



LIBRARY WEBSITE : A STUDY

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ABSTRACT

The library plays an important role in the field of education and research. With the help of library website, the user can access a number of different databases and information from all over. In the traditional library concepts, users are a physical presence for information access during library opening hours. But in the web technology world library services become more technical and prompt. So users can access any information from anywhere. Not necessary to go physically and no time restriction. With the help of information technology and web-based library services, all the information and contents are available on the desktop/mobile. Digital library services and internet library services are the terms used for web-based library services. Web-based library services are mainly provided by the library portal. It provides integrated access to the library various databases. It collects all useful information resources into a single web page that allows users to select and view their resources. The paper is shortly discussing the library website and its uses in library and information science services. The paper also discussing the features of the library website and also its benefits and drawbacks. Also discussing its reliability, security, and cost. The paper also discussing the need for a library website and future plan.

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Introduction

Information communication technology like the internet and WWW changes the function and format of library and information centre. The progress of web-based services changes the library from physical to virtual. The library is changing its old format, library and information centre has changed from traditional view to modern technological view. Some of the libraries are in the transforming process. As the libraries are changes from the old format to digital, technological format, The main purpose of the library website is to provide a fast and easy way to access the information. It is not

possible for the traditional library to provide information as fast so today's libraries change its shape and developed as an information centre The main purpose is as per the Dr.Ranganathan Fourth Law "save the time of the user. The role of library and librarian must be changed for providing the best service to the library users. Due to the emergence of Information communication technology from last two decades we see that computer, laptops are used every in offices, schools and all sectors even in day to day life also and information seeker collect information through web WWW.As

of June 2018, 55.1% of the world's population has internet access.^[1] In 2015, the International Telecommunication Union estimated about 3.2 billion people, or almost half of the world's population, would be online by the end of the year. Of them, about 2 billion would be from developing countries, including 89 million from least developed countries. So library website is a way to connect user community. The reason behind creating is to provide library information like library database, to view library account, electronic resource access as fast as people think. The most important features of library site are that due to the library site we present our library globally. The library site can help today's student by providing access to library electronic resources, OPAC, Library news, learning material etc.

Library website of Central Library

Mukesh Patel Technology Park (MPTP) is one of the prestigious technical institutes in India. The central library has a rich collection of print resources and E resources. The central library always involved in promoting its resources and service to users for optimum uses. The

central library implements always new technology for library users. Library website added in central library for a new experience and for promoting library services and resources among library users. The program is designed considering the user's approach so that the desired information can be accessed easily using this library website.

Advantages of a Library web site to library and information users

With the help of library web site users utilize following library services like

- 1) Library users easily access the library catalogue, library accounts.
- 2) Also, know the library hours and library current status.
- 3) Contact information of libraries and ask a librarian.
- 4) Links to library databases and resources. News about library events.
- 5) Also link to multimedia sites and educational sites, newspaper sites, the information providing sites etc.
- 6) Through the library web site, library members know about the library collections.
- 7) Library users also see the status of the books and the duration of renewal and return.
- 8) Library users also give their feedback, suggestions about books, journals, and library other services.

In the early days, there is some objection regarding a library website that it takes users away from the library sources and resources but it's a necessity of time to library and information centre to have library web site due to the emergence of technology in every field.

Library website and library professionals

Today's number of academic libraries, universities library, technical institution, and libraries developed their own library website to spread the information to all users.

Library users get library information without a computer, and they get through opening library website on mobile also, they easily access to information. The library website provides better facility to library users and fulfills the information needs of a new user. Libraries and information professionals integrate library catalogue called Web OPAC, patron accounts, library hours, rules and regulation, bulletin board, newsletters, upcoming workshop lecture and more to users. Designing a library website is a great opportunity for libraries and professionals to transform user services with recent technological trends. Library website help to access Library electronic resources. Library website connect library and library users and also able to reach out to more users. There are number of sites are available online for free design and developing websites mostly googlesites, webs.com, wix.com are providing good service.

Conclusion

The main purpose of the library is to provide quality services to satisfy users with the right information at the right time. It's a

necessity of time for the library to upgrade with new technologies. New technology like library website provides easy, fast and suitable information related library to users.

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