

## INVESTIGATION OF THE BOOK-READING HABITS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 15-29: THE CASE OF THE PROVINCE OF ELAZIĞ

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### Abstract

The study aims to determine the book-reading habits of the young people aged 15-29 years, who receive education in formal educational institutions in the province of Elazığ, Turkey. The study was conducted with a total of 1002 students, and the data were collected using a questionnaire. Chi-square test was used in analysis of the data. Of the young people, 83.7% stated that they read books. The habit of reading books showed similar distributions according to the age groups. A significant difference was found between age groups in terms of the frequency of book-reading. The rate of students who stated that they read 1 book a week was 30.7% in the 15-19 age group, whereas this rate was 12.3% in the 20-29 age group. Of the students, 59.2% stated that they have a bookcase of their own. There was a significant difference in owning a bookcase according to the age groups. This rate was 66.2% in the 15-19 age group, whereas the rate in the 20-29 age group was 43.1%. A significant difference was also found in the reading purpose of students, according to the age groups. The genre most read by the students was science fiction by 30.5%, followed by literature by 21.1% and personal development books by 19.3%. There was a significant difference in the genre of books read, according to the age groups.

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