

Dayanand Medical College and Hospital, Ludhiana

A Learning Ecstasy

The first batch of MBBS course in Dayanand Medical College and Hospital started in the year 1964 and library was also established in the same year with a single room. In 1977 it was on one floor in old college campus. In the present location, the library is spread over an area of 6930 Sq. feet in the basement of Hero Heart Institute Building.

Visitors to this house of learning paradise are palpably impressed with the vast collection of books and journals. There are 14,881 books on different medical subjects and 14,826 bound volumes of journals. Over 117 Foreign journals, 50 Indian medical Journals grace themselves in addition to it 9 online journals.

It is clean, quiet, spacious and yet crowded. Central air conditioning keeps it comfortable the year around. Not only is the atmosphere most congenial for study, the easy availability of the required books and journals keeps everyone satisfied. An annual budget of over Rs. 47 lacs takes care of the needs.

Visitors are deliberately impressed with the vast collection of books and journals on various Specialties. Perfectly catalogued books, gracing the racks themselves speak of the well-organized structure. Besides this, for leisure reading, the library subscribes to a large number of newspapers and magazines also.

Medical Officers In charge were Dr. G. Avasthi (1976-1995), Dr. S.C Ahuja (1995-1998), Dr. Rajoo Singh Chhina (1999-2004), Dr. S.C. Chopra (2004-2009) and at present Dr. Rajoo Singh Chhina (2009- Till date) is the officer In charge of the library.

The pride of the library is its reference section, which is equipped with 425 latest books on all medical subjects. A separate dissertation section having 989 theses is a distinct feature of this library, benefiting post-graduate students not only of DMCH, but also from the other medical institutions of the region.

There is literally a pin-drop silence and gentle footsteps creeping in and out are the only sounds audible. The library has a sitting capacity of 240 readers. The library is being computerized using TLSS library software in Library, Wi-Fi Internet facility (DSL) services are provided for the faculty.

The library is divided into the following different sections.

- Reference and Circulation section
- Current Periodical section
- Technical section
- Computer Section
- Internet and Reprography section
- Stacking area



- Reading area: It is further divided as per the following users' categories
 - Undergraduate section
 - Postgraduate section
 - Faculty

Objectives

- To support the education programs of the institution.
- To keep the library users updated by providing right information at the right time, this is used for patient care, teaching and research activities.

Features

- Library is open sixteen hours at stretch i.e. 8 A.M. to 12.00 Midnight.
- Centrally air-conditioned.
- Pin drop silence, which facilitates for more concentration.
- Neat and clean.
- Updated reference section. New edition of text books/important books of all subjects are available in this section. These books are for library reading only which are not issued even for an overnight.
- Dissertation section has at present about 989 theses of different subjects.



Most of the core journals, which the library has been subscribing, are available in the library for the last thirty years continuously. The oldest journal in our library is "Medical Annual", 1922. The library has numerous back volumes of journal, which are available since 1930 onwards

CD- ROM Service

The library is enriched with valuable and informative books, journals, research theses and electronic books on CD ROMs & DVD ROMs, which are fulfilling the needs of users. The current reading material is as under:

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| Books | 14,881 |
| Back volume of journals | 14,826 |
| Book Bank | 691 |
| General Books | 2,556 |
| Dissertation | 989 |
| CD/DVDs | 164 |

Reader Services

- Issue and Return: Issue and return of books are provided from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. There is no issue and return on Sunday/holiday. However, reference books for reading in library are issued and returned throughout the working hours. Back volumes and current journals are issued for Photostat only.
- Reference Service: Reference service, both short range service and long range service are provided meticulously
- Current Awareness Service (CAS): Dissemination of information to the concerned user/department about the new books and journals, which are received in the library.
- Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI): Providing information/literature as per need/interest of the user
- Bibliographical Services: Compilation of bibliography on a particular subject by using different indexes/databases.
- Document Delivery Service (DDS): Providing document/micro-document on demand from its own resources or from out side sources.
- Photocopy: Photocopy service is available in the library from 9 A.M. to 10 P.M. on the nominal charges.
- Wi Fi Internet: Library provides Wi Fi Internet service to its users from 8 A.M. to 12 Midnight.



Library Timings

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| Working day | 8 A.M. to 12 Midnight |
| Sunday/ Holiday | 8 A.M. to 10 P.M. |
| During the year, library remains closed only on three National Holidays and Diwali festival. | |