

DIGITAL DIVIDE, LIBRARY PROFESSIONALS AND EMERGING TRENDS IN 21ST CENTURY

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ABSTRACT

As the world is changing on a fast pace, widening economic gaps is an issue of concern. Related to economic and technological advancements, digital divide have been identified as one of the alarming issue of the 21st century. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) influences every major aspect of our life including the way we learn. ICT may be a disabler for many, who either don't have access to these resources or don't know how to use new technologies in a public space so role of library professionals are bound to change along with technological advancements in the world. According to World Development Report 2016 "While people around the world make more than 4 billion Google searches every day, 4 billion people still lack access to the internet" it's really a serious matter of concern.

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