Historical Development of libraries from Ancient through Middle to Modern ages

The history and development of libraries can be described in three eras which includeAncieint, Middle and modern eras. The story of libraries begin with the history, legends, and folklore, was the earliest form of preserving and transmitting data on cavewallls,stones,tree bark, and in other forms, the era of written communication began. Whether using pictures,symbols, Letters, or languages to express themselves, humans made the transition form using human memory as the predominant storage device to using the written record some 5,000 years ago. As we transit into the twenty -first century , data are increasingly recorded in electronic format .

THE ANCIENT ERA

The development of libraries in the ancient era had been traced to the early civilizatons in which Egypt, Greece , Rome and few other empires featured prominently. The contributuions of these civilization formed the bedrock prominently. The contributution of these civilization formed the bedrock from which modern library system evolved.During this period, the Sum

erians developed the system of writing for documentation of information.

The materials used were soft clay and a wedge shaped stylus of metal, iron or wood. After writing, the sumerians had established private, religious as well as government libraries. The one in thelloh had over 30,000 tablets

During the ancient world the earliest Known libraries were established 3200B.C. They were connected to palaces and temples