

ROLE OF LIBRARIANAS DIGITAL AMBASSADORDURING PANDEMIC

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Abstract: *In this research paper researcher has discussed about Role of Librarian in providing various digital services to its patrons. All the digitisation and digitalisation process at the end of libraries and also the adoption of technology to address the various issues and concerns during the pandemic displays important role played by the libraries.*

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Introduction :

Covid 19 is a pandemic disease caused by a virus called corona virus. This virus has changed the whole world into a graveyard. Death cases increased to a large amount. As a result, lockdown was the only way to break the chain of infection of the virus. Lockdown effected the whole world economically, physically and mentally. Mentally one cannot believe on the other our mind was always in suspicion whether the person we are talking, could be an infected person. When we talk about physical problem, health is a factor by which we are all concerned about. Crores of people were daily affected. Result into death cases. Now economic problems like unemployment is the gravest of the problem and most affecting problem in the present time. Unemployment is a matter of concerns for all sections of the society like workers, shops, schools, colleges, industries etc .

To overcome the crisis, our government decided to unlock the country slowly step by step. Education should not be discontinued so their classes started on-line education. Online Education proved to be an important source of education and link between teachers and students. Exams are also conducted ON-LINE. On one-side when we the students can only study at home. To expanse our thoughts, we need more books. Library is the source of books and knowledge where we can access to the books of different authors in different languages.

Technology adoption in Library Services :

Information Technology is not new concept in the field of library science. Where the world is going digital, so is the library. Information technology has changed the function of library not only for librarians but for the users. University libraries are using the information technology to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of their day-to-day library work and services. The function of Acquisition, Cataloguing, Classification and circulation works falls under the technical services.

Technology in Library Records :

Due to the development of information Technology, library records are now modified to— E-books, E-journals, E-newspapers, ETD, database, E-digitalisation, Library networks, Web OPAC.

Alteration in library services :

Use of library software v12.soul 2.0, Liebman, Slim, SANJAY LIBRARIAN. Circulation of books through computer use of OPAC and webOPAC for browsing books in library and in other networks area of library. Automated library Service.

Role of librarian during pandemic :

Year 2020-21 will be regarded as longest suffer from pandemic disease throughout the world forever in our history, affected not only on economic development of our country but harshly on education system. After many months of lockdown during pandemic periods when school, colleges were just started, the hidden patients of COVID-19 also started to move to all places, thus this virus paved away once again. Since education of education ministers enlightens as towards online education systems. All types of students from primary to professional causes they all hung up to online studies.

But when we talk about librarian, when teachers and students move to library for books, we also have taken certain measures so that the visitors should not bring within them. So proper sanitization of visitors as well as staff was our foremost step before entering into library. Direct contact with the books for selection was also not allowed. For preventive measures librarians. Have also moved towards online selection and readingbooks facilities for the users of library.

Role of librarian is not just to give-take of books but now librarian act as a

- Director
- Knowledge manager
- Cybrarian
- Network officer
- Inventor
- Information officer
- Educator
- Trainer
- Translator
- Cataloguer

Following are the services that can be provided by a librarian :

- OPAC
- Web OPAC
- Library weblink

- Educator of researcher
- Web search
- Repository services through e-mail
- Circulation of books through computer

Library services during pandemic :

During pandemic period of covid-19 users cannot approach library for their requirement but according to N law of library service, Books are for use to fulfil the requirement, and also to keep library and its staff safe from outer users against pandemic now librarian has started providing information through mobiles. Now a days “WhatsApp”“Facebook” etc are some of the following apps prove toe be useful for dissemination and communication.

WhatsApp- Through this app Librarian can make a group of students from their institution and can disseminate information during this pandemic covid-19.

MIM- mobile instant messaging application made them connected to each other. These applications are also useful for information generation, gathering and then disseminating in a timely and cost-effective manner. This app (WhatsApp) has no additional cost to message and data exchange among mobile devices if our date is longed one then it can be shared in the form of PDF.

Facebook- This social networking is an online platform that is used by people to build social networks or social relation with other people who share similar personal career interest activities background or real-life connection according to Bauman (2006) information dissemination refers to the process of communicating information through defined channels and media in order to reach various targets groups (e.g., researchers,students of universities).

Conclusion :

In the harsh period of Pandemic covid-19 where the world is facing problem of crisisbut education must be in continuation so that the students should not get spared with their studies, researchers thus library has now paved way towards social media services for dissemination of information without additional cost to message and data exchange among mobile devices and with proper social distancing during pandemic.

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