INITIATION OF FRESHMAN INTO A UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

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2 USE OF CATALOGUE

The library catalogue is no less bewildering than the library building itself to the uninitiated freshman. Even the elementary inversion in Name-of-Person in the catalogue is sufficient to upset him. What do the coloured cards indicate? The answers to such simple problems of the reader are given in the guide mentioned above.

3 USE OF STACK ROOM

In order that the reader may usefully browse in the stack room, he also requires help from a library guide. Use of Colon Classification in the organization of books, periodicals and reference materials in the library, is explained in a simple way.

4 LIBRARY ETHICS

The last phase of initiation of a freshman into the library is ensuring loyalty to the discipline and the rules of the library. This task has been tackled in "YOUR LIBRARY" as merely offering "suggestions for using books". The spirit behind the suggestions is indeed high and commendable.

*Mention the bewildermens of the freshman by the largeness of University Library
Explains how the Karnataka University's guide* relieves the feeling.

1 SIZE OF LIBRARY

A University Library is an institutional library. Most universities have students and teachers in varied subjects at all levels. To this situation, we should apply the Fifth Law of Library Science: Library is a growing organism. However modest the beginnings of a University Library may be, the Fifth Law results in such a library growing to a bewildering size in a short period. Each University Library develops peculiarities of its own. It is, therefore, essential that each University Library, irrespective of the age of the institution, should make efforts towards relieving the bewildermens in the reader, especially the freshman. The Indian freshman's bewildermement is accentuated by the lack of his initiation in the use of library at the school and college levels. An effective reference service will, of course, offer considerable relief. As part of the initiation phase of Reference Service to the freshman, he should be given a well-prepared guide to the library. Such a guide has been brought out by the Karnataka University Library, Dharwar.

* Karnataka University Library, Dharwar.