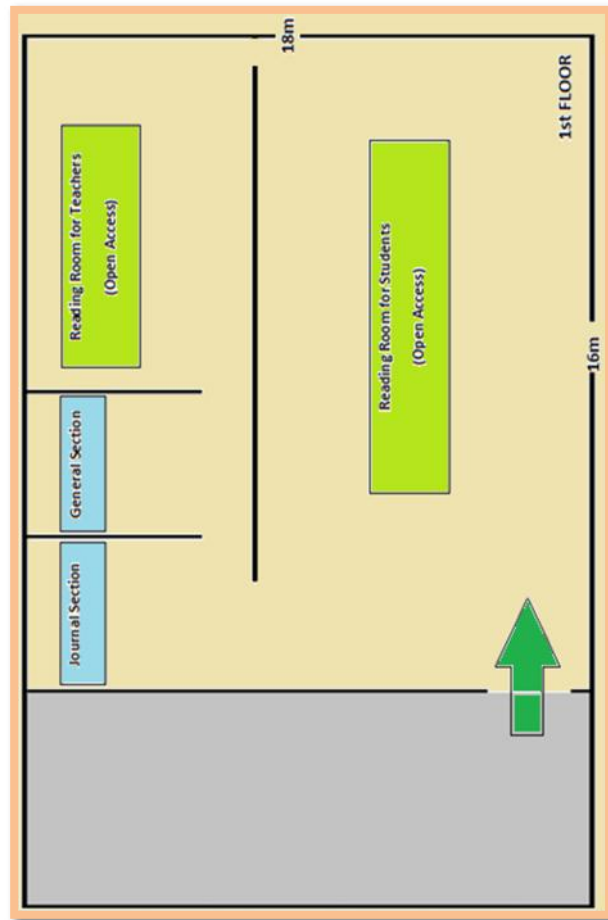
... A good many books on Sanskrit literature and on Indian philosophy, original and annotated are carefully preserved in the shelves for the use of scholars and researchers. At the same time there is a very attractive collection of treatises on Bengali literature and priceless books of timeless value on countless branches of human learning.

— Haripada Mondal

Renowned Researcher, & Ex Head Master of Midnapore Collegiate School.

Layout of the Central Library

(1st Floor)



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As you get in, a nice lobby. On the left, a stairway going upwards, which will lead you to a large, airy Reading Hall with plenty of precious books and periodicals. Just put a signature at the Register, go to the shelves, choose your book and take a seat wherever you like. You will find the most beautiful way to enjoy the time.

The counter on the right of the lobby is for circulation. To issue a book for home, you have to approach a few steps forward. Cross the collapsible gate, push the glass door and you find the Open Access Book Stake. Take the book from the shelf, which you want to issue, fill in a requisition slip and deposit the book with your membership card and the slip at the counter. Within 2/3 minutes, the book will be issued against your name.

Yes, it is that much easier to get a book from the Library, just like plucking a rose from its stalk. Hurry up, a great treasure is waiting for you.

ভেতরে এলেই একটি চতুষ্কোণ হলঘর । বাঁদিকে সিঁড়ি, যেটা তোমাকে নিয়ে যাবে মূল্যবান বইপত্র সাজানো আলো-হাওয়াময় একটি প্রশস্ত পাঠকক্ষে । নির্দিষ্ট খাতায় শুধুমাত্র একটা স্বাক্ষর দিয়ে চলে যাও বইয়ের তাকে । পছন্দের বইটি বেছে নিয়ে খুশিমত যে কোনও একটা চেয়ার টেনে বসে পড়ো, আর সময়কে উপভোগ কর সবচেয়ে উৎকৃষ্ট পন্থায় ।

একতলায় প্রবেশদ্বারের ডানদিকে বই আদানপ্রদানের জানালা । বাড়িতে পড়বার জন্য বই নিতে হলে তোমাকে সামনের লোহার গেট দিয়ে ভেতরে যেতে হবে । তারপর কাচের দরজা ঠেলে ঢুকলেই সারিসারি বইয়ের তাক, যেখানে নিজেরাই বেছে নিতে পারবে পছন্দের বই । একটা ছোট অভিযান পত্র বা রিকুইজিসন স্লিপ ভর্তি করে, স্লিপসহ বই আর তোমার মেম্বারসিপ কার্ড ঐ জানালায় জমা দিতে হবে । মাত্র দু-তিন মিনিটে ।

হ্যাঁ, গ্রন্থাগার থেকে পড়বার জন্য একটি বই ইস্যু কর । ঠিক যেন বৃন্ত থেকে একটি গো

গোলা । তাহলে আর দেরি কেন, দুলভ রত্নের একটি সুবৃহৎ সংগ্রহ তোমার জন্য অপেক্ষমাণ ।

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