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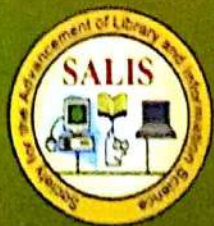
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Information Seeking Behaviour of Research Scholars Affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai

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Abstract

Information is a dynamic and unending resource that influences people in Difference walks of life. The present study on the information seeking behaviour of Research scholars affiliated to M.K.University. A sample of 300 respondents have been selected on the basis of convenient sampling method from the selected colleges of the three districts i.e Madurai, Virudhunagar, Dindigal districts. A structured, close ended questionnaire consisting of 26 questions was used for the collection of first hand information. Simple statistical tools such as averages, percentages, chi-square test, tables and diagrams are used for interpretation of the data collected. The perception of the respondents on the different facilities available for them for the collection of information has been shelled.

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Introduction

Information is a dynamic and unending resource that exerts its influence on all the people in all disciplines and in all walks of life. Traditionally, library and information services have centered on sources and technology, library services have concentrated on the system's representation of texts, rather than on the users tasks, problems processes and behaviour in information gathering. Nowadays there has been considerable development of library services applying information seeking behaviour concepts particularly in user education and reference services. The present article generally concentrated on the study of "information seeking behaviour of Research Scholars affiliated to M.K.University. Information seeking behaviour proposes a process approach" for library and information services. The information seeking behaviour which is mainly based on the well established library services for mediating with information users, are reference services and instruction. A country has difficulties to develop without latest information. It has become an essential resource for scientific and technological resource for scientific and technological research and development. The right information is badly needed at the right time to the right user of information.

Properties of Information

Information is not consumed in its use. It can be shared by many and can be used simultaneously without any loss to any one. It is the most democratic resource that can be consumed by the poor and rich alike depending upon the intake capacity. Information is badly needed at the right user of information. Information is dynamic, ever growing and continuing and notional word is said or will ever be said on any aspect of it.

Information Seeking Behaviour of Research Scholars

A research Scholar whatever professional name he or she may be called by, where university and Researchers are concerned, in addition to knowledge, they are expected to continue research and to publish results of research from time to time throughout their careers. The information needs of Research Scholars related to classroom learning, research and publication. They will require information on the subject that they are learning. This will include mostly, theoretical background information. Information needs of research scholars are typically different from other professional