

Innovative Services

i. RFID (Radio-Frequency Identification Detection) Technology Enabled Library Management System

RFID-enabled library services for the efficient circulation of library documents to the members. All the housekeeping operations are carried out by using the open-source web-enabled Library Management System, Koha. The books are RFID tagged, RFID Reader/Writer for activating the RFID tags, handheld reader for faster inventory to locate misplaced books quickly, security gate system, touch screen information Kiosk for accessing bibliographic details through Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) and self check-in station (Book Drop Box).

Smart Cards

RFID chip-based Smart cards issued to members facilitate speedy and efficient charging and discharging process and to facilitate various library services. These cards can be used at self-check-in/ check-out stations to return/issue books independent of any human intervention. It can also be used for access control and payments.

ii. Kerala University Knowledge Repository

The library has a digital archive of 20 lakhs full text searchable digital pages of very rare and old books, periodicals and grey literature hosted in DSpace, an open source digital library platform and is made available in the Local Area Network (<http://10.20.20.83:8080/jspui/>).

iii. Library and Information Services to the visually challenged users

Resource Centre for Visually challenged users is a fully air-conditioned Centre with all modern equipments and infrastructure such as state-of-the-art computers, smart phones, Kibo reprographic scanner, digital Braille devices and multimedia to access various electronic and print resources. The Centre has access to bookshare through which more than 10 lakhs audio books in different languages for the exclusive use of print disabled users.



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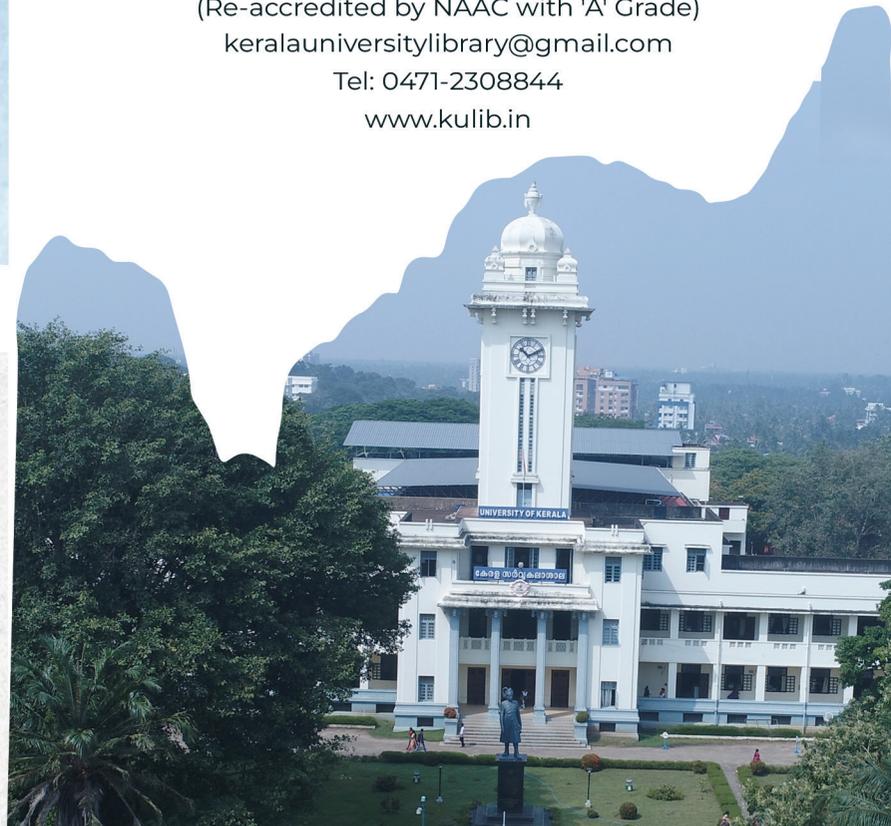
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Library Working Hours
8.00 am to 8.00 pm
on Working Days and Second Saturdays
2.00 pm to 8.00 pm on Sundays



Kerala University Library

University of Kerala
Thiruvananthapuram - 34



80 years of excellence

"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

Kerala University Library

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.

The library is having a plinth area of 98,823 Sq.feet started functioning in the present building on 8th September 1962. It is situated at the land where Rabindranath Tagore delivered his maiden speech in Travancore on 9th November 1922 after receiving Nobel Prize.

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.

Library Membership

Library Membership is open to Students, Teachers, Research Scholars, Research Guides of the University of Kerala and its affiliated colleges, Non-Teaching staff of the University and its departments, Eminent Scholars (Emeritus membership), members of the Senate, Syndicate, Faculties and Board of Studies, Graduates of the recognized Universities residing in Kerala and recognized Institutions.

Organization of the Library

For functional convenience, the library is divided into 13 different sections.

- Circulation Section
- Acquisition section
- Technical section
- Reference section
- Periodical section
- Documentation and Information Services section
- Kerala Studies Section
- UN & World Bank Section
- Electronic Resource Centre
- Research Support Service Section
- Maintenance Section(Stack Room)
- Tagore Nikethan Reading Corner
- Resource Centre for Visually Challenged users

Features

- ❖ 3,60,000+ Books available to the readers in an open access environment.
- ❖ Reading corner of Tagore's books, related studies and paintings of Tagore.
- ❖ Rich reference collection consisting of encyclopedias, dictionaries, yearbooks, directories, almanacs, atlases, gazetteers, biographies, textbooks etc from national and international publishers.
- ❖ Previous question papers of various University examinations
- ❖ 41,642 + bound volumes of journals
- ❖ 850 + bound volumes of newspapers from 1954 onwards
- ❖ 7240 Ph.D. theses awarded by the University of Kerala
- ❖ 8000 + United Nations & Word Bank publications: The only unique depository in Kerala.
- ❖ Kerala Reference Collection: It includes books, back volumes of prominent Malayalam periodicals, gazettes, gazetteers, census reports and technical reports. Most of these rare documents have been digitized and kept in the Digital Archive.
- ❖ 206 + print periodicals including 22 foreign and 44 popular magazines.
- ❖ 21 Newspapers in Malayalam, English and Tamil
- ❖ Access to bookshare through which more than 10 lakhs audio books in different languages for the exclusive use of print disabled users.
- ❖ Kerala Index Online: an index of articles related to Kerala in periodicals and newspapers available in the Kerala University Library. Now it can be accessed at <http://keralaindex.keralauniversity.ac.in>
- ❖ Union Catalogue: A union catalogue of the bibliographic records of all the libraries of the Kerala University Library system is available at <http://campuslib.keralauniversity.ac.in/>
- ❖ Kerala University Library is a part of Kerala Academic Library Network (KALNET)- an initiative of NEP guideline on consortium of e- resources
- ❖ Wi-Fi facility to all the users.
- ❖ Powered by Solar energy.

Electronic Collection

Electronic Resource Centre of the library was established with the objective of providing IT enabled information services to the use community. Library has a rich collection of subscribed e-resources and the resources through E-ShodhSindhu consortium. Library provides 24x7 accesses to current as well as archival access to core and peer-reviewed journals and a number of bibliographic, citation and numerical databases in different disciplines from a large number of publishers and aggregators throughout the Palayam & Kariavattom campus through campus wide network. The key resources are:

- ❖ More than 17,000 e-journals
- ❖ 5,500 + e-books including resources from Wiley, Cambridge and Oxford Scholarship Online
- ❖ 15 + databases including Scopus, Web of Science, Science Direct, Emerald and IEEE
- ❖ Access to DELNET
- ❖ EBSCO Discovery Service
- ❖ Plagiarism detection tools- Ouriginal (Urkund) and iThenticate)
- ❖ Language editing tool- Grammarly
- ❖ Online Newspaper- New York Times
- ❖ Remote Access facility through INFED and Knimbus

Information Products of the Library

- ❖ Kerala Index print version: a quarterly publication since 1986.
- ❖ Kerala Index Online from 2015 onwards (updated everyday) available at <http://keralaindex.keralauniversity.ac.in>
- ❖ Author & Subject Bibliographies- 24 Numbers
- ❖ New Additions to the library, published weekly

Reprographic Service: Photocopying facility is available from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm

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 in the library premises from 8.00 am to 7.00 pm.

Library Catalogue: All the campuses of the university are integrated with campus wide library network using Koha and available to the public through the library website. Library is a part of KALNET, established by the KSHCEC. <http://campuslib.keralauniversity.ac.in/>



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