

Abstract

Introduction

The study is taken into consideration to identify the policies, procedures and practices followed for collection development in Jadavpur University Library System and to understand the nature and use of library resources by the faculty members of Jadavpur University.

Statement of the Problem

“Collection Development with Special Reference to Use of Library Resources by Faculty Members of Jadavpur University Library System”

Objectives of the Study:

The main objectives of the study are to identify the procedures followed for the development of the collection in Jadavpur University Library and reveal the existing status of the collection, to assess the level of dependency in the use of printed and e-resources among the faculty members of Jadavpur University and to identify different purposes, advantages and constraints in using the printed and e-resources by the faculty members.

Scope and Limitations of the Study

In this study the development of the collection is restricted within Jadavpur University Library System and the users are limited within the faculty members of Jadavpur University. The period of collection analyzed is restricted from 2017-2022.

Methodology

The study is focused mainly on the observations of the existing policies, procedures, and practices of collection development in the Jadavpur University Library System. Various primary and secondary sources have been consulted and the collection of printed books, e-books and e-journals have been analyzed from 2017-2022. For the user survey a structured questionnaire is distributed among the faculty members of Jadavpur University and Slovin's formula is used to determine the sample size.

Conclusions

This is an issue of concern in the present days that E-resources are considered as an enormously important tool for efficient teaching learning and research. But the study revealed that the faculty members use both printed resources and e-resources complementing each other. The advantages of e-resources are the multiple and remote accessibility saving time and space whereas the printed resources have the advantage in using it comfortably. Thus, proper balance is required in the procurement of both the resources which can only be achieved with judicious selection and proper evaluation of the collection.