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The Role Of Librarians In The Digital Era

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Abstract:-

In modern age role of librarian has to be changed. In the college library flow of students and other users towards library are decreasing. Librarian is expected to perform a range of roles that was unheard or unbelievable during the by gone decades. Information Technology, the transformation of traditional library collections to digital collections presented the librarian with new opportunities. Responsibility of the librarian to is increase library use. Finally to skill and organize information with the help of presentation technique.

Introduction:-

In education we must have life building, man making, character making and assimilation of ideas. The college is an institution which imparts higher education to its students. In India 10+2+3 pattern of education is in function in general. The college is governed by government and private bodies. But actual administration of the college is under the leadership of the principal of the college.

The college has teachers and Nonteaching staff. Teachers are having designations like Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and professor. The subject thought in the college has its department and one teacher heads that department. In teacher's definition as they impart knowledge to the students.

The colleges have different teaching departments, the library, the sports department and the office. Library and librarian are part and parcel of the college administration. Librarianship is a noble and exalted profession. Librarians are the persons who have to be vigilant and conscientious to keep existing high ideals alive. They should build even healthier traditions for the steady growth of this profession.

The Roles of the Librarian:-

Librarian is a professionally trained person responsible for the care of a library and its contents, including the selection, processing and organization of resources and the delivery of information, instruction and loan service to meet the needs of its users. The collections to which their users have access libraries are about the preservation, dissemination, and use of (Page No.1) recorded knowledge in whatever form it may come. The knowledge society and could contribute to academic acceleration in the following ways.

1) Dynamic nature of Library:- Present & future

This may partially true in the electronic because now libraries have other than the books sources like periodicals, audio visual material and the digital resources. The preservation and transfer of knowledge in all recorded forms across time and space is for the benefit of human kind.

Meaning of the library is now not limited to the certain place or the book collection there are many paths like print, non-print, audio visual, electronic, digital, virtual Latest information and communication technologies and trained staff.

2) The changing Role of Librarian in Electronic Era:-

The librarian must put every facility in the way of the readers, so that they shall be led on from good to better. Enormous information is available in this digital era because of which the role of librarian has been faced a drastic change what actually librarian were serving in traditional era.

The professions transition to reflect the changes wrought by information technologies, this entrepreneurial disposition is critical. Librarians are no more considered as care taker of the books. A librarian needs to update with the current atmosphere of information and give added value to their positions.

3) Future Roles of Librarians :-

Libraries play important roles in providing information for research and access to knowledge. Librarians are responding to the popularity of social networking sites and their expanding role in the creation. The ways in which people communicate, acquire and share knowledge, for libraries to adopt the new social networking tools in their services as a strategy to embrace change role for library users in knowledge creation.

The understanding and articulating the nature of social networking sites the network creating online database management, evaluating and applying information, and assisting users with skill acquisition, the web, creating social network space, teaching and providing quality online library services. Librarians should be must possess these skills.

4) Role of librarian in college development:-

Librarian plays on important role not only in the development of library but also in overall development of the college. The major function of any college is teaching, research and extension. Administrator in management of library involves the work of personnel management, financial management, and knowledge management the process of college development by participating in various committees.

The librarian as a knowledge manger:-

Knowledge management involves the identification and analysis of available and required knowledge, to develop knowledge assets so as fulfill organizational objectives. In an organization normally involves contributions from three groups of experts such as users, knowledge. Professionals and technology experts, librarians to become knowledge managers or professionals should possess variety of talents and perform the work with high level of skill and expertise.

Librarians, in future, would move from the background to the center or the organization. They would shed their traditional role as a part of support group, uninvolved in any critical functions, to prominent position to jointly hold the reins of knowledge management with users and the technology experts.

Librarian in the changing Environment:-

The advent of information technology has accelerated the development and new systems and methods of information collection storage and retrieval. The role of librarian is totally changed in this digital environment from librarian to information knowledge manager, by library source or by out sourcing is main goal of library. The constant emergence of relevant new technologies with traditional roles being increasingly subsumed by new skills and working environment and therefore job descriptions.

The impact of college Library and Librarian on college administration;-

The impact of library and the librarian on college administration in electronic age will be every activity. Librarian can make available to literature, self-study reports of other universities and college academic audit has to maintain many types of records library and librarian can guide in maintenance of records.

Library is the mirror of the college. Library and Librarian are the integral part of the college administration. The learning and teaching experience of students and faculty changes in information and communication technology have not only transformed libraries.

The education landscape has also been revolutionized. Technology has had an immense impact on education. Library and Librarians accepts every new idea, new concept, new technology and try to implement. Library and librarians are a bridge between people and information. Librarian is the planner, architect, builder and marketer of bridges.

Librarians as facilitator:-

The role of the facilitator if characterized by qualifications would be closely related to the ones of the librarian. Normally, the facilitator does not solve the total information problems of users. The identifications of resources for fulfilling the needs of users.

Librarians as Educator:-

The librarian would also include organization of information resources, tools, information searching skills, resource constraints in their subject area.

Librarians as publisher:-

The traditional skill of a librarian in locating, evaluating and organizing the information would be development and content filling of a website for the organization and library to external resources, where web pages specific to their discipline are available.

Librarian as Researcher:-

Librarians are increasingly going to participate in and be critical members of research teams, an information to professional who is responsible for the information gathering skills of the team.

Conclusion:-

The role of librarian has changed in the digital library era. This has brought about a change in the concept of librarian, their collection and services, the traditional activities of professional librarians have direct parallels in essential roles in the electronic era, the role of librarians is continuing to evolve with the adoption of Internet, world wide web, electronic resources. Academic libraries are changing faster in their history. Library professionals are the catalytic agents to render effective services. Librarians will need to further student's critical thinking and writing skills, to support faculty research and teaching.

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