

Comparing the Status of Hamadan Province Public Libraries with the Iran Public Libraries Foundation's Outlook in 1404

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Abstract

Purpose: The present paper aims to compare the current status of Hamadan province public libraries with the Iranian Public Libraries Foundation's Outlook in 1404.

Methodology: This study has been carried out using a comparative method. A checklist was used to collect data based on statistics from the top countries, where the indicators of 'resources', 'space', 'membership', 'library material circulation' and 'staff' are concerned. Following this, the data were compared with the latest statistics relating to Hamadan province public libraries.

Findings: The results showed that in terms of indicators of resources, space, membership, library material circulation and staff, Hamadan public libraries have a long way to go before they can achieve to the Iran public libraries Foundations Outlook. In order to achieve this honor, 5176927 books, 73 libraries, 429,764 members, 7,743,877 circulated library materials and 636 employees need to be added to Hamadan province public libraries.

Originality/Value: A comparison between the public libraries of Hamadan province and the Iran public libraries Foundation's Outlook can provide a clear picture of the current status of these libraries. Therefore, the results of this study can be useful for managers, planners and policy makers of Iran public libraries foundations.

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