

economy and politics of Kerala. The document collection includes books, back volumes of prominent Malayalam periodicals, gazettes, gazetteers, census reports and technical reports. Most of these rare documents have been digitalized and kept in the Digital Archive.

**Maintenance section (Stack Room):** This is the place where the books are stacked. Its function is the display and maintenance of books that are issued on loan. The whole collection is arranged in four floors. Books are arranged on the shelves according to Colon Classification Scheme. Members are advised to consult the catalogue first, before proceeding to take books from the shelves. Many specialized collections like Govt. publications, Gandhiana, Women studies, bound volumes of newspapers and periodicals etc. are available. Open access facility is given to most of the collection available in this section.

**Reprographic section** Photocopying facility is available from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

**Other facilities in the Library**

**Drinking Water:** Two water coolers with purifiers are installed in the Ground Floor of the Library

**Dining Hall:** Dining hall facility is available on the Ground Floor and First Floor of the Library

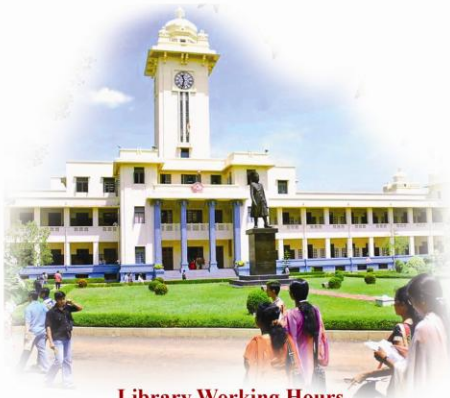
**Canteen:** A canteen functions inside the library premises from 8 AM to 7PM.

**Key Features**

- Total Area of the Library (Sq.Ft.) 85,000
- Total Seating Capacity 750
- Average No. of working days 345
- No. of Books 3,10,000+
- Bound Volumes of Periodicals 41,642
- Bound Volumes of Newspapers 850
- Theses 5,500+
- UN & World Bank Collection 30,000+
- Periodicals (Indian) 250
- Periodicals (Foreign) 22
- Popular Magazines 44
- Newspapers 23
- E-Journals 14,000+
- E-Books 2,000+
- Databases 10
- Professional staff 55



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"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better."

-Sidney Sheldon

**No one ever stops learning!**

## Kerala University Library- A short history

The Kerala University Library, formerly the Library of the University of Travancore, was established in 1942 even though the University of Travancore was started in 1937. Till the formation of a separate library for the University, The Trivandrum Public Library and the libraries of the arts and Science colleges served the requirements of the academic community. The administration of the Trivandrum Public Library which had around 33,356 books and 93 periodicals was brought under the university in 1938. The Arts College was amalgamated with the Science College in 1942-43 and about 10,000 books from the Arts College Library was transferred to the University College. The remaining books numbering about 20,000 mostly of an advanced nature were kept in the Arts College. This formed the nucleus of the University Library Collection. The personal libraries of Divan Bahadur Dr. S. Krishna Swami Aiyangar and Professor P.P. Sastri were purchased and added to the collection.

Four years later the library was shifted to a new building on the eastern side of the University College. After the formation of the Kerala State in 1956, steps were taken to reconstitute the University of Travancore into a teaching and federal University for the state as a whole. With this in the view the Kerala University Act was brought into force by the Kerala Government in 1957 with the preamble "... Conservation, promotion and development of Kerala Arts and Culture and the Malayalam language and the gradual change of the medium of instruction into Malayalam in all the educational institutions in the state as well as the provision of greater facilities for the post graduate study and original research in all branches of learning by establishing centres of postgraduate study and original research in different parts of the state". The present library building, having a plinth area of more than 85,000 Sq.feet. started functioning on 8<sup>th</sup> September 1962.

**Mission:** To foster research and development and providing learning support to the academic community

**Vision:** To transform the library into a potential knowledge resource centre with advanced technology

## Organization of the library

For functional convenience, the library is divided into different sections - Circulation Section, Acquisition section, Technical section, Reference section, Periodical section, Documentation and Information Services section, Knowledge Resource Centre, Kerala Studies Section, UN & World Bank Section, Research Section, and Maintenance Section (Stack Room).

**Property Counter:** Members are requested to keep their personal belongings including handbags, suitcases, printed materials, umbrellas etc in the Property Counter which is on the right side of the entrance and obtain token.

**Security Desk:** Users have to show their Identity card at the security desk for verification and sign the Gate Register at the time of entering the library. Members are requested to hand over the book issued on loan and the token to the security staff on duty. All materials including files, note books, other personal belongings etc taken inside the library are to be given for inspection by the security staff when leaving the library.

**Membership Desk:** Enrollment of membership can be done at the Membership Desk from 8 AM to 1 PM and 2 PM to 7.30 PM. Clearance Certificates will be issued for Membership withdrawn/Closed. Temporary Memberships are also issued on payment or permission issued by the University Librarian/Deputy Librarian/Senior most library staff on duty.

**Circulation Counter:** Issue and return of books, renewal of due dates, reservation of new and issued books, collection of overdue charges etc are done in this counter.

**Acquisition Section:** This section acquires and makes accessible resources necessary to enrich library collection. The aim of this section is to build up and maintain a collection which is qualitatively relevant and quantitatively adequate.

**Technical Section:** The Technical Section processes the acquired books by classifying and cataloguing, for making it into usable by different section of the library. Details of the entire library collection are available in card catalogue and in its electronic version, OPAC.

**Reference Section:** KUL has a good reference collection consisting of various encyclopaedias, dictionaries, yearbooks, directories, almanacs, atlases,

gazetteers, biographies, textbooks etc from national and international publishers. Student members have the facility to get text books issued on loan for overnight use.

**Periodicals Section:** Periodical Section is one of the nerve centres of the Library which is rich in its context with the wide range of subject periodicals published in India and abroad, popular magazines and newspapers. The collection includes significant Abstracting Periodicals like Dissertation Abstracts International, Indian Science Abstracts etc.

**Electronic Resource Centre:** This Centre was established with the objective of providing IT oriented information services to the user community. Almost all the operation of the library is computerized. All sections of the library are being interconnected through a Local Area Network. Web-OPAC is available to the public through the library website [www.kulib.in](http://www.kulib.in). Access to more than 14,000 electronic journals and 10 other databases are provided here. Wi-Fi facility has also been established in the library to enhance accessibility of information.

**Research Section:** KUL is one of the major research centres of the University in the fields of Arts and Humanities. Facilities are also provided to scholars in a few Science subjects such as Mathematics, Geography Psychology and Home Science. Theses of all disciplines which have been awarded PhD degree by University of Kerala are organized here for reference.

**Documentation and Inf. Services Section :** This section is organized to provide Bibliographical and Information Services to meet the increasing requirements of research scholars and students of University community. Kerala Index the quarterly publication from this section is available online @ [keralaindex.org](http://keralaindex.org)

**UN & World Bank Section:** The KUL enjoys the unique distinction of being the only depository of UN and World Bank publications in Kerala. We receives more than 200 titles from UN Head quarters and 700 reports from various agencies and 1500 proceedings from the UN General Assembly, Security Council, Economic and Social Council etc.

**Kerala Studies Section:** This section is meant for fostering research in the field of history, science, medicine, art, culture, heritage, language, literature,