Public libraries in some respects serve the same purpose as educational institutions. It is the place where people come to collect material for reference work and for knowledge. It is really one of the most useful institutions in the world.

A library is normally well stocked with all types of books, including the rare ones, and also the expensive ones. Thus everyone has access to these books which otherwise would not be available, or probably be beyond the reach of the common man cost-wise. In this sense, libraries can afford to purchase the rare and expensive books, thus making them available to the general public.

Libraries also have sets and volumes of dictionaries, encyclopedia and other reference books which require a lot of storage space. So a library is an ideal place for such books, since individuals cannot afford to possess all of them. They can avail of them in libraries. A library is an ideal place to study as there is silence and silence.