

**AN ASSESSMENT OF THE FREQUENCY OF UTILIZATION OF LIBRARY
RESOURCES IN MUTIRA GIRLS' AND BARICHO BOYS' SECONDARY
SCHOOLS IN KIRINYAGA COUNTY**

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ABSTRACT

Purpose of this study was to investigate the factors contributing to frequency of utilization of library resources. The research design was a descriptive study of Mutira girls and Baricho boys high school library; the issue of frequency of utilization of its resources. The target population under study was schools libraries in Kirinyaga central district. The researcher was interested at studying Mutira girls and Baricho boys library. The population involved was 1670 student, 94 teachers and 3 librarians. The population sampled involved 360 students, 94 teachers and 3 librarians making a total of 457 of all the respondents involved. The research used two instruments to collect data, questionnaire and observation. The researcher approached each teacher individually requesting him or her to fill the questionnaire. For the student the researchers went to each class and randomly select an average of ten (10) students per class giving them appointments. In analyzing the data that was collected, the researcher closely looked into the responses into factors that are highly contributing to frequency of utilization of the library. The various responses or items were analytically presented in tables and percentages to condense the information; in addition, descriptive analysis was done on data collected. The researcher revealed that most of the students fail to utilize library resources because most of the m is outdated and out of syllabus. Also they lack proper guidance from the librarians. Since most of the librarians working there are not equipped with the modern method of displaying library materials. The method of teaching that is being used discourages the students form doing their own research because teacher does everything on behave.