

**The Central Library of
Meenakshi Medical College & Research Institute,
The Various facilities offered**

“One best book is equal to hundred good friends but one good friend is equal to al library”.

- **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam**



Central library of Meenakshi Medical College and Research Institute

The aim of central library of Meenakshi Medical College and Research Institute is to serve the varied needs of its many readers efficiently. The library makes available to the undergraduates post graduates, super specialties, paramedical students with a wide collection of medical literature including books, journals, reference sources, pamphlets electronic resources like e-books and e-journals of the library. Library has a membership with DELNET and thro' this various services are obtained.

This library a “Knowledge Centre” is located in an independent building, in three stories complex affiliated with MAHER university. Thiru AN Radakrishnan, M.A., D.Com,. is our Honorable Chancellor of MAHER university. This library is well designed, central air conditioned, with fire alarm, fully equipped with furnitures & with pleasant atmosphere. The

layout of and floor area of each floor is 1339 Sq.mts. College started functioning from 2002 onwards. Library is functioning from 8.30AM to 8.00PM from Monday thro Saturday and 9.00AM to 3.00 PM on Sundays.

Ground floor has got 250 seats in one main reading hall, one room for faculties with 25 seats and another for PG students with 30 seats. In addition to these 305 seats, in the first floor 250 seats are available for the users to read their own books.

The Library Collection & Development:

The central library has 22,000 of books 732 ebooks, subscribing for 81 International and 81 National journals and has 3133 back volumes. We are also subscribing for 1551 electronic journals. We follow open access system. To make it user friendly the library books are classified according to library of congress and National library of Medicine classification and arranged them in the shelves by subject.

Resources available:

- ❖ Computer Lab
 - Printing
 - Scanning
 - CD – burning
 - e – learning with modules
 - Personnel storage

- Photocopying
- Lending Books and journals
- Back volumes from 2005
- AutoLib Software
- E – Journals 1551
- E – Books 732
- Book Bank

Services offered:

- Inter Library Reprints
- Reprography
- Internet
- Electronic Journal access
- Lending
- Citation Verification

- Guidance to readers in search strategy
- Students book store service

Skill Lab:

- In the 2nd floor we have a skill lab with air conditioner. We have the following manikins in which all the students are undergoing medicine education training.

Multifunctional patient care manikin (female) advanced nursing baby.

Advanced CPR training manikin.

Adult venipuncture & infection training arm.

Advanced delivery & maternal 2 Neonatal.

Emergency simulator (birthing simulator)

Advanced life support & wound care manikin

Maternity examination model

Advanced CPR training model (Adult)

Delivery train model

Advanced surgical suturing leg

The envision of a good library for students:

It should have technological innovation, global reputation and good collections, dedicated staff ready access to its resources through remote services. The library should provide separate rooms for interaction, group study, seminar, halls to organize conferences. Librarian should create user friendly atmosphere in and around of the library, to elevate the standard.

Library automation software installed OPAC (Open Public access catalogue) is available charging and discharging work is computerized No. of e-resources are added to the total collection.

e-journals modules.

WHO Publications are provide.

Views of the new generation its aspiration & Distractions:

The next generation people are tech savvy – the day they are born, they know how to use electronic gadgets. They are more ambitious to use digital tools and technologies though it distracts. They do not have patience till we search and give the information. Hence libraries should be digitalized and more and more modern tools should be installed to meet the needs of

the end users. In this competitive world the librarian needs to be a good administrator, should have excellent communication skills and should be knowledgeable to provide information to the end users. Librarian should be well equipped, should information technology skills and attitude to help users.

Librarians continue to be knowledge professionals to the advancement of medical education, healthcare and researches to reach a level of excellence in all the fields.

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I am Regina Antony, born on 17th April 1950 to a Roman Catholic family at Dindigul. I am the fifth of thirteen children born to my parents. My parents had an ambition to educate their children and encouraged all of us to fulfill their desire.

I did my primary education from class I – VIII at St. Mary's School dindigul, and graduated from Holy cross college at trichiy.

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