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Abstract
Explores the leisure reading habits and interest among 300 secondary school students from 10 schools in Sri Lanka. The study also observes the students' attitude towards reading, their use of the school library and knowledge of how the school library are organised for locating needed materials. The problems students face in obtaining reading materials is also identified. The study uses a structured questionnaire as the survey instrument. The findings generally indicate that the students read regularly outside school hours. This reading however, is mainly confined to textbooks and mainly carried out for the purpose of acquiring knowledge or for study. Consequently, the library is used mainly to study or do homework rather than to borrow items to read at leisure. Most students indicate positive attitude towards the library for providing them with the facility to carry out their study or meet friends, but hardly use the services the library provides. Most express dissatisfaction with their library's collection.

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loss of reading habit among the youth. 3. Also there is presentation of data collection and its analysis.

ABSTRACT This study focuses on the problems of poor reading habits and its consequences on the academic performance of a child in some selected schools in Oredo Local Government Area of Edo State. Acquiring and expanding knowledge. It is of great interest to note that most secondary school especially in Oredo LGA of Edo State is faced with the problem of poor reading habits and this problem has taken deep roots in the part of the students either as a result of lack of qualified teachers.