

Information Literacy Skills in Libraries

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Abstract:

Information Literacy is basically a library instruction programme. It focuses on content communication, analysis, information searching and evaluation. In view of contemporary environment of rapid technological change and proliferation of information resources .information literacy in libraries have become increasingly important. It “ form the basis for lifelong learning” by enabling the learners to master content and extend their investigations. In other words information literacy is a set of skills, which enables the individuals to recognize his/her information need. In addition it also enables to locate, evaluate and use the needed information effectively.

Introduction :-

Information and knowledge are the basic resources in today's information has become a vital role for world economies and is certainly the basic component of education. It is a element to keep technological and scientific change. It poses several challenges to individuals of all walks of life: students, workers, and all citizens of the society. The information overload requires people to validate and assess, so that its reliability is checked. The central mission of higher education and libraries also is to make objectives efforts to develop lifelong learners. The present society is learning society. The effective execution of this objective calls for promoting information literacy. Hence, information literacy is a key component and contributor to his lifelong learning. In my view lifelong learning is nothing but it is a good habit for self development and society also.

Essential Skills And Values For Information Literacy

Essential skills and values for IL are as follows-

Generic Skills :-

- Problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Critical thinking

Information Skills :-

- Information seeking
- Information use
- Fluency with ICT

Values and Beliefs :-

- Using information wisely and ethically
- Social responsibility and community participation

Methods used For Information Literacy

One is orientation, which is primarily concerned with the way of introducing the users to the general techniques of library usage and services available and to the organization layout and facilities of a particular library. These main methods are using for information literacy-

- Lectures
- Seminars and demonstration

- Printed guides and books, newsletters, promotional leaflets describing systems and databases, database user manual, thesauri, text books.
- Audio-visual material like video tapes, film and audio cassettes
- Individual instructions
- Online course/tutorial

Librarians As Information Skill Developers

The greatest challenge for society in the twenty first century is to keep pace with the knowledge and technological expertise necessary for finding, applying and evaluating information. Widespread universal availability of information in all forms and formats has forced information professionals to rethink seriously about the role of information providers to information skill developers. This is the underlying philosophy of the information literacy which can be planned to counter the following issues to empower the information mediators and then the users

- To enable people as informed citizens through ability to access and use credible information.
- To encourage independent learning by new and vast information resources in many forms and formats.
- To create an awareness about lifelong learning in this fast changing society and competitive environment.
- To enlighten about the growth of digital media to bridge the gap of digital divide.
- To encounter the complexities due to the proliferation of information.

To fulfill the above points, it is a need for short technical session. It helps in increase the ability and efficiency among users, i.e.

- Know your electronic resources
- Come closer to information networks
- Getting acquainted with web
- Know the knowledge databases
- Surfing the Internet
- Getting started with internet information services
- Know your national information networks; and
- Easy access to e-journals, etc.

Role of Librarian

- Serving as consultant
- Partnering with discipline faculty and society for delivering of information and instructions
- Designing instructional program for information access
- Teaching students and faculty how to access information or locate and how to evaluate what they find.

Conclusion

Librarians therefore require a set of professional competencies which may not be specifically taught in library and information programs. Library follow various program for best use of library out these program the information literacy program is very important and lifelong activity of library. Generating information ratio is very high. So all this information kept to use in a systematic manner.

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