

LIBRARY COMMUNICATION UTILIZATION BY THE EXTENSION
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ABSTRACT

BATSA, ASHA, Institute of Graduate Studies, Central Luzon State University, Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, Philippines, April, 1989. LIBRARY COMMUNICATION UTILIZATION BY THE EXTENSION EDUCATION STUDENTS OF CENTRAL LUZON STATE UNIVERSITY, PHILIPPINES.

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This study was conducted to determine the relationship of independent variables and the level of library utilization among extension education students of school year 1988-89 in Central Luzon State University, Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, Philippines. The variables studied were personal characteristics, library-related factors and library communication utilization. A complete enumeration of respondents was used.

Data were gathered by the researcher with the help of one trained enumerator through an interview schedule supplemented by other relevant information obtained from the Central Luzon State University Library. Percentages, frequency counts, ranks, means and standard deviation were used in the descriptive portion of the

study. Chi-square test was used to determine the relationship of variables.

Findings revealed that majority of the respondents were female and their mean age was 19.25. Majority had "low" experience in library availment. They spent an average of 3.58 hours / week for studying their lessons. Most of them received small book allowance from home or an average of ₱158.56 / semester.

Only allowance for books and other reference materials had a highly significant relationship to the number of books / reference materials borrowed. All other personal characteristics were not related to library utilization.

Library-related factors like attitude of staff towards library users and availability of books / reference materials had highly significant relationship to the number of books / reference materials borrowed from the library. Aforesaid factors did not show any relationship to number of hours spent in the library.

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From the findings, it is highly recommended that Central Luzon State University authorities recognize these problems and take appropriate actions to whatever weaknesses/ problems the University Library has if only to sustain its effectiveness in responding to the needs of its studentry.

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