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READING DISORDERS AMONG YOUNGSTERS

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ABSTRACT

The human attributes are mainly centered on knowledge. Knowledge generated new knowledge and ultimately it has its impact on all human endeavors. The accumulated knowledge were being stored and transmitted in numerable ways and means, since time immemorial. 'Reading' is the prime endeavor of a person to gather information, still even today. There are certain obstacles or barriers that hinder the reading habit of our adolescents. These can be categorized in to 'internal problems' as well as 'external problems' that may confront while analyzing the situation. The psychological and environmental factors that affect the reading habit among the youngsters must be sorted out well, and adequate corrective measures have to be taken. After all, reading habit should be molded at an early age of an individual.

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INTRODUCTION

Accumulation of knowledge is the primary attribute of human being. Since the very origin onwards, man began his pursuit of gathering knowledge in innumerable ways and means. Knowledge takes the mankind to an unprecedented level of stature. The attributes of knowledge have been well recognized all along been in the history of mankind. It eventually led to the great path of knowledge pursuit.

Establishment of schools

As the quantum of knowledge gradually began to increase, the existing techniques of accumulating knowledge were finding it difficult to cope up with the situation. And imparting of knowledge was more or less institutionalized and schools were sprung up. And the schools became the knowledge hub for generations.

Teaching Methods

The teaching methods adopted for imparting knowledge to the pupils were solely determined by the teachers in these schools. The pupils lived with the teacher and the teacher molded the pupils with their own techniques of teaching methods. In most cases the pupils observed the teacher and tried to understand what they are being taught. Oral instructions and practical were also abundantly used in instructions.

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The ancient Indian 'gurukulams' were famous for their unique style of functioning and preaching. These institutions formatted the Indian culture and tradition in a gradual manner. The Greek, Roman, and the Chinese tradition of imparting knowledge have also great significance in the formation of educational styles and functions in the history of mankind.

The Storage, Retrieval, and Dissemination of Knowledge

The oral transmission of knowledge gradually gave way to the development of the storage media in the information storage procedures. Clay, Palm leaves, etc were the earlier media of data storage. And later the invention of paper and printing press has revolutionalised the data storage phenomena. And yet the printed documents still dominate the arena world over.

E-Publishing

With the advent of digital technology, especially since 1990's, has resulted a boom in the information storage, retrieval, and dissemination activities all most all parts of the world. A new term of 'e-publishing' or 'electronic publishing' has been predominant with the advent of digital technology and it has revolutionalised the process of Storage, Retrieval, and Dissemination of information tremendously.

Information Seeking Behavior

Despite all its extremes of the numerable ways and means of gathering knowledge, still – reading-reading books,

periodicals, journals, newspapers etc dominate the pursuit of knowledge seeking. And students are largely depend the libraries for their reading/reference purpose.

Obstacles that hinder reading habit

The reading habit that nurture and nourishes the pursuit of knowledge accumulation. Reading enhances the existing knowledge of the reader by means of accumulating new knowledge being provided in the concerned books/documents. Reading should eventually lead to the reader to grasp new ideas and facts which contained in the documents which the reader has been read. The terms like 'intensive reading' or 'serious reading' etc has its connotations on the reading intensity of the reader. Definitely there are certain factors that hinder the reading habit of the reader.

Factors lead to the reading disorders

Certain factors that often hinder the reading habit of young pupils. Adequate corrective measures have to be taken in such cases for the maintenance of healthy reading habit among youngsters for their betterment and well being. In most cases these difficulties can be categorized as internal problems as well as external problems that may confront while analyzing the situation.

Internal problems

Internal problems are mainly associated with the psychological attributes of the reader. They are:-

- 1 Psychological tempo of the reader often determines the reading temperament of the readers. His will and fancies, mental calmness etc affect the reading flow.
- 2 Psychological disorders like day-dreaming, shyness nature etc affect the reading level to a great extend.

Intellectual levels

The intellectual level of the readers has of great significance in maintaining a steady reading habit.

Language barriers

Language barriers may be treated as yet another obstacle that prevents the smoothness of reading flow of the reader. The language in which the book/document has been written must have to be well versed with the readers. Lack of sufficient knowledge of reader in the concerned language has an adverse effect on his/her reading habit.

Physical fitness

Physical fitness of the reader often determines the intensity of reading to a certain extend. Physical abnormalities like vision problems, handicappedness etc, ill health, communicable diseases etc probably affect the learners' reading ventures.

External barriers

The reading environment definitely has its influence on readers in their reading pursuits. An attractive reading place

amply encourages the reader in a positive manner. Proper lighting facilities, ventilations, air circulation, proper furniture etc have its impact on the reading modulations of each and every reader. Keeping in mind all these aspects, a decorative interior and an attractive exterior in the reading space should be arranged in an information system.

The remedies

The information professionals have to play a leading role towards this direction, though many of them hold the belief that the domain of their work presupposes only on storage, retrieval, and dissemination of information in an information system.

Suggestive measures

Adequate measures to correct the reading disability among youngsters are required for their wellbeing. Proper care and corrective measures will definitely help them to improve further. These includes:

- 1 Educate the reader to read-How quickly and aptly get the relevant information on a given topic. This is the crucial problem that the young readers confront with. Adequate training towards this direction must have to be imparted to our young generation at all levels.
2. Information professionals must be well equipped to ascertain the task of providing sufficient guidance to the readers.
3. The teaching learning procedure must have to ensure the maintenance of reading habit among youngsters at all levels
4. A scientifically built Reading Hall must be attached with every information system that will facilitate the readers to develop reading habit among them
5. Formation of peer groups among the readers will have great significance towards attaining the goal. Readers may be grouped in to small groups according to their ability and may be entrusted to carry out studies under proper instructions.
6. Giving assignments to the readers on specific topic in a given discipline will further strengthen their ability to grasp more in the subject content of the given area of study.
7. Loud reading may be allowed in certain cases and that will have positive implications. This is more adequate among children at their early years of education.
8. I.T oriented modules and its applications on information retrieval endeavors in an information system are highly essential for maintaining a user friendly atmosphere in every information systems.

Conclusion

Accumulation of knowledge is the essential pre-requisite for the modification of behavior in every individual. Reading leads the reader to the new vistas of knowledge. It eventually takes the reader to the optimum level of satisfaction in their study pursuits. Many factors that determine the reading habit among youngsters. A proper care and guidance towards this will boost the reading habit among young readers. There are certain psychological factors that affect the reading habit

among our youngsters. The reading environment must be scientifically built to lead the readers to their learning pursuits. The teachers and the information professionals have to play a key role in molding the reading habit among the young readers.

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