



4.2.1 *Library is automated with digital facilities using Integrated Library Management System (ILMS), adequate subscriptions to e-resources and journals are made. The library is optimally used by the faculty and students*

Libraries have evolved significantly over the years, transitioning from mere repositories of books to dynamic information centers. Modern libraries, such as the one at Sri Akilandeswari Women's College (SAWC), integrate digital facilities with traditional collections to serve the needs of faculty and students comprehensively. This particular library uses an Integrated Library Management System (ILMS) to automate various functions, ensuring efficient management and accessibility of resources. It also subscribes to an extensive range of e-resources and journals, maximizing its utility for academic and research purposes.

Structure of the Library

The library system at SAWC is composed of several components:

- Central Library: This is the main hub, encompassing a broad range of resources and services.
- Branch Library: Smaller, specialized collections that cater to specific academic disciplines.
- Department Library: Located within academic departments, these libraries house materials pertinent to their respective fields.

Governance and Staffing

The library is overseen by a Library Development Committee, which establishes policies and guidelines to govern its operations. The committee ensures that the library remains responsive to the needs of its users and adheres to best practices in library management. The staffing includes:

- 1 Librarian: Responsible for overall management and strategic planning.
- 2 Assistant Librarians: Assist in daily operations, user services, and maintenance of the collection.



Collections and Physical Layout

The library spans an area of 2773 square feet (118*23.5 sq ft) and hosts a diverse array of physical and digital materials:

- Books: Over 14,381 volumes.
- Journals and Magazines: 10 journals and 11 magazines, both national and international.
- Back Volumes: 2007.
- Projects and Dissertations: 285 projects, 375 field study reports, 5 Ph.D. theses.
- Conference Proceedings: 36.
- Digital Resources: Includes CDs, DVDs, and extensive online resources like INFLIBNET, which provides access to 6000 e-resources and 97,000 e-books.

Library Management System

The library at SAWC employs Autolib software for its ILMS needs. This web-based software (version 1.0) has fully automated the library since 2016. The automation covers a range of functions:

- Acquisition Control System: Manages the procurement of new materials.
- Circulation Control System: Handles the issuing and returning of books.
- Serial Control System: Manages journals and periodicals.
- Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC): Allows users to search the library's collection online.
- Self-Check-out/Check-in System: Facilitates automated borrowing and returning of books.
- Gate Entry Monitoring System (GEMS): Tracks user entry and exit for security and usage statistics.
- Digital Repository Advanced Management System: Organizes digital resources.
- Systematic Mapping of Internet Resources: Ensures access to relevant online information.
- Learning e-Resources: Provides access to educational materials.
- Usage Statistics: Tracks the utilization of library resources.
- Print & Reprographic Services: Offers printing and copying services.



Digital and E-Resource Subscriptions

The library subscribes to various e-resources to enhance its digital collection:

- N-List: National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for Scholarly Content.
- E-Journals: Access to numerous academic and professional journals.
- E-Books: Digital books available for online reading or download.
- E-PG Pathshala: Educational platform providing postgraduate courses.
- E-Sodh Sindhu: Consortium for higher education e-resources.
- Virtual Labs: Online laboratories for various scientific disciplines.
- National Digital Library of India: Access to a vast repository of academic content.
- Internet Archive Library: Digital library offering free access to a myriad of resources.
- Pdfdrive.net: Online platform for free PDF books.
- Tamil Enaiyam E Books and Tamil Virtual Library: Special collections of Tamil literature.

Activities and Events

To engage users and promote the library, several activities and events are organized:

- Dr. A.P.J. Knowledge Consortium: A knowledge-sharing initiative.
- Library Visits: Tours for students and faculty to familiarize them with library resources.
- National Library Week and National Librarian Day: Celebrations to highlight the importance of libraries and librarians.
- Award for Best Library User: Recognizes and rewards active users of the library.
- The unique feature of our library is the maintenance of "Book Bank" with a good number of textbooks donated by the alumni, interested students and staff.

Services and Facilities

The library provides a range of services and facilities to enhance user experience:

- Orientation Program: Conducted for first-year students to introduce them to the library's resources and services.
- Photocopying Rare Books: Allows users to make copies of rare and valuable texts.



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- Printing eBooks: Facilitates access to digital books in physical form.
- Preservation of Donated Books: Special section for donated materials.
- Information Boards: Display important information related to placements, competitive exams, and online courses.
- Reprographic Services: Includes photocopying, scanning, and printing.
- Question Bank Service: University exam papers are available for reference.
- Syllabus and Regulations: Kept for user reference.
- Wi-Fi Facilities: Provides internet access within the library.
- Extended Hours: Available for hostel inmates, research scholars, and students working on projects.

The automated library at Sri Akilandeswari Women's College (SAWC) with its comprehensive digital facilities serves as a pivotal resource for students and faculty. By integrating traditional and modern resources, and leveraging advanced ILMS software, it ensures efficient management and broad access to information. The library's commitment to continuous improvement and user engagement through activities and services highlights its role as a vital component of the academic ecosystem.

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