

Know your Department-Library Services

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The Genesis and Development of the Department of Library Services



Madam Gertrude Dodd

Genesis: The services of the Department of Library started its humble beginning in the Department of Nuclear Medicine at the Hospital campus with very limited books and journals in the year 1940. **Madam Gertrude Dodd** was attracted by the mission work of Dr. Ida Scudder and left the comforts of her home to join Dr. Ida and served here for three decades. Therefore the Library has been aptly named as Dodd Memorial Library in honor of her dedicated service.



Dr. Edward Gault

The Library witnessed a swift and significant development each year ever since its nascent stage since 1940.

1942: The collection of faculty publications began at the library which was followed by the introduction of the Monthly Index Medicus and Cumulative Comprehensive Index Bibliographic Tools to locate the articles.

1947: Establishment of the Microfilm Service Unit

1965: Relocation of the hospital library building to the second floor of the OPD building.

1987: Introduction of the Reprographic Facility with a new Panaprint Copycat Xerox Machine ECX303 Mark II which was later replaced with Zoom Modi Xerox Machine.

1981: Members were allowed to carry their personal books to the library; CMC being the first of its kind to introduce such a measure.

1989: Relocation of the College Hill Library to its present location. The library was renamed as the “Gault Library” in memory of the Pathologist **Dr. Edward Gault**.

1989-1991: Installation of ‘Medline’, the National Library of Medicine (NLM) bibliographic database on CD / ROM and later a Video Unit.

1992: Relocation of The Dodd Memorial Library which was housed in the 2nd Floor of OPD Block to the 1st and 2nd Floor of the ASHA Educational Building.

1998: Extension of the Internet and Email Facility at Dodd Memorial Library.

2002: Introduction of the Electronic Journal Access and Wifi .

2005-2008: Introduction of Computer laboratories in both the Dodd and Gault libraries and usage of Barcoded Identity cards for the whole CMC Students Community.

2008: Introduction of E-resources through EZ-proxy by the off-campus online access for assisting the faculty travelling out of station and to the Mission Hospitals to access the network .

2010: Installation of surveillance cameras.

2016: This year saw a significant milestone in the developments of the libraries. The Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) system was introduced.

The application of Information Communication Technology (ICT) has brought dramatic changes in the library services. The library website was integrated with LinkOut, a unique service that allows direct links from PubMed. This gives a count of full text articles available in CMC portal apart from PubMed central which is a free full text database of NLM, USA.

There has been a voluminous growth of published documents in the recent past. By using Dspace software the library has taken the effort to collect all the published articles with the full text and the Inter Library Loan system was introduced and MoUs signed with DELNET, New Delhi, Q-Med Knowledge Foundation, Mumbai, to avail the unavailable articles. The Online Public Catalogue Access (OPAC) is an additional feature of the library service.

Electronic resources like e-books, e-journals and databases were introduced eventually. Besides the main libraries, resources are procured from more than 50 departmental libraries, with proper inventories. The library provides statistical data to all the Inspection agencies like MCI, Tamil Nadu Dr.MGR Medical University, and other National, Regional and State level agencies. Data is also provided to the media of the country which involves in National Ranking of the Institutes.

The department has also been quite busy with organising various academic events. Three remarkable workshops and conferences at regional and international level were organised. A workshop on Greenstone Digital Library in 2007, a regional conference on “Scientific Writing” in 2015 and an international conference on Libraries Beyond Borders” in 2017. A pre-conference proceeding with ISBN was published during the International conference.

Library services are open till midnight with access to all services. There is no doubt that the CMC Libraries provide a conducive environment for education and research. The staff in the library is well equipped to serve the readers and thus joining hands in fulfilling the great vision of the founder Dr.Ida Sophia Scudder in building the kingdom of God by supporting education, research and patient care.



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Please visit the Library website and make use of the e-resources: <https://dodd.cmcvellore.ac.in/>