Information Seeking Behavior of the Users of Galgotias University Library Greater Noida: A Study

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Abstract

Adequate knowledge about the information needs and seeking behaviour of users is vital for developing library collections, services and facilities to meet their information needs effectively.

This study was undertaken to determine the information seeking behaviour and library use by Students at the Golgothas University. The overall purpose of the study was to determine what their information requirements and also determine their awareness of library services available to them. The study collected data on the information requirements of student. Data were gathered from 1000 Students out of 800 through open and closed questionnaire. Findings indicate that guidance in the use of library resources and services is necessary to help student meet some of their information requirements. Maximum students visited the library to issue books, used periodicals, journals and reference material for different purposes but their frequency of visit vastly varies while maximum of them (53.5%) never used Audio-visual material as a source of information.

Key Words: Information Needs, Information Seeking Behaviour, Library Services, Library Collections

Introduction

In the present era of information technology, the everyday life of the people much more depends upon the contents and quality of information. The information plays a vital role indifferent arena of knowledge, decision making, cultural growth, economic planning, research and development. Today information plays a very important role in human kind's life and considered as basic resources. It also affects our personal and professional life Information needed by all to making decisions and required as other natural resources in their day to day activity. Information is very important to every aspect of today's information society or human being. The process of information acquiring, using and implementing information are known as information seeking behaviour. In the case of academicians, researchers and students it is even more important because they all need right and update information for their research need.