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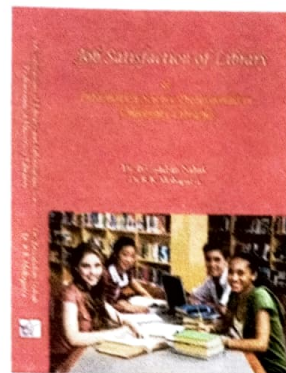
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The Role of Smart Library and Smart Librarian for E- Library Services

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Abstract

The evolution of libraries happens through three stages —modernization, automation and digitization. A smart library (SL) is an information centre with networks of many libraries and their services in a larger informational ecosystem around the globe. Smartness means that the development of new library e-tools and services are measured on the assessment of real resources and users. Smart is more user-friendly than intelligent. As every new paradigm, smartness bears risks. In today's era, a library equipped with 'smart library' technology is to be allowed freely open to library readers with no library staff. Technology gives facilities for controlling and monitoring of library buildings, including automatic doors, lighting, auto-services pavilions, and any computers. It gives permission to use resources 24X7 hours so that the reader s can use the library at times that that are convenient for them. The 'smart library' requires 'smart librarians which gives service to user centric and user friendly. The role of librarians and libraries is changing in the present era due to the changing demands of its users. The role of SL requires three things i.e. Smart users, SL staff and SL services. Users are excepting more from the libraries especially from the academic libraries not only for their intellectual growth but also for their day today informative demand which will certainly grow day by day. The author describes briefly details on smart library, smart service, smart readers, cloud service developing 'smart librarians, service visibility, service orientation of smart academic library, advocacy, features, vision of SLs, planning for impact, smart governance, smart library place, smart management, smart library staff, green library building, smart librarians and their e-service in digital era. This paper is purely theory based paper which is described by author pinpointed regarding smart library.

Keywords: Global Library, Green Library, Green Library, Smart Librarian, Smart Library

1. Introduction

The Smart Library (SL) is a library without a single physical lending item on the shelves, without books in print, library without shelves, just large cooled servers, whirring digital archives linked through digital networks with machines for copying and distribution. The SL is that any person who has a computer and connection to the library networks can access not only the resources of that library but also a variety of information available through national and international networks like internet and intranet without being physically present in the library.

The library is considered as place of accumulated information for the smart readers in any area of interest. After invention of Internet, the library collections and services have dynamical changes.

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