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A feasibility study on establishing a public library in the City of San Jose Del Monte *

Information is now a basic commodity. Every people, poor or rich, have the right to access information which could help them in their life. With a large number of urban poor living in it, the City of San Jose Del Monte, the subject of this study, does not have a public library that would cater to the needs of its residents. A study was undertaken to determine the feasibility of establishing a public library in the city taking into consideration four factors, namely: user needs analysis, financial, technical and organizational and management factor. The main data gathering instrument used was a 20-item questionnaire written in Filipino. It aims to identify the city residents' educational background, occupational patterns, reading habits, knowledge and background on library in general, perception on the need for public library in the City of San Jose del Monte, help they can extend to it and services that they want to be rendered by the proposed public library if ever it is established. By carefully studying the four factors stated above, giving emphasis on the user needs analysis, it was found out that establishing a public library in the City of San Jose Del Monte is feasible. The people surveyed agreed that a public library is needed in the city and they have expressed their willingness to help in its maintenance. establishment of a public library in the city is strongly recommended.

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