

# Orientation and Functions of Library in Quality Education of College

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## Abstract

Quality education is the core of college education. Libraries are the second class for students due to the extremely important position and function in quality education. Libraries are the best place for cultivating students' morals, the important front for improving students' scientific and cultural qualities, and the effective facilities for developing special technological education, serving as favorable conditions for promoting students' comprehensive qualities. The main idea for libraries strengthening quality education is to build a "people-oriented" management thought, create service equipments and environment with humanism, stick to human service style, and improve the quality of library staff.

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## 1. The Orientation of Libraries in Quality Education of College

Quality education is multi-dimensional education, aiming at cultivating students' creative spirits and achieving students' all-around development in morals, intelligence, physical, and aesthetics. Quality education is the core of college education. Its contents include moral education, scientific and cultural education, professional technology education, and comprehensive quality education. Quality education means to not only enlarge students' scope of knowledge but also train their innovative abilities. Quality education is to stimulate people's inner potentials, give full play to students' initiative spirits, and develop students' personalities.

Quality education associates closely with libraries. In quality education, libraries hold a more important position and importance. Libraries are the place with collected human cultural information resources, and accumulated knowledge and experiences, and the place starting scientific and technological innovations. Mr. Yuanpei Cai has noted: libraries, together with teaching staff and teaching facilities and equipments, are the "three backbones" for college education. He has agreed that "education is not only in schools. There are many other institutions. The first is library." Libraries shoulder an important task ----- serving college teaching and research. In college education, libraries are the extension of class teaching. They are the second class for students. They stand for the level of college spiritual and cultural construction. Libraries help college students to improve and expand their knowledge by rich stored resources, creating a quiet and harmonious study fields with elegant and nice environment, and civilized reading atmosphere. Besides, libraries are responsible for advocating a healthy and active cultural idea. A qualified library can provide with more comprehensive knowledge and information for teachers and students, stimulate the development of readers' innovative personalities, and drive the development of divergent thinking. "No high-quality library, no high-quality college education." Therefore, to emphasize on the function of libraries in quality education is very necessary. We should make best use of libraries and build colleges into places cultivating high-quality talents.

## 2. The Function of Libraries in Quality Education of College

### 2.1 Libraries are the Best Place for Cultivating Students' Morals

Today's college students are the future of the country and the hope of the nation. Their moral levels directly associate with the prosperity or the decline of the nation. How to guide college students to build correct outlook on life, and values, to master scientific outlook on world and methodology, and to hold noble morals and affections is the responsibility of college education, and also the basic requirement for building harmonious college culture. In libraries, there are numerous excellent journals, books, and information resources. The unique human culture and knowledge treasure-house is rightly the sound base for actualizing the education function. Libraries can achieve the

goal of “educating people by reading” by circulation of books.

Libraries are the best place for cultivating students’ morals. Libraries can develop moral education based on the advantages, helping students to correct attitudes to study and establish study objectives. Libraries are the place that most students study. There are full of democratic and free air. Students at similar ages prefer to communicate with each other. They can study from others, compare self with others, affect each other, and motivate each other. In a nice atmosphere, students get quality education and moral education. Gradually, students possess correct values, outlook on life, and morals. The formation of quality education and students’ thoughts are different from the acquirement of knowledge and techniques that happens mainly in class teaching. The formation is sort of self choice. Libraries have a strong potential education power, which can make students produce agreements on values and accept them initiatively. By reading excellent journals and books purposely, college students can be touched and influenced. At the same time, their morals are improved, their knowledge enlarged, and their self quality perfected.

### *2.2 Libraries are the Important Front for Improving Students’ Scientific and Cultural Quality*

To improve the scientific and cultural quality is the base for improving students’ all-around quality, and the important ring for improving the professional technology quality and comprehensive quality. Premier Jiabao Wen says: “Culture is the spirit and the soul of a nation, and the decisive factor for a nation’s power. The power of thoughts and culture can profoundly influence the development of one nation, and change the fate of one nation.” “No the development of advanced culture, no the improvement of national civilized quality, there is no real realization of modernization.” Libraries store the most excellent human cultural legacy. They are the place collecting and disseminating human information resources, the fruit of human wisdom, and the important institutions for scientific and cultural education. Libraries shoulder an important mission ----- disseminating scientific and cultural knowledge among people. Libraries, free from constraints of time, space, and educational background, provide with scientific and cultural services for students based on rich stored resources, nice reading environment, and advanced technologies.

Social sustainable development and progress are not independent from absorbing cultural essence. Libraries collect the most immediate human cultural information and academic information. By holding multi-level multi-subject special lectures, libraries can satisfy readers’ needs, improving their knowledge structure. By exhibiting photos and creating “readers’ corner”, libraries can build a strong cultural idea. By leaning in libraries, students can not only expand their knowledge scope, but also enrich their experiences, and improve the ability of independent thinking. Besides, the activities developed by libraries offer opportunities for students combining knowledge and reality, driving the promotion of modern civilization.

### *2.3 Libraries are the Effective Helper for Developing Professional Technology Education*

Libraries are kind of self-study education process. By independent study, students can improve their learning efficacy, realizing the psychological experience of cognitive acquirement and cognitive process, and achieving the organic unification of learning knowledge and learning study. With sufficient independence, students can actualize the self-training to a great degree, and also the formation of subjective consciousness, the play of creative and design ability, the activity of divergent thinking, and the complete understanding of experiences and fruits, not only improving the study efficiency, but also realizing the psychological needs for self values.

College education focuses on class teaching and teachers lecturing. Due to differences in educational background, abilities, intelligence, ages, sex, interests, and learning objectives, everyone has a special learning methods and laws. Therefore, students need to strengthen their professional knowledge by independent learning. Libraries, because of the rich stored resources, nice learning environment, and advanced technologies, overcome the dullness and the constraints of class teaching, rightly satisfying students’ needs, offering powerful information guaranty and technological support for improving students’ professional technologies, and becoming an irreplaceable important base for students’ learning. As college students learn professional technologies, they may face some difficult issues. Then, they have to research some relevant documents and resources in libraries, which can help them to consume and solve these issues. In addition, except class teaching, there are also practices for students, such as professional thesis and graduation design. Therefore, college students must research amounts of professional materials in order to complete these practices. So, libraries should strengthen their advantages based on students’ needs, playing a role in professional education, and exerting the effects on students by excellent services.

### *2.4 Libraries Create Favorable Conditions for Improving Students’ Comprehensive Quality*

Libraries have rich, systematic, and all-round information materials that are the material conditions for libraries participating in scientific intelligence transmission. In an information society, libraries’ scientific intelligence function has been enhanced. In colleges, either teachers or students can live without libraries because they need information consultation that must be in time and libraries can provide the most updated and fastest timely intelligence for them. The information consultation of libraries can help teachers and students update their knowledge and understand the newest trends inside and outside, that is the so-called book scientific intelligence.

Along with the social development, college education should help students make best use of libraries to obtain and enlarge knowledge fields. Libraries, named as “the palace of science and culture”, service as important conditions for improving students’ comprehensive quality by rich information resources. Libraries should continue to expand the service scope, open up blackboard news and windows, and hold small academic research conferences. Blackboard and windows can publicize the most latest scientific intelligence and information, report on hot news, and introduce different topics during different periods. Small academic research conferences can be held periodically, which can make reasonable use of places and resources, attract students to join in, stimulate students to think and explore, training the interests in learning and the development of intelligence together.

Due to the development of modern information network communication, the network is more open, faster, and vivid. Therefore, network turns into the place with the communication, confliction, and penetration of different knowledge. Amounts of various information rush into the network, weakening the effects of distances. Libraries, as service institutions focusing on information production and intelligence transmission, have already turn to modern network information service from traditional document service. Libraries guide students to cultivate a consciousness of information and an ability of acquiring information, helping them form the ability of dealing with some digital information. Information quality can value students’ abilities of coping with knowledge information, which is an objective requirement for college students that is advanced by the development of network, digitalization, and information in modern society, and also the important content of libraries’ educational function. Libraries should offer classes for document retrieval and information retrieval, training students to master relevant information technologies and information tools, guiding students to find the right documents and information by using retrieval tools, improving students’ ability of acquiring and evaluating information, and finally actualizing the educational goal of promoting students’ information quality.

### **3. Main Ideas for Libraries Strengthening the Quality Education**

#### *3.1 Build the “People-oriented” Management Idea*

Create the “people-oriented” management culture. Take college students as the core objective in management. Respect people as human being. Stimulate students’ initiatives and innovation and arouse their common sense and make students accept education voluntarily. Combine all tasks of libraries organically and form an initiative inner driving power. Libraries should join in the process of college education, not only serving the college teaching and practicing but also being the helper of college teaching and practicing.

#### *3.2 Create Human Service Facilities and Environment*

In libraries, the building design, environment layout, reading station design, and the arrangement of journals in rooms should follow the principle of caring people, considering people, and facilitating people, which can generate a human reading environment for teachers and students. A bright, warm, and quiet environment can not only improve students’ reading interests and efficiency, but also inspire students’ minds, influence students’ morals, promote the improvement of students’ personalities, wills, and qualities, creating a favorable harmonious school yard for quality education.

#### *3.3 Adopt the Human Servicing Way*

Libraries should improve their services constantly. They can supply Internet information and change from the place storing books, journals, and materials into the place collecting and disseminating documents and information. Originally they supply borrowing service negatively, but now they initiatively shoulder tasks of information collection and retrieval and information supply. Meanwhile, libraries do a good job in consultation and guidance, helping readers retrieve the right information materials in shortest time, directing students in reading for the sake of saving time and improving self cultural quality.

#### *3.4 Improve the Quality of Librarians*

Along with the coming of information time, sorts of modern information technologies are widely used in libraries, which means higher and newer requirements for librarians. Their education and knowledge structure need to be improved further. Librarians should not only familiarize with professional information knowledge, but also use modern network information technologies masterly. Besides, they should know some foreign languages. They can instruct and influence others by their words and deeds, being a model of virtues for others. Unify libraries’ works and objectives of quality education, and apply them to all aspects of libraries, forming a nice mechanism and civilized atmosphere for educating students with all members.

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