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Why did you join the library?

I joined because I like reading so much and I want to widen my knowledge in so many things because I was not privileged to go to college. I think through my reading I was able to communicate with people.

What do you use the library for?

We use the library to come and find out what materials we need to promote certain things. Especially in our medical field we have materials which will help us to treat and diagnose certain illness. So the books are so available that if you want to consult you come and consult in the library and then you get the facts.

Do you read books in the library or somewhere else?

Well, most times I read them at home.

What books do you find useful/ enjoy reading?

Well, if I can say, I enjoy reading fiction so much. But once in a while I will mix them with my medical ability books that I will take up to find out some facts about anything.

What do you like most about the fiction?

Oh, they are so interesting very very interesting. And, what can I say – it is fun! To read some!

Can you give me an example of how what you read affected your practice?

What I read one time was about diabetes, because I am diabetic. So I came and borrowed books to find out how I got diabetes so I find out what I should do to take care of it and what to do. So I think it is keeping me.

How about any patient care?

The other time, I think I took one book on ETAT, a small book, because I just finished the training, and I got a certificate, so I want to go to see if there is any difference between what is there and the one we have done.

And what did you find?

They are the same! [Laughs]

What you read in that book, have you been able to use it in real life? Example?

Yes, like resuscitation

Of children?

Of children, I did it. From what I read in the book and what I learned, they are the same or so similar, so I did it, I even did the rescue breaths and all the other things. It was in the book.

If the library wasn't here, how would you get your health information?

I think it would have been difficult for us, because even in the town there was no library. Before there was library that we usually go to, and there is a library in the college there but it is not accessible to all people. Only those from the college there can use it. You see. But being that we have one here, I think it is so helpful. Because we are not stressful anymore to go to the public library to find a book.

Do you get any of your health information from the internet?

well I don't normally go to the internet, that I will tell you. No. Because it is not available in this facility. And you cannot get it any other where. So if the library can provide us with an internet connection I think it will be very very good.

Do you get any health information from your phone?

Yes I just told you that I got one on my LG on physical exercise and age and weight so I think I am monitoring it on my own LG phone on health.

Do you think there is still a need for physical books?

Yes

Why?

Because you can go into a physical book a read whatever you need to understand from a physical book, you understand. Not that you can go into the internet. Books can also be a backup to whatever you are doing with the internet. You see, so I think it is good.

Anything else would like to share about the libraries?

Well the only thing that I would like to share with you about the library is that the spacing is very small. And even the librarian cannot even sit down conveniently to do her own work. How many people can we accommodate to read inside the library? So I think we have to expand. To do the expansion and if only you can bring us the internet services it would be good.