
Empowering Learners: The Dynamic Role of STC College Library & Information Center, Banhatti S.S. Itnal

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ABSTRACT:

The Library of STC Arts and Commerce College, Banahatti, serves as an academic hub that supports the teaching, learning, and research activities of the institution. Equipped with a rich collection of textbooks, reference books, journals, newspapers, and digital resources, the library aims to provide students and faculty with timely and relevant information. With user-friendly services such as circulation, reference assistance, e-resources, reading facilities, and reprography, the library fosters an environment that promotes academic excellence and lifelong learning. By integrating technology through OPAC, digital databases, and ICT-enabled services, the library continually evolves to meet the diverse information needs of its users. The STC College Library stands committed to nurturing knowledge, encouraging inquiry, and supporting the holistic development of students in the regions.

KEYWORDS:

Tammannappa Chikkodi, OPAC, Digital facility, Periodicals, Digital library, Journals, Manuscripts.

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Introduction:

The library of JSS STC Arts and Commerce College is established with the inception of the college in 1975. The library is playing pivotal Service in imparting knowledge to the students, teachers, research scholars etc. It has updated and enriched its contents by adding latest reference books in new branches of knowledge like management, computer science etc. With the collection of 40000+ books and 52 magazines, a journal including e-journals in the library is providing good reference materials with ICT to its readers.

STC College Library is one of the oldest Libraries among the aided colleges. It spread in the area of 7698 sqft. The library is located in the separate two storied building. The reading and open access are its special features. No other library as resourceful as this library in Northern Karnataka. This library is fully automated and digitalized library. It has its own dynamic website.

This library includes about 48, 500 text books, 25 magazines, 24 research journals, 17 Newspapers, 63 periodicals, 8014 reference books, about 3000 online downloaded e-books. The special feature of library is 12 century manuscripts.

"EARN WHILE YOU LEARN SCHEME" and "READ A BOOK AND GET A PEN" are the best practices of our college library.

History of STC College Library:

The library of JSS STC Arts and Commerce College is established with the inception of the college in 1975. Hon'ble Shri. Ramakrishna Hegade, the Chief Minister of Karnataka laid the foundation stone on 9th August 1987. It has been inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka Shri. Veerendra Patil, on 9th August 1990.

About five decades back there was no college in the vicinity of 80 kms offering commerce degree course. In 1975, considering the need of the people of Jamakhndi, Mudhol, Raibag and Athani Talukas, the management took a bold decision to start a First Grade College with "Bachelor of Commerce" course to begin with. The motto of late Shree. Tammannappa Chikkodi, the visionary founding father of Janata Shikshan Sangha, was to bring higher education to door steps of the down trodden and the weaker sections of the society in general and weavers community.

- The Sangha started "Bachelor of Arts" Course in June 1982 to provide an opportunity to the students to pursue higher education in the field of their choice. The course provides wide options to the students. The college was renamed "Shree Tammannappa Chikkodi Arts and Commerce College".
- Keeping in view good employment opportunities in corporate world at middle and lower level management, the Sangha started "Bachelor of Business Administration" (BBA) course in 1999.
- With the constantly changing educational landscape and an increase in global opportunities in the field of I. T., in 2001 "Bachelor of Computer Applications" course was offered. This gives an opportunity to the rural students to acquire knowledge in the modern and advanced field of computer applications and computer technology.
- In 2009 Master of Commerce (M. Com), Diploma course in Human Rights Education and Two Certificate courses viz Tally ERP-9, Accounting technician and 2014 Master of Arts in English course were also added.

Orientation Program:

The library conducts an orientation program for all newly admitted students at the beginning of the academic year. The library staffs familiarize the students with all the facilities, responsibilities, regulations and benefits related to library usage. This tradition has ensured that students are well aware of all dynamics of the library and make the best use of it.

Sections:

- Property Counter – To keep personal belongings.
- Attendance Counter – To scan ID cards during entry and exit.
- Circulation Counter – To issue, return and renewal of books.
- Reference Desk – Open access to refer the books in the library.
- Competitive Examination Study Corner – Supporting students for competitive exams.
- OPAC: A digital facility to search library catalogue to locate books & periodicals.
- Digital library: A collection of digital documents.
- Stack Section – Books at stacking area– limited accession.
- Periodical Section –To refer Journals/Magazines & News papers.
- Students’ Reading Hall – Reading area for students.
- Staff Reading Hall – Reading area for staff.
- Collection of Library – Collection of 41974 books.
- PG Section –Reading hall for Post Graduate students.
- CD ROM Section – A collection of educational CDs & DVDs.
- Technical Section –Acquisition, Organization and bar-coding of library materials.

Special Activities of Library:

- Best Reader Recognition – Recognizing students as best readers for their extensive and disciplined use of library.
- Information Sharing Board – Pooling information about a specified topic by students.
- Special Information Zone – To display articles on special issues from periodicals.
- Paper Clipping Albums – Paper clippings of special events.

STC College Library Services:

The teachers, research scholars, students and the other staff are the main users of the library. Themajority of the under-graduate and post-graduate students depends on the services of the library.

- Open Access – Users can easily select a book of their choice on their own.
- Loan – Issue of books for a maximum period of 7 days.
- Reference – Books for reference in-library.

- Book Bank – To provide books for economically and socially backward students.
- Book Selection from Students – Opportunity for students to suggest new titles to the library.
- User Education – To create awareness about library functions among the students.
- Incentives for Sports Students – Additional books are provided to sports persons on their request.
- Tips for Research students – To assist students in searching the books on a topic of their research.
- Inter Library Loan – A form of resource sharing with other libraries
- Xerox / Reprography Facility – The users are allowed to take photocopy of library resources
- Display of New Arrivals – To display the latest accessed books to library.
- Current Awareness Service – Maintain reports articles and patents etc. on current issues.
- Selective Dissemination of Information – To give selected information related to different departments.
- Library for the Public – Public are allowed to use the facility on a membership.
- What is Special Today? To display articles on events and information related to the specific days regularly.
- News Paper Clippings – Collect paper clipping on Science & Technology, Education, Business and Health.
- Book Exhibition cum Sale – To conduct book exhibition annually in collaboration with different publishers and book sellers.
- Providing Kindle E-Book reader to the Library E-Sources users.
- Provision of services in electronic environment like a Moment register, CC Camera and Web Camera etc.,

Collections:

Sl. No	Name Of Subject	For Issue		Reference	No Of Copies	Total Cost	
		Copies	Cost				Copies
1	B. B. A	2267	367192	300	87185	2567	454376
2	B. C. A.	1014	323052	213	52623	1227	375676
3	B. Sc	797	201297	54	34466	851	235763
4	Biography	20	2044	208	20410	228	22454
5	Commerce	8200	1012845	443	89052	8643	1101896

6	Competitive Examinations Books	88	10935	457	189552	545	200487
7	Computer Application	714	118430	65	5620	779	124050
8	Constitution of India	627	47915	207	20412	834	68327
9	Dictionaries	73	5990	99	20802	172	26792
10	Economics	3165	309137	437	52260	3602	361397
11	Encyclopedia	101	20247	225	211022	326	231269
12	English	688	72499	176	35421	864	107921
13	Environmental Studies & H R	120	16773	95	12230	215	29003
14	General	6273	353201	2, 436	305858	8709	659059
15	Geography	551	78458	40	10909	591	89367
16	Hindi	436	50786	115	25930	551	76717
17	History	1453	110459	238	44996	1691	155454
18	Human Rights PGDC	53	7070	90	33975	143	41045
19	Kannada	1674	87822	736	67523	2410	155345
20	M. A.	76	21001	108	123800	184	144801
21	M. Com	246	101152	524	212787	770	313939
22	Personality Development	124	12977	326	48696	450	61674
23	Political Science	1875	155439	191	14901	2066	170340
24	Sociology	2278	149958	421	57404	2699	207363
25	Statistics	664	77187	193	21930	857	99117
		33577	3713866	8397	1799764	41974	5513632

Daily Newspapers:

1	Samyukta Karnataka	Kannada	Daily
2	Kannada Prabha	Kannada	Daily
3	Vijay Karnataka	Kannada	Daily
4	Prajavani	Kannada	Daily
5	Hosadigant	Kannada	Daily
6	Vijayavani	Kannada	Daily

7	Udayavani	Kannada	Daily
8	Vishwavani	Kannada	Daily
9	VK Money Vidyarthi Mitra	Kannada	Daily
10	Janara Guru	Kannada	Daily
11	Vidyarthi Udyoga Mitra	Kannada	Daily
12	Vijay Karnataka Mini	Kannada	Daily
13	Dream Job	Kannada	Daily
14	Deccan Herald	English	Daily
15	The Times of India	English	Daily
16	Indian Express	English	Daily
17	The Hindu	English	Daily
18	Business Line	English	Daily

Journals:

1	The Hindu in School	English	Weekly
2	Out Look	English	Weekly
3	Economic & Political Weekly	Eco	Weekly
4	Frontline	English	Weekly
5	Employment News	English	Forthnightly
6	Udyoga Varthe	Kannada	Forthnightly
7	Out Look Business	English	Monthly
8	Bal Bharati	Hindi	Monthly
9	Kurukshetra	English	Monthly
10	Bhavan's Journal	English	Monthly
11	Competition Success Review	English	Monthly
12	Indian Journal of management	English	Monthly
13	Indian Journal of Finance	English	Monthly
14	Indian Journal of Marketing	English	Monthly
15	Career 360	English	Monthly

16	Yojana	English	Monthly
17	Indian Journal of Eco & Research	English	Monthly
18	Vikalpa	English	Monthly
19	Stree Jagruti	English	Monthly
20	Indian Journal of Research in Cap Markets	English	Monthly
21	Ajkal	English	Monthly
22	Journal of Literatures in English	English	Half Yearly
23	Indian Journal of Library & Info. Tech	English	Half Yearly
24	AMC Journal of Entrepreneurship	English	Half Yearly

Magazines:

1	The Week	English	Weekly
2	Bodivruksha	Kannada	Weekly
3	Karmaveer	Kannada	Weekly
4	Sudha	Kannada	Weekly
5	Sports Star	English	Weekly
6	SpardhaJagattu	Kannada	Monthly
7	Spardha Chanakya	Kannada	Monthly
8	Spardha Spoorti	Kannada	Monthly
9	Spardha Vani	Kannada	Monthly
10	Study Planner	Kannada	Monthly
11	SpardhaVijet	Kannada	Monthly
12	Rangavithal	Kannada	Monthly
13	Vivek Prabha	Kannada	Monthly
14	Kannada Nudi	Kannada	Monthly
15	Vidnyana Loka	Kannada	Monthly
16	Diksuchi	Kannada	Monthly
17	Padmashali	Kannada	Monthly

18	Samachar	Kannada	Monthly
19	Out Look Money	English	Monthly
20	Competition Vision	English	Monthly
21	Tell Me Why	English	Monthly
22	GK	English	Monthly
23	Readers Digest	English	Monthly

Manuscripts:

1. Gana Bhashe Ratnakar
2. Shree Nijaguna Shivayogigala Paramanuva Bhode
3. Shree Nijaguna Shivayogigala Anubhava Sara
4. Shree Nijaguna Shivayogigala Virachitawada Paramartha Geete
5. Shree Nijaguna Shivayogigala Virachita Vivek Chintamani
6. Shree Prabhulinga Leele Purana
7. Paramartha Prakashike
8. Siddanta Shikhamani
9. Prasada Chintamani
10. Swara Chintamani
11. Kaivalya Paddati
12. Kotturu Basaveshwar Purana
13. Kumararamana Sangatya
14. Vachana Sahitya
15. Shreeguru Shankarashwar Shataka

Conclusion:

The STC College Library and Information Center stands as a living force that nurtures curiosity, inspires scholarship and empowers every learner to rise beyond limits. By blending knowledge, technology and guidance, the library continues to shape confident learners who are ready to face the future with clarity and courage. As a dynamic hub of learning, the library not only supports academic growth but also plants the seeds of innovation in every student who walks through its doors. The library's unwavering commitment to student success makes it a true catalyst of intellectual empowerment and lifelong learning. Through its vibrant services and learner-centered approach, the STC College Library remains a guiding light that transforms ordinary students into extraordinary achievers.

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