

## ROLE OF LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS

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*Abstract: As the use of information and communication technology readers not only read the books but they can avail the information globally with the help of ICT. They may demand document in any form of format as per his requirement. Also can demand the requirement as per his/her available time. In present context the services of the library should be according to the modern development.*

**Key Words: ICT, Library, Readers. Internet.**

Now a days we live in the information society and informaiton grow rapidly. The library is a continue as an important information resources centre, but it loose it's identity. New technology has published documents in digital form, it's available globally without dely, every information available easily on network. The development of libraries from ancient 20th century can be measured in just two words paperless to paperless. Due to explosion of information it is very difficult to provide the service to users. In order to these problems the libraries and information centre ought to change their attitude towards handling. After 2nd World war libraires are open to all and different types of users come to library for their querries. Gutenberg's invented printing press in 1452 and explosion of printed material. The user community also expected to change their

methodology, attitude and approach to information searching, still, there has been tremendous progress in adapting new technologies to library use over the past decades.

In 2002, Theng say taht librarians acts as a kind of psychotherapist whose skillfull questioning support the user in understanding their own need and then supports them in meeting those needs. Skilled human resources to handle the automation and networking activity at each institute are an essential requirement. Many software development saervices were taken initiated for training programme. Like INFLIBNET, CALISC(Computer Library and Information Services), ICSSR trainig workshops etc.

Technology and the information frequently inspire speculation about their effetes on society and it's organisation. In the modern digital world fast

changes are taking place, as a result of which the quantum knowledge is increasing rapidly with in a period of 20 years double itself. An educational institutions digital library environment will likely encompass both collections and externally provided resources from such sources as

\*Traditional library

\*Computerised or digital library

\*Online cataloguing etc.

Traditional Library: Traditional library directly approach with physical objects.

Catalogue service directly to documents. But some times when we search the documents there are two possibilities.

- i) Actually is an place or
- ii) We are wait for that

#### \* Libraries are hybrid (Digital and Print)

**Digitl Libraries :** The digital library is not a single entity. The idea of easy finger tips access to information what we conceptionise as digital library today began with. Locate information servies any time any where.Changes are possible. All the information is get in at one place with Metadata.Locate both physical and digital versions of searching articles and books.

**Digital Library Concept:** Normally we include the following terms for using digital library.

- Library Network
- Scintific data
- Online database

- Computerised digital form information, like e-book, e-journals, encyclopedia etc.
- Softwares
- Internet
- Search information through OPAC
- Use of digital library is universal access.

There are many definations for digital library. Debate ranges among librarians and knowledge professionals as to what constitutes a digital library.

#### **Definations:**

Michale Lesk: “Digital libraries are organised collection of information which libraires are archives have always done, with the digital representation that computers have made possible.

According to Wikipedia: A digital library is with a focused collection of digital objects that can include text, visual material, video material, stored as electronic media formats along with means for organising, storing and refereeing the files and media contained in the library collection.

#### **The working defination of digital library used by CDLM is:**

“A digital Library is a collections of electronic knowledge resources developed and

maintained in order to meet totality of information needs for agiven user population.”

**Digital Library as Ideal :** An information seeker can have access to materials whenever and however he wants it. There will be no shortage of copies, retrival can be instantaneouse and the materials will not decay or fade. Only the mechanical aspects of access can fead to ignoring the positive and useful social interactions in information seeking.

If libraries change the information resources, the utility also chnage. Sources are available in electronic form and i.e. e-resources. We also need the consortia because it is the cooperative moment to this system to share knowledge. We have get the knowledge and we have distribute to users conversation and preservation of materials is very difficult today, therefore e-resources are very essential.

Traditionally, libraries have been collecting various kinds of sources holding them in the growing impact of ICT, web-technology and database technologiess effectively to provide services to users. With growing roof e-resources, it has become imperative for libraries and information professionals to properly play their role in communication. If librarians chnage the information resources, the utility also chnage. sources are available

form and i.e. e-resources. The population explosion is change the education system. Digital information is changing the role of librarians rapidly. In this digital era librarians can no longer be simply information providers or the keeping knowledge. The information needs of users are of central concern to providers of information.

**Conclusion:** Information and knowledge accesibility can have social and political repercussion with in an organisation. For the support a multitude of needs accross different digital library is wide way of knowledge. digital library are the face of of the traditional library that include both digital collection and traditional fixed media collection. So they encompass both electrical and paper materials. The educational changes are as per the educational task.In India and other countries are trying to information is a vital need of society.

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