Innovation - Driven Librarianship
Expectations of Librarians and Library Users

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Role of e-Librarian in the Academic Institutions: In Present & Future

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Abstract

The role of the librarian is to develop the knowledge in e-library, collection development in e-library and e-library management and emerging technologies like computer, communication and information technology is very essential to cater the need of student, staff, and researchers of the academic institutions. This paper has discussed about the e-library and role of e-librarian in the academic institutions.

Introduction

E-Libraries are contents of large repositories of electronic objects like networked text, images, maps, sounds, video clips, multimedia packages, research reports, e-books, e-journals, web pages. E-library means all materials in electronic format which could be visualized through various types of electronic related information materials. More information through online is increasing rapidly for need of user community.

E-Library Services in the Academic Institutions

- Subscription of AICTE-INDEST Consortium (Which provide E-Journals)
- Developing Library Network (DELMET) (Which provide databases of books, current periodicals, Periodical articles, CD-Rom Databases)
- Projects
- R & D works
- Article Published in National & International Journals
- News Letter
- Annual Reports
- Technical Reports (Consultancy & Sponsored)
- Regular Course Materials
- Lectures
- Video / Audio Clippings
- Publications / Services / for the library like CAS, SDI etc
- Newspaper Clipping Service
- Electronic Books
- Electronic Journals

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Present Role of Librarian

At present rapid development in the libraries like modern technologies change the library. So the role of librarian is to be changed from time to time. Now a days librarian developed knowledge and handling new technologies electronic media.

- Acceptance of Technical Knowledge
- Knowledge of user interaction
- Provide quality service
- Internal resources accessed through network E-Books, Course notes
- External Resources accessed through online E-Books, E-Journals through ASME, IEEE & Consortium
- Dspace digital library, Greenstone digital library
- CERN Document Server Software
- Use of IT Extends the core roles of the librarian
- E-librarian must have commitment to continuous learning & lifelong improving of skills in all areas of digital applications, services etc.
- E-Librarian is a Mediator between e-resources and users
- Librarian is act as a agent of innovation
- To help students & Staff members to locate access and evaluate information effectively & efficiently
- To update his knowledge in IT skills
- To get recognition in the institution

E-Librarian in Future

The field of Library and Information Science must return its focus from the technology to the user, to the practice of librarianship and to the study of Information itself. Researchers need to investigate with renewed energy how individuals process information cognitively, how the quality of information products & services can best be assessed. The role of information professionals in the academic institution are as follows:

1. Interaction & Collaboration with Users
2. Knowledge in Courses & Syllabus
3. Find out requirement
4. Visit leading libraries their services
5. Join E-Groups & Forums
6. Attend Conferences & Seminars
7. Conduct Information Literacy Programme
8. Provide intellectual access to information
9. Provide physical access to information
10. Provide learning experiences that encourage users to become discriminating consumers and skilled creators of information
11. Provide leadership, instruction, and consulting assistance in the use of instructional and information technology
12. Provide resources and activities that contribute to lifelong learning
13. Provide resources and learning activities that represent diversity

Librarian should know about

Conclusion
The role of future electronic library and librarians in the academic institutions is very important for students, staff, research Scholars, scientists. Introducing all the new technologies in the library from time to time are helps in development, management and accessibility of e-content and e-services of e-library as well as traditional library system.

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