

FAMILIARITY AND USE OF DIGITAL RESOURCES BY THE LIBRARY USERS IN AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITIES OF HIMACHAL PRADESH: A STUDY

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ABSTRACT

With the application of ICT, library services have totally been changed. The traditional library collect is going to transforms into digital collection. Users need electronic resources to meet their requirements. So, libraries of agricultural university of Himachal Pradesh are also providing these services to their users according to their demands. Internet plays a vital role in providing digital resources to the users. It is essential that every user who wants to take the benefits of digital/e-resources should be familiar with the internet. The present study is an attempt to analyses the user's familiarity with the digital resources, its use by them and also examines the problems faced by them in using these resources in agricultural universities of Himachal Pradesh. This study reveals that 96% of users know about the digital resources. 31% users use the libraries' digital resources 48% users have the problems of searching skills and 24% users don't know how to use it. Majority of users have the opinion that print resources can't be replaced by e-resources.

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