

LIBRARIES SERVICES TO DISTANCE LEARNERS

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ABSTRACT

Library is a supporting unit in the University for Distance learning teaching and research activities, is important to providing quality information services and access to information resources. With the rapid development of the Internet and information technology in recent years, there have been revolutionary changes in the delivery of information and the mode of learning. Information now be accessed round the clock and off campus extending to a much wider scope through the web. The disable people distance learning has a very suitable mode of study. Distance learning has made tremendous growth all over the world during the last three decades. The growth in number of distance learning institution, increase number of programs / courses conferences all these contribute and sustainable system of education. In this context "outreach library services for Distance Learners" was organized on Feb 20, 2002 by (L&DD) in (IGNOU) in the Asian Association at New Delhi.

INTRODUCTION:

The term "distance education" and "distance learning" are use to cover any situation when the students and teachers are not in the same place (Forbes, 2000) Correspondence courses where the students and instructors communicated by mail which was pretty paltry initiation of real college class. Distance learning has become an important steam for providing educational opportunities that would not engage in formal regular education channel.

Now distance education is offered using various forms technology instructive Tele classrooms, video tape and the web (Casodo 2001). Through distance education, adult learners can take control of their education and have the opportunity to learn at their own place (Forbes 2000). Gone are the good old days where the education of a person stops when he / she receives a degree job.

IT for Library Service: The library professionals in India and Hong Kong are already exposed to the off short of information technology. IT for information services such as library software sustains to handle the in house operation, CD-ROM and electronic data bases for bibliographic as

well as text information. The availability of a wide variety of library automation software on different plate forms to suit the needs of libraries and providing information sources. CD-ROM is common now a day and libraries hold a good amount of them not only on data bases, but also those comes in books and other reference sources. The net working and hard disk solved the problem of information in electronic form. With emergence Internet and web librarian like other professionals are experience the benefits of electronic information. More libraries have now a web site due to which they supplied the strength of other libraries such as OPAC on line access of electronic information knowing the web utility. It became easy to ensuring reference queries and other journals.

The other development is the hosting of digital libraries on general and special information sources. In India libraries are engaged of photo type of digital information sources.

Library Services for Distance Education:

1. The ACRL guideline for distance learning library services considers