Research on the Value of Archives in the Field of Literature

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Abstract: Archives and Documents Have Important Historical Record Value, Which Can Provide Reference for Social Life. in the Field of Literature Creation, the Historical Materials of Archives Can Provide the Most Authentic Content and Provide a Solid Material Basis for Creation. Therefore, This Paper First Analyzes the Role of Archives in the Field of Literature, and Puts Forward Specific Problems. Then, According to the Existing Problems, It Gives Specific Countermeasures and Suggestions, in Order to Play the Greatest Application Value in the Field of Literature.

1. Introduction

1.1 Literature Review

Archives and Documents Have the Value of Historical Materials That Can Not Be Copied. They Can Provide the Original Ecological Life Historical Materials for the Study of Literary Organizations. as a Historical Data Recording Medium, Archives Can Provide More Valuable Content for Classic Texts, and Can Realize the Space of Personal Imagination, Social Representation and Other Issues (Zhang, 2018). At Present, Many Scholars Have Discussed This in Detail. Some Scholars Have Pointed out That Archives Provide Valuable Historical Materials That Are “Not Open” for Literature Communication, and It is Difficult to Get Rid of Narrative Problems. in the Field of Contemporary Literature Research, There is No Doubt That the Historical Value and Methodological Content of Archives Need to Be Treated with Caution (Ding and Yu, 2019). Some Scholars Explore the Archival Value of Ancient Chinese Literature Works from the Perspective of Historical Materials in a Broad Sense. on the Basis of Reading a Large Number of Ancient Literary Works, the Author Analyzes the Value of Many Novels, Poems and Other Historical Materials, and Takes Tang Poetry as an Example to Explore Several Basic Points of Historical Reflection (Yang, 2017). These Basic Points Help to Expand the Scope of Historical Data Collection, and Have Practical Significance for Promoting the Research of Ancient Chinese History. Some Scholars Have Proposed That the History Recorded in the Historical Materials of the Archives Can Help the Next Generation to Understand the Laws of Historical Things, So as to Summarize Lessons and Get Future Cognition (Chen, 2018). At the Same Time, the Compilation of Archives in the Fields of Geography, Culture, Military and So on Will Help to Realize the Reappearance of History. from the Perspective of Historical Research, Some Scholars Analyzed the Content and Value of the Archives of the Taiping Heavenly Kingdom (Wang and Zhan, 2019). Although the Taiping Heavenly Kingdom Has Its Own Archival Work and Has Formed a Large Number of Archival Documents, the Number of War Damage is Also Very Large. At Present, in the Archival Activities of Chinese Revolutionary Historical Relics, the Archives of the Taiping Heavenly Kingdom Have Been Found, Which is Conducive to the Restoration of Historical Data (Liang Z, 2019). Some Scholars Have Also Pointed out That Archives Will Also Be Presented by Oral Historical Materials, and Its Value Has Been Recognized in the Last Decade. But At the Same Time, the Oral Materials of Contemporary Literature Are Relatively Few as a Whole, Which Needs to Be Optimized (Liu, 2017).

1.2 Purpose of Research

In the existing research literature, the file literature plays an extremely powerful role in the field of literature. Generally speaking, the field of modern literature research is voluminous, involving
the concept, method and principle of literature history, but most of them do not focus on it. If we want to break through the value of literary history books, we can fully introduce the content of contemporary literary history. Before that, more than 80 literary works have been optimized and analyzed, which is of great value to the contemporary literary history. Comparatively speaking, the research of contemporary literature is closely related to the storage of documents and archives. It is not only related to the value of historical materials, but also to the development of literature field under the connection of historical materials. Therefore, we need to fully explore the role of archives in the field of literature, and based on this, we need to analyze the existing problems, and finally put forward countermeasures and suggestions based on the problems, which is of great significance.

2. The Role of Archives in the Field of Literature

2.1 Arousing the Writing Inspiration of Literary Creators

For literary product creation, inspiration is an indispensable factor. Generally speaking, there are two sources of inspiration for writers' creation, one is based on the thinking in real life, the other is the literature resources that writers contact through social media in specific occasions, resulting in spiritual shock and product creation (Liu, 2018). Among them, as a precious document resource in the development of human society, archives contain rich cultural elements in the social field, which is conducive to scholars' inspiration creation. Since ancient times, many writers have created with the inspiration of the events described in the archives, and achieved good results. For example, the French writer Dumas found the archives of diamond and revenge, on which he conceived the famous novel count of Monte Cristo. Shelley, an English poet, based on a file in the Earl's house of West, created the famous tragedy novel “sinking West”. From this, we can see that archives are of great significance in literature, which can enrich writers' writing content and obtain corresponding creative inspiration.

2.2 Enrich the Content of Literary Creation

A good literary work needs not only excellent writing skills, but also rich content. Among them, the content of archives is formed in the society, which has involved many rich contents at all times and in all countries, and can provide a good foundation for rich literature content. First of all, archives play an important role in biography literature. The most important content of biography is to be authentic, and the archives have written the most authentic events and contents. In this case, many scholars rely on archives to create and obtain good works. For example, “the first half of my life” compiled by Li Wenda is to collect and form archives of the central archives and the Palace Museum. When Yao xueyin wrote “Li Zicheng”, he also consulted a lot of Ming court records and Li Zicheng's archives. The literary works formed in this case can show the real historical environment. In the vast literature treasure house, many scholars have created and achieved many successful works based on the literature files.

2.3 Increase the Authenticity of Literature Creation Materials

In fact, when creating works in the field of literature, a large number of documents and archives need to be examined to determine whether the content of works is consistent with history. Generally speaking, archives are composed of real events in the historical development, which have the reality in the practical sense. Therefore, when scholars create literature, they can find it from the archives, so as to reproduce the truth. In the field of literature creation, archives is an important means to verify the authenticity of materials. For example, in order to write the documentary “the death of Fu Lei”, ye yonglie specially inquired Fu Lei's death file, and finally determined that Fu Lei did not die by taking poison, but by hanging himself. It can be seen from this that the historical content and many scenes in literary creation need to use archives to increase the authenticity of literary works.
3. Problems in the Application of Archives in the Field of Literature

3.1 Information Construction of Archives and Documents Lags Behind

Under all kinds of historical and realistic conditions, the construction of digital infrastructure of archives and documents lags behind, which limits its application in the field of literature. Based on the consideration of funds, the economic development of many regions is still in a backward state, so it is difficult to invest a large amount of funds for the construction of archives information. In this case, literary creation cannot be further optimized. Under the current conditions, the application of archives in the field of literature has been greatly limited, resulting in the level of information technology has been lagging behind. Therefore, the construction of information infrastructure lags behind, leading to the backward situation of the construction of archives and documents, and then the application in the field of literature is relatively slow.

3.2 Archives Information Resources Are Relatively Scattered

With the development of social economy, information sharing has become an important way of literary creation. However, at this stage, the archives resources under vertical leadership in many regions will not be submitted to the local comprehensive archives, resulting in many archives resources being restricted. At the same time, the files with the nature of confidentiality have been kept by professional organizations, and the extremely precious historical materials are in these documents, making the relevant content can not be shared. In this case, it is difficult for many scholars to get more information through sharing when they are creating literature. In addition, due to the insufficient collection of professional archives, many materials can not be shared in the current situation. Therefore, the sharing degree of archives and documents resources is low, which makes literary creation in the primary stage of development.

3.3 The Construction of Archives Does Not Reflect the Times

In the current archives, there are some limitations, mainly reflected in the weak era. First, the storage content is relatively scattered, and the classification is rarely based on the actual application, but adopts the traditional classification method. In this case, it is difficult to collect valuable and contemporary content in literary creation, which leads to many content can not represent the content at that time. At the same time, the contents of the archives mainly reflect the activities of the state and social groups. Many mass activities with the characteristics of the times are rarely recorded in the archives. Therefore, many contemporary contents are not reflected in the creation of literature, which leads to the narrow literary creation.

4. New Ideas of the Application of Archives in the Field of Documents

4.1 Building a Research Institute of Digital Humanities Archives

The research of Digital Humanities archives involves technical and professional contents, which plays a strong role in practice. At present, many countries have established research institutions of Digital Humanities archives, which provides more opportunities for literary creation. Therefore, with colleges and universities as the carrier, we should establish the research institutions of Digital Humanities archives, covering the members of archives, libraries, information research institutions and so on. In this case, the contents of archives and documents are constantly optimized and upgraded. At the same time, it is necessary to establish a Digital Humanities archives center with the theme of Public Library and Museum. This kind of organization is the main implementation and operation organization at present, which can promote the application of archives in the field of culture.

4.2 Integrate All Kinds of Digital Archives Resources

Digital archives and literature resources can be integrated with original data to realize the integration of computer technology and human resources. In other words, we can use text mining
tools and information retrieval tools to combine digital publishing and archives resources in depth, so as to create a visual and shared digital archives resources. With the help of association technology, we can aggregate the resources of archives and documents and provide high value-added materials for literary creation. Based on the public perspective to achieve the collection and integration of digital archives resources, so as to make up for the shortcomings of archives. In this respect, we can draw lessons from the digital archives project of the United States, which collects more than 150000 archives including mails and pictures from the society by using the network communication platform. The purpose of the project is to use the first-hand information to build the original situation of the event and obtain more social content.

4.3 Using Digital Technology to Study Archives

Through digital technology to provide a new technology and tools for the application of archives in the field of literature, can effectively promote the creation process in the field of literature. Generally speaking, the excavation of historical data, reconstruction of historical scenes, and construction of historical geographic system all need the help of relevant digital technology to realize the integration and organization of the contents of archives and documents resources. At the same time, using the GIS system tools, we can find out the relevant literature content from the archives, and optimize it to seek the best content.

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