

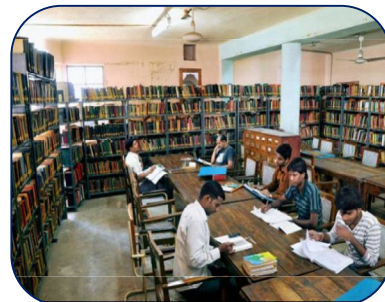


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LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE EDUCATION AND THE CHALLENGES OF ICT IN A DEPRESSED SOCIETY



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Abstract:

This paper looks at the different ideas that are related with the theme, for example, idea of Library and Information Science Education and Concept of Information Communication Technology. It features the development of Library and Information Science Education in Nigeria, impacts of discouraged economy on Library and Information Science Education, significance of Information Communication Technology in Library and Information Science Education, effect of Information Communication Technology on Library and Information Science Education, regions of use of Information Communication Technology in Library and Information Science Education. The paper further x-beam the difficulties of Information Communication Technology on Library and Information Science Education to incorporate insufficient subsidizing, staggering expense of equipment's and software's, web availability, absence of specialized mastery, deficient offices, among others. As a path forward, the paper suggested steady preparing of Library and Information Science Educators, sufficient Information Communication Technology ought to be obtained; government and good natured people ought to give money related help.

Key words: *Library and Information Science Education; Depressed society; difficulties of Information Communication Technology*

INTRODUCTION:

Library and Information Science Education as a field and zone of concentrate is key in this focused period of learning and data the board and the mechanical headway in the territory of ICT has rolled out huge improvements in the calling towards accomplishing the ideal target and to get together with the cutting edge patterns of viable data administrations conveyance.

Training in Library and Information Science has taken another turn despite expansive improvements started off by the pattern towards globalization. In spite of the fact that the difficulties for libraries in Africa have been gigantic, they are not unrealistic given our human ability to adjust to change. It is to a great extent obvious that libraries in Africa are adjusting to change especially on developments realized by the utilization of ICT. Library and data science experts are not just adjusting to change in library benefits yet in addition require inside and out and organized instruction and preparing programs for occupation commitment in all library types. Be that as it may, one imperative part of such expert talks get from the scan for appropriate, important scholarly and proficient projects is one that ought to be made accessible in our library schools because of societal needs dependent on the different library types (Laval, 2008).

EMERGENCE OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE EDUCATION IN NIGERIA

The starting point of library schools in Nigeria could be connected specifically to the UNESCO Seminar of 1953 held in Ibadan, which perceived the requirement for the advancement of libraries and the foundation of expert instructional classes in Nigeria, particularly the foundation of a preparation school for administrators. This brought about the arrangement of West African Library Association (WALA) directed by John Harris, and saddled with so much duties as setting up a library school for the preparation of expert bookkeepers in the sub-area. With money related help from the Carnegie Corporation, John Harris supported Harold Lancour in 1957 to do a broad overview of library conditions in West Africa. Lancour (1958) prescribed the foundation of a library school associated with a college, with the assets, work force and esteem to build up an astounding, proficient preparing office.

Consequently, the foundation of Ibadan library school in 1959, (presently Department of Library, Archival, and Information Studies) to offer paraprofessional preparing and lone ranger, ace and doctoral degrees to empower understudies end up proficient curators. The school was built up to help the improvement of libraries via preparing custodians and examining issues of librarianship and book reference with extraordinary reference to West Africa and with specific regard for the administration level (Ibadan University Annual Report, 1963/1964).

Before this, there had been simple preparing programs for Library Assistants facilitated by a few libraries. There was additionally Associateship (British) Library Association (ALA) declaration program sorted out by University of London. This managed a few Nigerians, among different Africans, to enlist for the program which was of two sections. The examination for the initial segment occurred in Nigeria while the second part was at Great Britain (Ahmed, 2012).

Mohammed (2008) in his view noticed that the advances in the sciences and in the use of Information and Communication Technologies especially the Internet, intranet and other system innovations have kept on affecting decidedly on the procedures of library and data administration conveyance, instruction and preparing of data experts just as the region of data looking for conduct and use.

DEPRESSED ECONOMY

Discouraged economy may likewise mean a similar thing with financial retreat. The National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER, 2016), characterized subsidence as a critical decrease in monetary action spread over the economy enduring in excess of a couple of months, which is ordinarily obvious in genuine household item, genuine pay, business, modern generation and discount retail deals

Sorrow is viewed as a progressively extreme adaptation of subsidence. As per Mankiw (2003), despondency is a rehashed period amid which genuine GDP falls. Numerous variables add to monetary wretchedness however expansion is the significant reason. This could be because of expanded generation cost, high vitality cost and national obligation, (Chizoba, 2016). In Nigeria today, government has effectively acknowledged that the nation is experiencing retreat attributable to drops in government income, this is generally because of a drop in oil cost in the global market.

EFFECTS OF DEPRESSED ECONOMY ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE EDUCATION

The outcome of worldwide discouraged economy on Nigeria instructive framework is destroying. Nigeria being a mono-social economy depends for the most part on unrefined oil sends out. With the declining income accruable from raw petroleum deals at the global market, the overcomer of instructive area (Library and Information Science Education comprehensive) is compromised. The offices important for powerful instructing of library and data science training are not enough accessible in most library schools in Nigeria because of the condition of the economy of the country. The issue is bothered by mind-boggling expense of these offices (equipment's and software's) poor web network, lacking subsidizing of library schools bringing about poor spending plans and their powerlessness to run ICT consistent projects.

Library Automation

Library computerization is the use of PCs and other related gadgets to the specialized procedures, open administrations and other "housekeeping" works in libraries. This has to do with acquisitions, association of materials (stockpiling and recovery), reference, ordering and abstracting, gathering of lists of sources, flow framework, among others. The two understudies and instructors should have the right stuff of applying ICT to all library tasks and exercises in order to be applicable in this data age. And furthermore, this will improve productivity in data procurement, handling and spread.

Operation of Online Databases

As a component of the electronic procedures of data dispersal to client networks, it has turned into each essential that library schools ought to buy in to some online information bases to show their understudies their activities and significance in getting important and current data in various branches of knowledge. These databases can be in wide or in limited branches of knowledge, for example, HINARI in prescription; AGORA in Agriculture; ERIC in Education, (Ochogwu, 2016).

CHALLENGES OF ICT ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE EDUCATION IN NIGERIA

The circumstance of Information and Communication Technologies and Library and Information Science Education in Nigeria involves the common states of the personnel staff, the understudies, professionals and LIS schools themselves in the detailing of compelling educational modules that will give viable abilities in rendering administrations to clients. In any case, Library and Information science schools still face numerous difficulties in endeavoring to give proper and maintainable answers for enhancing educational programs and abilities that will bolster improvement in all implications (Manir, 2011).

This situation has been bore witness to by Diso (2007) that, Nigeria is described by immature economy, temperamental political culture and disorderly socio-social condition, with low profitability and low limit use, low industrialization, poor framework, joblessness and underemployment and inescapable destitution. Other such qualities incorporate high rates of absence of education, weakness, well known (general) lack of concern, conventionalism, poor perusing society, poor data condition and at the state level, poor arrangement definition and execution. Every one of these issues have undermined the advancement of library and Information science schools in Nigeria particularly with respect to the sending of ICTs.

Another test is the absence of specialized mastery by the library instructors to educate ICT related courses to understudies. In their perceptions, Nwokocha, Onwubiko and Unagha (2014; 175) said that a portion of the library schools that have ICT offices can't basically affect the learning to their understudies successfully.

CONCLUSION

The rise of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in all aspects of human life has dependably been an appreciated improvement and its presentation into library and data science training in Nigeria fails to impress anyone. Not just has ICT changed the data world, it has made the look for data a lot less demanding. In the library calling, the use of ICT has achieved brisk spread of data and viable administrations conveyance, subsequently its sustenance.

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