

Use of Internet in Libraries: A New Technique of Study

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Abstract

The rapid development of information and communication technology has transformed the traditional role of libraries and introduced new approaches to accessing, organizing, and disseminating information. The Internet has emerged as an important tool for modern library services, enabling users to access a wide range of digital resources beyond the physical boundaries of the library. This paper examines the use of the Internet in libraries as a new technique of study and explores its role in supporting students, researchers, teachers, and other information seekers. Internet-based library services provide access to electronic books, e-journals, online databases, institutional repositories, digital libraries, open educational resources, and academic search platforms. These resources facilitate faster information retrieval and enable users to access current and diverse scholarly materials from different locations. The paper also discusses the role of Internet-enabled services such as online catalogues, virtual reference services, remote access, digital document delivery, and online user education in improving the effectiveness of library services. However, challenges including information overload, unreliable online sources, digital literacy gaps, cybersecurity concerns, copyright issues, and unequal access to technology may affect the effective use of Internet-based resources. Libraries therefore need to develop appropriate information-literacy programmes and provide guidance on evaluating the authenticity and relevance of online information. The study highlights that the integration of Internet technology with traditional library services can create a more flexible, accessible, and user-oriented learning environment. Effective use of Internet resources can support independent learning, research activities, and lifelong education while strengthening the evolving role of libraries in the digital age.

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