

KOLHAPUR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

SHRI BHASKARRAO JADHAV

WACHANALAYA

❖ Introduction –

A public library is responsible for development of the personality of nation for keeping them well informed and their intellect in constant exercise. India being a large democratic country with its most and multisided regional cultural social economic and political problems. The need for Organising public libraries of the nation is imperative.

Before independence period (1941-46) Karveer Nahar parishad started three public libraries named as shri.Bhaskarrao Jadhav Wachanalaya, Chh.Maharani Tarabai Wanchalaya and padmaraje Wachanalaya after merging of karveer sansthan in the year 1952 karveer nagar parishad merged other two public libraries i.e. Chh. Maharani Tarabai Wachanalaya and Padmaraje Wachanalaya in the Shri. Bhaskarrao Jadhav Wachanalaya. The Wachanalaya was named in memory of former Chief Officer of Nagar Parishad and social reformer late Shri. Bhaskarrao Jadhav.

In the year 1972 Government of Maharashtra recognized and awarded "Other A" grade to this library. Now

days this library has separate library building at Gandhi-Maidan, East-End, Varuntirthavesh, A Ward, Kolhapur.

Today this library has various sections such as Book Lending Section, Newspaper Section, Periodical Section, and there are separate sections for ladies and children also. The main object of this library is to cater the intellectual and recreational needs of the citizens.

Now a days Kolhapur city has expanded in various suburb areas. To cater the intellectual needs of the citizens living in the suburbs. Kolhapur Municipal Corporation has started the following three branches of Shri.Bhaskarrao Jadhav Wachanalaya, Kolhapur.

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| 1) B.J. Wachanalaya Br. Kasba Bavada | (15/08/1972) |
| 2) B.J. Wachanalaya Br. Ruikar Colony | (09/12/1979) |
| 3) B.J. Wachanalaya Br. Rajarampuri | (24/01/1987) |

❖ LIBRARY BUILDING -

The Kolhapur Municipal Corporation has constructed new separate building for the main branch having more facilities and various sections of the library at Varuntirthvesh, near Gandhi Maidan, Kolhapur. The other branches of the library are also at work in the buildings of KMC in various suburbs of the city.

Branch	Place	Builded Area
1. Main Branch	Gandhi Maidan East, Near Divisional Off.No1, Kolhapur	6,300 Sq.Fit.
2. Ruikar Colony	1 st Floor, Ruikar Colony Market, Near Janata Bazar, Kolhapur	4,000 Sq.Fit.
3. Rajarampuri	Rajaram Garden, Near Popatrao Jagadale Hall, Kolhapur	715 Sq.Fit.
4. Kasaba Bawada	1 st Floor, Bawada Market, Near Bawada Fire Station, Kolhapur	2,400 Sq.Fit.

❖ AIMS OF THE LIBRARY

1. The main aim of this library is to supply all types of educational, social and cultural reference material to its users and to cater the intellectual and recreational needs of the citizens of Kolhapur City.
2. To promote cultural enrichment in the society by organizing activities like national leaders birth and death anniversaries, arranging series of lectures every years i.e. "[Raharishi Shahu Wyakhyanamala](#)", book exhibition and arranging various social and cultural programs.

❖ **ADMISSION AND MEMBERSHIP**

Since this is a public library, it is open to various types of users and readers. The library intended to serve informational, educational and recreational needs of the adults, children the old people, research workers, administrative staff and elected members of K.M.C. and other readers.

❖ **LIBRARY FEES**

There is separate provision of membership for books, periodicals, children and Dipavali Special Issues Scheme. The deposit and fees charged for membership are as follows

Particulars	Sections			
	Books	Periodicals	Children	Dipavali
	Annual	Annual	Annual	For 3 Months
Deposit	150	25	20	75
Subscription	150	60	40	75
Admission Fee	10	10	10	10
Form fee	5	5	5	-
Identity Card	5	5	5	-
Total	320	105	80	160

❖ **Total number of members in various sections are as follows (2008-09) -**

Particulars	Sections				
	Books	Periodicals	Dipavali	Children	Total
Main Branch	517	354	301	24	1196
Ruikar Colony	148	146	93	4	391
Rajarampuri	162	180	115	0	457
Kasaba Bawads	93	69	33	0	195
Total :-	920	749	542	28	2239

❖ **LIBRARY HOURS :-**

This library is working on Monday to Saturday from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. except second and forth Saturday, every Sunday and all public holidays library remains closed.

The Lending Section is open to users from 9.00.. a.m. to 12.00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Back issues of newspapers are available for any reader at 4.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. every day in the working hours of the library.

❖ LIBRARY FINANCE :-

The library is fully financed by K.M.C. and the State Govt. allotted grants annually to this library by the Directorate for libraries Govt. of Maharashtra.

The Govt. of Maharashtra has sanctioned the grants for every year as follows :-

Particulars	Govt. Grant
1. Main Branch	1,92,000
2. Ruikar Colony	8,000
3. Rajarampuri	8,000
4. Kasaba Bawada	8,000
Total :-	2,16,000

❖ Expenditure & Fee Collection –

Expenditure & Fee Collected for year 2008-09 as per branch as follows –

Branch	Fees Collected	Expenditure	Financ by K.M.C
Main Branch	259869	932737	672868
Ruikar Colony	46393	465901	419508
Rajarampuri	49480	330668	281188
Kasaba Bawads	23950	338254	314304
Total :-	379692	2067560	1687868

❖ Library Collection –

A) BOOKS :- The total collection of books in this library is 85,273 up to the March 2009 . Every year near about 2,500 books are added to this collection. It includes the books on various subjects. The major collection is of Marathi literature and there is special collection of Hindi, English literature. There is also a separate collection of manuscripts, reference books, rare books and donated books.

B) PERIODICALS :- There are Newspapers, Weeklys, Fortnightly and monthly Periodicals are made available regularly to the readers of this library. Also there are Varsity of Dipawali Special issues on various subjects published in Marathi language are made available

No.	Branch	Books	News Paper
1	Main Branch	49499	14
2	Ruikar Colony	15314	17
3	Rajarampuri	8085	09
4	Kasaba Bawads	12375	09

❖ List of Periodicals –

Weekly

No.	Periodical
1	Sakal
2	Chitralkha
3	Marmik
4	Nokari Sandrbha
5	Nokari Times
6	Jatra
7	Out Look (H)

No.	Periodical
8	India Today (H)
9	Business World
10	Employment News
11	Out-look
12	Sports Star
13	The Week
14	India Today

Fourth nightlly

No.	Periodical
1	Satakar
2	Artha Manthan
3	Champak
4	Janpravah

No.	Periodical
5	Business India
6	Femina
7	Frontline
8	Womans Era

Monthly Marathi

No.	Periodical
1	Rohini
2	Charchughi
3	Dakshata

No.	Periodical
4	Menaka
5	Aher
6	Alaka

No.	Periodical
7	Shtree
8	Kirlosakar
9	Vasudha
10	Annapurna
11	Shree A. Swami
12	Udhyojak
13	Gruhashobhika
14	Sasar Maher
15	Anurag
16	Shree Va Sauo
17	Shardha Saburi
18	Gruha Laxmi
19	Chootu
20	Spardha Pariksha
21	Janswastyia

No.	Periodical
22	Chandoba
23	Rashibhavishya
24	Arogya Sanjivani
25	Bhatkanti
26	Maitreen
27	General Knowledge
28	Thakthak
29	Kishor
30	Chitannya
31	Cronical
32	Miloon Saryajani
33	Vanuosadhi
34	Knishaka
35	Gruhasanket
36	Chanakya Mandal

Monthly Hindi

No.	Periodical
1	Sahara Times
2	Health
3	Stardust
4	Vanita

No.	Periodical
5	Meeri Saheli
6	Gruha Shaobha
7	Fitness

Monthly English

No.	Periodical
1	Reader Digest
2	Cine Blitz
4	Cosmopolitan
5	C.S.R.
6	Digist
7	Filmfare
8	G.K.
9	Inside Outside

No.	Periodical
10	P.C. Quest
11	Savy
12	Society
13	Star Dust
14	Health
15	New Woman
16	Capital Market
17	Auto Car

❖ LIBRARY STAFF :-

There is fixed staff formula sanctioned by the Govt. of Maharashtra to the public library, but according to the staffing pattern, the staff is not to sufficient. Therefore Kolhapur Municipal Corporation has provided additional staff to this library and its branches also. The staff of the library is as follows.

Librarian – Mr. Ratnakar Shankarrao Jadhav

Designation	Main Branch		Ruikar Colony		Rajarampuri		Kasaba Bawada	
	San.	Wok. (Inch)	San.	Wok. (Inch)	San.	Wok.	San.	Wok.
Librarian	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asst. Librarian	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Librarian Clerk	2	1	1	1	2	0	1	1
Muk. -cum-clerk	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peon	5	1	2	2	2	2	1	1
Sevika	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	10	4	4	3	4	2	2	2

❖ LIBRARY FURNITURE & EQUIPMENTS :-

This library is having furniture like steel and wooden cupboards with glass doors, steel racks, tables, chairs, big issuing counters display racks, newspaper stands, computers in each branch, two printer etc.