

Information Services of a College Library

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Abstract – *College libraries are considered a confidence center of educational establishments, and their Services assist numerous academic programs, including teaching and research. In college libraries, the application of modern technology, particularly internet technology, has transformed traditional methods of providing college library and information services. Introducing novel information via a selection of channels requires an extra need for information and a library system to include the latest users. As users of technology became more demanding, libraries grew or invented latest services. Information methods and techniques are continually being developed by the internet for libraries to use to give their information services. Some research achieved one-of-a-kind elements of the sector that have underlined the implication and relevance of libraries in the present world. The present library is characterized by a networked, automatic environment in which each operation is performed with the assistance of one or additional communication or information tools. This paper explains the Purpose and Functions of a college Library, the Need for Modern Academic Library Services, Modern and Information Services of the Academic Library and Emerging Trends in Library and Information Services. In adding together, this article is designed to assist research scholars learn about these fields.*

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1.1. Introduction- A college library generally is a center of academic activities. The college library is attached to academic institutions to support classroom teaching and fulfill the objectives of modern education. So why, various committees and commissions, from time to time, have emphasized the significance of libraries and their services in colleges. A college is regarded as an important institution of higher education that offers undergraduate degree and/or post-graduate degree courses. A college library is established to serve the students, faculty and the other staff of the college. College libraries generally restrict their activities by providing only

prescribed books and other reading material. Given the changing face of college education, there is an urgent need to encourage the wider use of the library through browsing, consulting journals, and CDs, using the Internet to access databases for their assignments and so on.

In place of expansion otherwise adjunct, college libraries have always been an important factor of institutions for higher learning. Additionally, academic libraries use contemporary ICTs to automate center operations, build effective networks for resource sharing and library collaboration, apply management information systems (MIS), and expand institutional repositories (IR) for electronic internal contents and Digitalized libraries. (Onuoha, J. A., & Obialor, D. C. 2015).

1.2. College Library- The College library is regarded as the backbone of college education. It plays a important role in the lives of young students who could have access to a big collection of reading material which it develops keeping in view their information needs. In this Module, the objectives and functions of college libraries in support of higher education have been discussed. It describes the a variety of sources of finance coming as grants for a college library for the purchase of books and other documents, recruitment of library personnel, constructing the library building, purchase of various items of furniture and equipment and so on. It further states that with this infrastructure made available, the librarian and other supporting staff will be able to provide well-organized and helpful information services to support the educational objectives of the college. Academic libraries, including college libraries, today are in a far better position in terms of resource sharing and networking and these are also using the Internet and other networks. At the national level, already INFLIBNET and UGC-Info nets are working which are connecting the entire academic and research libraries. Besides, there are a lot of metropolitan library networks like DELNET, CALIBNET, etc. They are helping in providing document delivery services and resource sharing to the member libraries.

1.3. Library Services in Changing Environment- In the present times, as a result of the impact of information technology, computerization is the buzz word and when the large college libraries are computerizing their databases to enable them to contribute in regional and national networks, college libraries must get better their library and information service scenario to meet with the mission and objectives of their parent institutions.

As India is evolving into an Information Society, where information and knowledge have been recognized as assets, the nature of college libraries is also changing slowly. The application of computers in library activities to process, store, recover and distribute information is changing the conventional concept of library and library services.

1.4. Library and Information Services based on the Web- Online library activities mean that, with the use of library automation software, which given utilizing the web as an intermediary and the library's (**Madhusudhan and Nagabhushanam 2012**) Due to the 24-hour availability of online information services and libraries, users can utilize them from their home computers rather than visiting to a physical location. Various Journal publishers today offer electronic version of journals to users either paid or free. No. of e books are also available in database with full text.

Libraries have always changed the speed of that change somehow feels faster now than ever before (**Casey and Savastinuk, 2007**). These innovative services are made possible because of the web (**Tobin and Kesselman, 2002**). Web-based records services that are modified versions of accessible services and technology-driven library services (**Arora, 2001**)

Information services means, library services provided using Internet as medium and library website as a gateway with the help of integrate library management system. On the user perspective, web-based library services such as: Current awareness service, SDI service, online delivery service, documentation delivery service, CD- ROM service, internet access, indexing and abstracting databases, library gateway service, federated search, watchful service, digital library services, web OPAC service and a virtual library of links to other helpful resources.

Information is a vital component of the modern society. It is the base of the developmental activities of the society. Library and information centers are the major repositories of information and web based delivery of information resources are the major services of the majority of these centers.

1.5 Web Based Services 1) Access to Database 2) Access to Database 3) Bibliographic and cataloguing service 4) Bulletin Board Service 5) CAS 6) E-mail delivery 7) E-Selective Dissemination of Information : Link to distant information 8) FAQ 9) Hosting on web 10) Inter Library Loan and reading material delivery services 11) Internet Subject Gateways 12) List of Acquisition 13) Bulletin services 14) OPAC 15) Patent Information Services 16) profit based

alert service 17) Push based services 18) Reference Services 19) Uncover 20) Usenet 21) Virtual Library 22) Web OPAC 23) Webcasting 24) Whiteboard.

1.6. Web OPAC- It is an online catalogue facility that enables speedy searching of library database including books, journals, periodicals and manuscripts. In this system, the books or reading resources are arranged according to the subject content that is given a call number. The search results are helpful in getting complete detail of the document related to search query, saving the time and energy of the searching person.

1.7. Conclusion- Information services are essential for research scholars in universities. The convey of library services to the web based environment helps the users to find, assess and use information effectively. The libraries hold the hands of the users who are moving towards new communication paradigm a shift from face to face human contact to human machine interaction, from paper to electronic delivery, from text centered mode to multimedia and from physical presence to virtual presence.

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