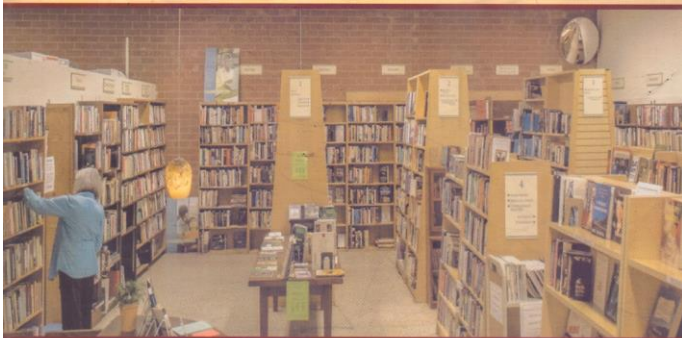


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# The Role of Public Libraries in the Preservation of Cultural Heritage in West Bengal: Challenges and Strategies

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## Abstract

Public library functions as a cultural centre of the society and helps in cultural development of the community. The study considered the role of public libraries in the preservation of cultural heritage in west Bengal. This study adopted exploratory approach. First a conceptual framework was developed to link culture and people's identity and need for the preservation of cultural identity. Second the identification of the critical role of public libraries in this preservation of culture, challenges and how to overcome these challenges. The findings of the study that the need to preserved cultural heritage and role of public libraries in West Bengal and also give some ways on how to overcoming the problems associate with the preservation of cultural heritage in the library.

**Key words:** *Public libraries, Cultural Heritage, Preservation, West Bengal.*

## Introduction:

Cultural heritage refers to the legacies of physical artifacts and intangible attributes of a group or society that are inherited from past generations, maintained in the present for the benefit of future generation. Preserving the cultural; historical and scientific heritage of various world nations; and their thorough presentation has been a long term

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