Electronic Information Resources and Academic Library Users

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Abstract

Information is generating from the every corner of the world and its explosion rate is very high and ever growing. It is difficult to retrieve particular information without wasting time, but today the information technology has changed the complexion of the academic libraries in a big way. On a side academic libraries were suffer three challenges- shrinking budgets, shortage of space and increasing cost of publications; on other side there are the challenges posed by the advances in the field of Information and Communication Technology. With the last few decades scenario has changed. The remarkable growth of e-publishing and access of the information in local, regional, national and international basis has solved the problem of time and space. E-resources have become bubbling boon for library professionals as well as library users in this Google era. The e-resources are available in multi-variety forms. The study examine the different types of e-information resources, access and use of subscribed UGC N-LIST and freely available e-resources by the faculty members, Ph.D scholars and UG Students of the Arts and Commerce College, Madha(Maharashtra) India. A structured questionnaire was distributed among faculty members, Ph.D scholars and UG students. The study confirmed that the all Ph.D Scholars are aware of various types of e-resources. Study evaluates the satisfaction level of the users on e-resources and the role of Internet in access of e-resources through different search engines (e.g. Google, Yahoo, etc.) and also offline databases in CD/DVD formats, Study also aims to highlight the problems encountered by the users and suggest some remedial measures for its improvements.

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