UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

INTRODUCTION:

Kamdhenu University has been established by the Government of Gujarat in the year 2009. The Library was started in the year 2015. The Primary aim of the Library is to support the objectives of the University viz. Education, Research and Extension Education. The mission of the Library is to provide University students with the information they need to achieve their highest academic potential and help them acquire research skills necessary for lifelong learning and to support teaching faculty & administrative staff and to participate in interactive information to exchange within the wider library/educational community. Another mission of the Library is to provide information services and access to digital and printed resources to support the scholarly and informational needs of the faculty, students and researchers. The Library is one of the central support services to the vision and mission of the Kamdhenu University.

COLLECTION:

The Library was started with approximately 200 books. At present, the Library has a total of 1109 books, 30 CD/DVDs, 19 current periodicals, popular magazines & newspapers, 73 back volumes, 13 Post graduate theses, 225 reports. In addition, the Library provides more than 35 million digitized pages in 1,60,000 digital items (volumes) like old books, old Journals, reports, proceedings, reprint, research highlights, training manuals, historical records and more than 1,00,000 Ph.D and M.Sc. theses submitted by various ICAR Institutes / SAUs and with full text searchable facilities through Krishikosh.

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AUTOMATION:

The Library has a LAN setup and internet with 11computer terminals. Recently the Library has taken necessary steps to transform the library into a fully automated one with the installation of KOHA software developed exclusively for libraries. Bibliographic database of library collection is completed and now available through OPAC of the Library. University Library is being done all its work through library management software.CCTV is another addition of the Library as security system which helps in security of library resources as well as library management.

(Computer Lab with internet to access E-resources)

SERVICES:

University Library gives services to the students, teachers/scientists, research scholars and other staff of the University, Colleges and PG Centres, viz., College of Dairy Science, Polytechnic in Animal Husbandry, Post Graduate Institute of Veterinary, Post Graduate Institute of Fisheries. As the teaching activity of Veterinary Science and Fisheries was shifted to Rajpur (Nava), Himmatnagar and the resources were transferred to the Rajpur Campus in the year 2019. At present the University Library is housed in Rajpur (Nava), Himmatnagar Campus.

University Library renders it's services in the following way for the smooth and transparent function:

• Book lending service

• Reference/Information service

• Current awarenessservice

• Selective dissemination of information

• Documentation service

• Internet/E-mail service

• Resource-sharing service

• User education programme

• Reprography service

LIBRARY STAFF:

Besides the recent recruitment of the University Librarian in January 2020,the University has three Assistant Librarians.
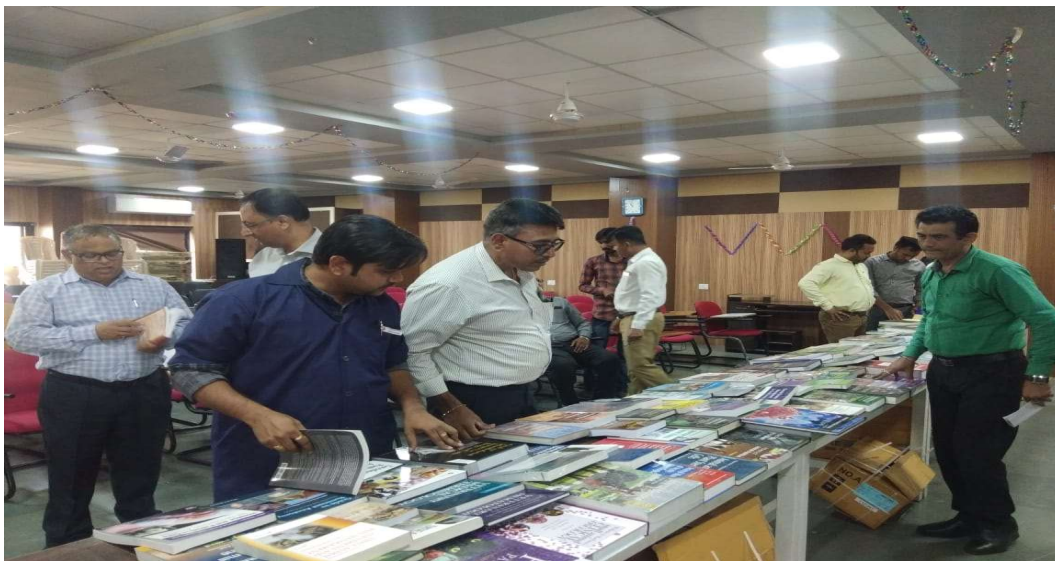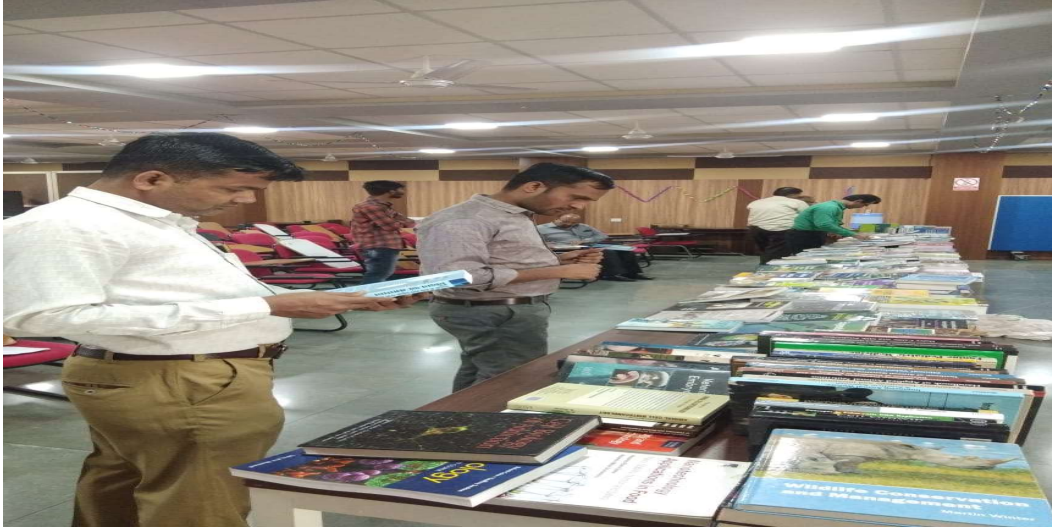
WORKING HOURS:

University Library remains open from 9.10am to 5.10pm in Monday to Saturday, except 2nd and 4th Saturdays, all Sundays and public holidays.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

University has constituted Library Committee for smooth and proper functioning of library. The main function of the committee is to manage the Library and advise the Board of Management on any matter connected with the Library referred to it by the Board of Management.Vice-chancellor is a chairman and University Librarian is a secretary of the Committee. Library committee meeting is held once or twice a year as per requirement.

ACTIVITIES:

Books exhibition is being organised at the Library to create awareness about good reading and reference materials.The maximum number of books are recommended by the faculty and students and purchased by the Library.

(Book Exhibition)

FUTURE PLANS:

- Implementation of RFID system.
- Create digital collection for the users.

CONSTITUENT UNITS:

(1) <u>The College of Dairy Science, Amreli</u>

The College of Dairy Science, Amreli was the first constituent college of the Kamdhenu University and was established at Amreli as on August 01, 2010.It has a rich and comprehensive Library collection of not just books and journals but also has a vast resource base of e-resources. The Unit Library has a total of 4620 books, 262 CD/DVDs, 26 current periodicals/magazines &Research journals, 05 newspapers, 1251back volumes of journals, 19 Dissertations and thesis, 213 E-books and 91reports.

(Library Collection at College of Dairy Science, Amreli)

The Library also provides online access to all its resources and has its own webpage viz. http://103.137.193.147:8081/

The webpage serves as an Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) and provides links to all its electronic resources such as e-Books, e-Journals, e-Newspapers, Question papers of past examinations, college news clippings to name a few.

The Unit Library has 10 computers with internet facility for the students. Furthermore, the students can also use computers and internet facility at the computer lab for literature search as required.

(Students of CDS, Amreli at the Library E-corner)

The College has transformed the traditional library to automated digital library using RFID System for Self-Check in/Check out and scanning searching function and fully IT Infrastructure enabled "Cybrary".

(State-of-the-art RFID system: Self check-in and check-out system)

(2) Polytechnic in Animal Husbandry, Himmatnagar

At present, Polytechnic in Animal Husbandry's Library is housed with University Library. It has 1512 books and 11 journals/periodicals. This unit library is computerized and automated with KOHA library management software.

Both unit libraries are providing various services like Circulation Services (Books lending, renewal, and return facility), reference service, current awareness services, reprographic service etc. to the users.