

Re-Designing the Library and Information Centres: A Study

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Abstract

This paper describes the basic things that need to be updated to redesign a library covering comprehensive aspects, i.e., digital library, skill development, and library services. A library needs to keep a keen eye on digitizing and preserving digital archives to improve methods to store data. Every academic institution has to change the library system significantly with the technology to compete with the modern design. Technologies help libraries in various ways, from collection development to circulation, and also help in several types of housekeeping operations. In today's world, almost all library users are using the internet. So to provide services to library users, nearly all academic institutions are on the way to digitizing the library system. An educational institution can develop an institutional repository in various forms like question paper repositories, syllabus repositories, research paper repositories, etc. Survey method research has been used to collect data to conduct the study. The study is based on the secondary data source collected by visiting various library websites. Some primary data also has been collected through a well-designed questionnaire from the 177 academic libraries in different parts of India. Libraries are opting for e-journals nowadays, which are more helpful for users. A library website is the most effective way of communication and a marketing service tool for a wide range of users. The library can also keep its website updated with every new event and conference. To redesign the library and information centers in India, the libraries focus on library automation and digitalization. To date, many libraries have been automated in India. In some cases, it was found that few libraries are facing problems in various aspects like funding, IT infrastructure, support from management, training support, etc.

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