

TNNLU Library

GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING THE TNNLU LIBRARY

About TNNLU Library

The TNNLU Library currently consists of a modest collection of books and journals in law and other disciplines taught at TNNLU which should eventually emerge as a modern and the leading law library in South India, if not in all of India. It's aspired that the TNNLU Library should have one of the best collections of books, journals and e-resources in all Social Sciences, Humanities, Commerce and Accountancy.

Collection

The collection shall consist of books, journals, e-resources in all branches of Law, English, History, Economics, Sociology, Political Science, Commerce, Accountancy, Psychology and other related disciplines taught or researched into at TNNLU.

Books in these respective disciplines should be classics, standard text books (multiple copies, if required), commentaries on books, national and international journals, etc. Faculty members may propose 2 text/basic books for each subject, three copies of each to be procured and one be marked as 'Restricted/Not-for Loan' copy or as for reference in the library only. Only standard books should be entertained even if expensive.

There should be more e-books (preferably on perpetual mode), e-journals (including back files) and books of inter-disciplinary perspective.

Bare Acts: Library should avoid buying multiple copies of Bare Acts. Students should be encouraged to buy personal copies.

Resources Other Than Major Disciplines

Books on all religions, unless authored by intellectuals and scholars of merit, should be avoided.

Guides for students should not be entertained at all. **Dictionaries** - only standard (though expensive) dictionaries in English to Tamil and Tamil to English as well as in other languages should form part of the collection.

There may be a collection of books for preparation of civil services and judicial service exams – again only standard books and no guides should be entertained.

Classics in all relevant disciplines, encyclopedias, atlases, other reference books must be procured but not lent out. They should be only for reference in the library.

Books in Tamil

The TNNLU Library shall make every effort to procure books in Tamil that are classics in Tamil language and literature and also in the disciplines taught and researched into at TNNLU.

How to indent

Book purchases are considered on the recommendation of individual Faculty members or of students through the respective Faculty members. Full bibliographical details (including edition) should be provided. Availability of a book in the TNNLU collection should be verified from Web OPAC before indenting.

Government Publications

TNNLU Library will accept government publications (based on government instructions/request) though they may not be directly relevant to the courses taught at TNNLU. Books that are directly not relevant to TNNLU would, however, be shelved separately under the caption ‘Government Publications’

Donated Resources

The donated materials must correspond to the general scope of the Library’s Collection Development Policy. In other words, donations are to be accepted by applying the same criteria as purchased material. (Refer to Policy on Donated Books for details)

BCI Guidelines

The Library will meet the guidelines published by Bar Council of India from time to time as the minimum standard for the library.
