

Fundamental Bibliometric Analysis on the Library Literature Related to Library Collaboration in Sri Lanka

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Abstract

A library plays a significant role in promoting the progression of knowledge. However, in certain instances the library may fail to serve its primary purpose due to the impotence of providing access to resources of information and services to meet the demand of individuals. Therefore, information exchange and networking has become an essential factor in library services. The main objective of this study is to identify the current situation of library co-operation and resource sharing in Sri Lanka. In addition, it highlights the importance of library collaboration and examines the various means of collaboration between libraries and information centers implemented in Sri Lanka. A review was done based on the research publication like articles and dissertation published in the area of library cooperation in Sri Lanka. Therefore bibliographic analysis was done based on these publications which cater in the area of library collaboration in Sri Lanka.

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Introduction

Library collaboration an area which is very significant in the context of maximum utilization of scarce resources and services with a mutually agreed settlement of using such resources and services within group or type of libraries and information centers in a locality, region, nationally or internationally. When the library resources and services are valued in the cost-wise, the total capital and concurrent expenses are very higher than any type of library or information is impossible to bear and sustain continuously its day to day expenses hence such institution obviously should seek a help from other adjacent library or libraries. Therefore the library collaboration can be defined as “a process of libraries and information centers share their resources and services for providing a best service for the reader communities in a mutually agreed and coherent framework.

Objectives

Objectives of the study are to identify what is library collaboration what is its conceptual understanding, to explore bibliographic output of the literature in library collaboration domain in between 2008-2019, to examine this literary output based on basic elements of bibliometric analysis rather in depth analysis and to examine library collaborative network practices in Sri