

## **Collection Development or Developing Collection of Your Library**

The library's primary task is to select, maintain, and provide access to relevant literature to the readers of a library. A library is known by its collection rather than any other things. However, due to the impact of information technology and electronic media, libraries are changing their role from collection/ holdings to electronic access strategies. This implies that the collection development policies are significantly changing and that libraries need to give proper attention to it. It is likely to happen that instead of collection development, the focus may shift to developing the collection of a library. There are several books now-a-days are published in the e-format. These e-books (so called as) are mostly available as bundled collections ranging from ten to thousands in number and not individually. Mostly, 10% to 20% of the collection is useful and remaining may not be of interest to anyone. However, one has to pay the cost of complete collection/bundle. The publisher may offer some discount over a price of complete collection. However, one has to undertake research work to find out the cost effectiveness of collection prices. All such situations hamper your collection development policies (if any) as well as budget. A pile of undesirable collection of e-books occupies place in your library and adds to the growth of your library. The libraries can play an important role in expressing their opinions about these e-books collection and help to grow the useful collection of their libraries.