

## **Application of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan's five laws of library science to digital library**

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It is already seen how traditional libraries are structured, shaped, constituted and functioned according to the principles of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan. The philosophy of Dr. Ranganathan is so insightful and exhaustive in its scope that even new trends and techniques are assimilated or accommodated and explained with his philosophy. Nowadays everybody talks much about new trends in library science viz. digital library and digitization. It is an endeavor on the part of researcher to take the task of the digital library system in the context of Dr. Ranganathan's philosophy.

This paper discusses the application of five laws of library science to the digital library. It is observed that most of the important information is available in digital form. Library professionals are busy with acquiring, storing and disseminating the digital information. The new concept i.e. digital library has made revolution in our field. Still we are facing some problems with regard to digital library like how to build a digital library, what is the future of traditional library? How to preserve digital information? Is librarian necessary to provide the services in the digital library environment? To answer these questions the author has compared the five laws with digital library.

Whatever Dr. Ranganathan narrated in 1931 about libraries and library science is the basic philosophy of library science and library profession. The concept of digital library can be understood properly by applying his laws to digital library. The following five laws are devised and discussed in the present paper.

1. Digital libraries are for use
2. Every user his/her digital library.
3. Every digital library its user.
4. Digital library saves the time of the user.
5. Digital library is a growing organism.

Towards the end the paper concludes that digital library an extension and enhancement to the traditional library.

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