



Resource sharing activities of FIMTCAMPUS Library

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ABSTRACT:- The Library field is growing day by day and poses number of challenges, which have to be taken in to their stride by acquiring skill of modern technology. This paper understand the state-of-the-art of resource sharing activities of FIMT Library. Hypotheses are framed on the basis of objective of the study. This research study is empirical research whereby the hypotheses were tested on the users of FIMT, college and their resources sharing activities.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The proliferation of literature, shrinking library budget, escalating cost of information sources, growing demand of users and multifaceted user requirements are some of the major problems library facing today. This led the library to formulate a strategy to share the resources among themselves to overcome the problems. The concept of library co-operation emerged for rendering better services to user's community through borrowing and lending of documents in formal manner. Library resources is the term that applies to personnel, material, functions or activities available in a library for satisfying the human needs and demands to acquire their desired knowledge.

Library co-operation is a very old concept and a form of resource sharing. The new object of resource sharing has changed the old concept due to multi-dimensional growth of published documents through R & D activities in recent past cost of the information, advancement of newly invented technologies for information processing and dissemination, etc. Resource sharing entails apportioning, allocating, distributing or contributing something on a voluntary basis for mutual benefits among a group of libraries with a view to achieving best utilization of resources by the ultimate users at a wider level. For better utilization of resources, participating libraries should come together and co-operate in two board areas: (a) developing the collection on shared basis; and (b) improving services for exploiting such collection.

II. FIMTCAMPUS LIBRARY

FIMT Library has huge collection of books on Computer science, Information Technology, Mass communication, Journalism, Management, Education and Law. This fully computerized library acts as an information resource center. In addition to course specific books there are reference books, general books on personality development, books on general knowledge, handbooks, yearbooks etc. It subscribes to national and international journals, magazines of current interest along with national and regional dailies to keep the students and faculty abreast with the latest developments in the world and in their fields of study.

III. COLLECTION

- a. Books: 30,000 (Approx.)
- b. Periodicals: 160 (including Magazines)

Services:

Lending Services - Books are issued to the members as specified.

Inter Library Loan (ILL): Inter Library Loan service supplements its stock by obtaining materials from other libraries on demand from the users. The library is an institutional member of British Library, American Center Library, and DELNET.

Reference Services: The Library maintains a separate reference collection consisting of fast finding tools such as almanacs, atlases, biographical and language dictionaries, directories, handbooks, and statistical compilations. Encyclopedias, technical data, maps, films, etc

Photocopy Services: The library provides photocopy services. The services are located as a separate unit Wing B, entrance of the Text-book Section/Reading Halls.

Internet Service: Library has setup a separate & dedicated Internet Service Area from Feb 2011. At present the service is available from morning 9.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. in all working days. Internet facility is open for the registered users of the Library only.

Information/Help desk: For smooth functioning of OPAC and Internet services, Information desk has been setup and a staff is posted to look after the services. The users are welcome to contact the person available on Help Desk.

New Arrivals-Computerized List of new books added in Arts Library collection is being sent to every department quarterly. Monthly list of new books is being displayed in the Reference Department. Current Journals are entered in the computers as soon as issues are received. List of current journals is available in computer. Work of holdings of bound journals is in process.

IV. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The present study is intended to understand the state-of-the-art of resource sharing activities of FIMT Library.

Other objectives of the study are as under:

- To know the resource sharing agreement of FIMT Library with different libraries in Delhi/NCR.
- To find out the areas of resource sharing including the most significant area of resource sharing.
- To identify the role being played by Library & Information Networks for promoting resource sharing in FIMT Library.
- To determine the medium used to locate document available in member libraries.
- To investigate the mode used for resource sharing.
- To identify the medium used to collect and return materials from member libraries including the medium used for making ILL/DDS request.
- To determine the number of ILL and DDS request made and number of document/items received and supplied in 2012-13.
- To find out the per capita ILL/DDS requests made by users
- To examine the problems faced by library staff while providing ILL/DDS.
- To know the fee structure and payment mode/billing for ILL/DDS.
- To investigate whether the library organize any training programs on Resource sharing for library staffs to provide better services to the users.
- To examine whether FIMT Library is member of any e-consortia.
- To know the kinds of electronic resources accessed through e-consortia.
- To know the users opinion about the library staff regarding better exploitation of resource sharing facilities.
- To identify the satisfaction level of the users regarding ILL/DDS availability in the libraries.
- To collect the suggestions to improve the resource sharing activities in the library under the study.

V. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

This study will help to understand whole mechanism and different aspects of resource sharing activities. The study will put forward some important suggestions derived from the analysis of data which in turn will help to improve the resource sharing activities of the FIMT Library.

VI. RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY

This research study is empirical research whereby the hypotheses were tested on the users of FIMT, college and their resources sharing activities. 300 questionnaires were distributed and 250 valid and completed questionnaires were returned. The questionnaires were distributed through e-mail and through personal visit.

There are several techniques available for collecting data. I will adopt the questionnaires method and observation method for the same purpose.

Questionnaire method:

Questionnaire is a tool to collect the data from the diverse large and widely scattered group. It is called the heart of survey operation. To collect the necessary data for the present study, I will design two sets of questionnaires. One set for the librarian and another one for users of the library under study.

Questionnaire for the Librarian will be designed to know the different aspects of resource sharing e.g. availability of resource sharing facilities, members libraries, areas of resource sharing role of Library & Information Networks, E-Consortia, medium used for locating documents available in member libraries, medium used for collecting documents from and returning to the member libraries, ILL/DDS placed during 2012-13 followed by some perceptions of resource sharing and suggestions.

User Questionnaire will include- awareness of consortia and ILL/DDS, ILL/DDS placed in a year, purpose of placing ILL/DDS request, co-operation of library staff followed by opinion about resource sharing facilities available in the library under study.

OBSERVATION METHOD:

Observation is normally employed in measuring, testing, and characterizing human behaviors by the way of I own observation, without interviewing the respondent. For the present study, I will observe overall activities of the library and services providing by them. I specially will have a close eye on circulation section of the library. Moreover, this will help I to know the ground realities of resource sharing.

Data Sources

In order to achieve the objective of study mainly two data sources will be taken for detailed analysis.

- ⇒ Librarian of the library under study
- ⇒ Users of the library under study
- ⇒ Researcher of the library under study

DATA COLLECTION

Questionnaires will be administered to librarian and users personally and filled questionnaires will be collected back on the same day or later. Besides this, the observation method also will be used to observe the overall functioning of resource sharing activities of the library under the study.

HYPOTHESIS AND RESULT

Testing the research hypotheses:

H₁: FIMT Library participates actively in resource sharing.

Linear person correlation coefficient was used to test the relation between and resources sharing activities and three libraries of FIMT College and the result show positive the relation between and resources sharing activities among three libraries of FIMT College.

H₂: FIMT Library performs resource sharing activities through Library & Information Networks and e-consortia.

Linear person correlation coefficient was used to test the resources sharing activities and e-consortia and the result show positive.

H₃: Most of the users are aware of Library consortia and ILL/DDS.

The t test was used to test. And the result was accepted

H₄: There is a difference in the level of users between Researcher user and undergraduate user.

The t test was used to test the two independent samples. And the result was accepted.

FINDINGS AND SUGGESTIONS

- FIMT Library participates actively in resource sharing.
- FIMT Library performs resource sharing activities through Library & Information Networks and e-consortia.
- Most of the users are aware of Library consortia and ILL/DDS
- There is a difference in the level of users between Researcher user and undergraduate user.
- Most significant area of resource sharing is FIMT SCHOOL OF LAW LIBRARY where users use AIR online database and MANUPATRA database for cases.
- Most of users aware with OPAC facility to search required information.

- They are using DELNIT consortia.

LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

The limitations of the study entitled “Resource sharing activities of FIMT Library: A case study” are:

- The present study will be conducted at FIMT Library only.
- The responses will be taken from only librarian and randomly selected users of FIMT Library.

DIRECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE STUDY

The present study will bring into light on several topics on which further study can be directed. Based on the findings of the present study the following suggestions can be made for further study.

1. The same study can be pursued in different libraries in the country.
2. The further investigation can be carried out at different types of libraries at different parts of India/globe.
3. There is a scope to check the awareness of consortia, ILL/DDS among users of different libraries at different parts of India.

VII. CONCLUSION

This study will help us to understand the resource sharing activities among the academic institutions. The study will put forward some important suggestions derived from the analysis of data which in turn will help to improve the resource sharing activities of the FIMT Library.

The present study sought to examine the resource sharing activities of FIMT Library, Kapashera. Most of the objectives were met satisfactory. From this study I have been able to find out that the FIMT Library; Kapashera performs resource sharing activities actively. And Library and Information Network namely, DELNET is playing a significant role as facilitator and emergence of consortia further ads the resource sharing especially in electronic environment. The survey also reveals that currently ILL/DDS is the most prevailed method for resource sharing, but still there are several areas where resource sharing can be done successfully.

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