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Designing an Information Retrieval and Delivery Interface for Digital Reading Rooms

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Abstract

Purpose: In the present age of Information and Communication Technology, the classrooms across the globe are nevertheless transforming into digital learning centers with the deployment of interactive boards, LCD projectors and laptops, thus offering never before learning experiences to the students. But is the chief support system for the learning process – the library – adequately equipped and geared up to uncover before the learners the world of reference resources and reinforce the teaching –learning process? In a multi-linguistic country like India where English is only a second language, are libraries making effort to provide e-resources to the users in the language of their choice? Are the challenges of digital divide properly addressed? Finding answers to these questions is the purpose of this paper.

Design: The paper describes a well designed library portal with a discovery engine that is deployed to address the technological incompetences and linguistic issues of the rural students.

Approach: The paper is based on the evaluative examination of e-portals and educational resources offered by government agencies such as CEC, NPTEL, INDEST, N-LIST, etc., and found that the resources are available only in English and that they require some degree of technical competence on the part of the user to access the resources.

Value: This paper describes a model information retrieval and delivery interface for digital reading rooms for university and college libraries that could solve many of the challenges faced by the students in locating the reference material and translating to their native language.

Keywords : E-resources; Digital divide; Translation service; Higher education; Information retrieval.

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Content Analysis of the Hibbert Lectures of Rabindranath Tagore: An Invaluable Source for Research

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Abstract

Purpose: This study investigates to unfold the importance of the Hibbert lectures of Rabindranath Tagore (delivered at Manchester College, in Oxford) under the socio-political context of Tagore's contemporary world. Thus this paper is a guideline for the future scholars in general and researchers working on the lectures of Tagore in particular.

Methodology: The present paper systematically represents the titles, indicative abstracts of these lectures, and their respective key-words. Then a systematic analysis has been done to point out the resonance, spiritlessness, suitability and pungency present behind the delivery of these lectures by Tagore.

Findings: Tagore's power of oration gave the psychological message to the then British rulers that Indians could 'speak' and they can to have a spellbound 'British audience' sitting in front of them. Such classificatory study on the lectures of Tagore from LIS domain helps the crowning scholars coming from different disciplines including History, Sociology, Religion, Literature and so on.

Value: The importance of LIS approach for research on lectures of Tagore not only helps to pour light on the uncharted areas of LIS point of view but it also helps the future research scholars with a systematic, user-friendly guideline which may act as a stepping stone for their research.

Keywords: Hibbert lectures; Rabindranath Tagore; Content analysis; LIS approach.

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Comparative Citation Analysis of Articles of Select Indian Open Access LIS Journals

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Abstract

Purpose: Highly cited research articles are interesting and are often associated with high citation counts with high quality research. This paper is an attempt to understand the attributes of highly cited articles in two Indian open access library and information science journals.

Design: Two Indian Open access Journals viz. *Annals of Library and Information Studies (ALIS)* and *DESIDOC Journal of Library and Information Technology (DJLIT)* are selected for the study. Content analysis of citations have been analysed separately for each journal according to language, document, journal type (open access vs non-open access; Indian vs foreign journals), type of citing papers (theoretical vs experimental). The distribution of citation in the contents of the papers has also been provided.

Findings: Findings indicate that majority of the citations are from journals (89.29% ALIS and 37.85% DJLIT). Well-conceived theoretical papers that focuses on concept or theory have greater citation advantage when compared to experimental research in the present study.

Originality: The proposed understanding of the reason behind highly cited of two Indian open access journal is relatively new to the domain of studies.

Keywords: India; Open Access Journal; LIS; Citation analysis; Highest cited paper.

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Social and Educational Role of Rural Libraries in Kamrup District of Assam

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Abstract

Purpose: The present study is to explore the importance of rural libraries in educating Kamrup rural people of the district of Assam emphasizing the scope of life long learning. In this paper discussion has been made highlighting all related issues of rural libraries and its social and educational impact.

Methodology: In order to study the social and educational role played by rural libraries in Kamrup district of Assam, the survey method is adopted on the basis of observations, distributions of questionnaires and personnel interviews conducted on the spot.

Findings: The present scenario of social and educational development of rural libraries of Kamrup district of Assam is highlighted in detail. A total number of 32 libraries under 9 Educational Blocks of Kamrup district have been discussed. Moreover, data collected are presented in Table 1 and 2 showing a clear state of activities of the rural libraries of the district. The enactment of the proposed library legislation is expected to strengthen the rural libraries of Assam.

Value: Public libraries come up as institutions for the masses, where the illiterates are educated with the aid of pictures, stories and demonstrations, lectures and reading from the epics and other literature of our country. Literacy classes may be imparted to women and children through epic literature, puppet show and theatre, etc.

Keywords: Rural library, Kamrup district, Assam, Public Library, Social role, Educational role.

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Century Old Public Libraries in Nadia District, West Bengal : A Study on their Contribution and Impact

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Abstract

Purpose: The purpose of the present study is to highlight the various activities and services provided by century old public libraries in Nadia district of West Bengal.

Methodology: Survey method is used with the questionnaire as a tool for survey instrument and collected relevant data. Personally four public libraries in Nadia district i.e. Krishnanagar Public Library, Nabadwip Sadharan Granthagar, Basanta Smriti Pathagar and Santipur Public Library. were visited and librarians were also interviewed for collecting data.

Findings: The study revealed that public libraries do not only serve the information resources to their user communities but also organize a number of programmes regularly, which make users feel that libraries are a place for education, as well as recreation. Moreover, these libraries play important roles for the development of socio-economic and cultural activities in the district.

Value: This study provides guidelines for the public libraries of other districts to make contribution to the society by the way of organizing similar functions activities.

Keywords: Public Library; Krishnanagar Public Library; Nabadwip Sadharan Granthagar; Basanta Smriti Pathagar; Santipur Public Library; Nadia District; West Bengal; India.

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User Perspective on Storage and Retrieval of Multimedia Resources at Select Libraries of Delhi

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Abstract

Purpose: The purpose of this paper is to know the user perspective regarding various methods of dissemination, to ascertain frequency and purpose of use of different multimedia resources and to analyze the barriers in providing access to them in selected libraries of Delhi viz. Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA), National School of Drama (NSD) and Eternal Gandhi Multimedia Museum (EGMM).

Approach: An effort has been made to record the feedback of the users by way of questionnaires duly filled in order to analyze the use/retrieval of different multimedia resources available in the libraries under study. This paper is based on survey method and observation method.

Findings: The study explores the utilization of multimedia resources, in digital format, made available online by the libraries under study. Further, it identifies the issues in the usage of multimedia resources in the libraries. Use of other multimedia resources on internet by the users of the libraries has been also recognized. Findings of the study show that TIFF, MP3 and MPEG are the most retrieved file format of multimedia resources.

Value: This research oriented studies for understanding the user's point of view on available library resources and services would add values to be field. In this paper, original and detailed study of multimedia resources as observed is presented.

Keywords: Multimedia resources; Storage; Retrieval; Effective use; Delhi.

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