

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT IN ICT ERA: A CASE STUDY OF PRIVATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES OF BHOPAL DIVISION

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Abstract

This study was an attempt to investigate the collection development activities in the Private university libraries of Bhopal division. Survey method was used and employed to conduct the research. The study covered all those well-established private sector universities of the province which were chartered by the Government of M.P. and recognized by AICTE/UGC. Collection development is one of the basic tasks in university libraries. In recent years traditional formats for information, such as books and microfilm, have increasingly been supplemented by information which is accessible electronically through the use of computer technology. Hence the existing collection development policy of libraries must include selection criteria and collection parameters covering these new media formats. This paper deals with the concept of collection development, electronic collection and collection development policy. The central libraries of private sector universities of Bhopal. Data were collected through a structured questionnaire from the Users and librarian. The study found that all private sector universities develop and manage their collections according to requirements of the patron community.

Keywords: Collection development; University libraries; Electronic collection; Digital collection.

Type: Research paper

Introduction

One of the aims of the library and library personnel is to build useful collection for its clientele, preserve it and provide access to it at the time of need to user. The library performs three major works i.e. acquiring the right document, preserving it and providing access to it. The processes of collection development include selection and description of current and retrospective materials, including gift-in-kind; planning of coherent strategies for continuing acquisitions input into presentation decision evaluation of collections to ascertain how well they serve user needs. These functions are guided by a collection development policy which establishes priorities, supports efforts and facilitates decisions. It communicates the libraries intentions to the library users aids in co-operative efforts with other libraries. The information explosion coupled with tightening budgets requires selectors to look at ways to access resources in ways beyond physical ownership including licensing electronic databases and providing documents delivery.

Collection Development in University Libraries of Bhopal Division

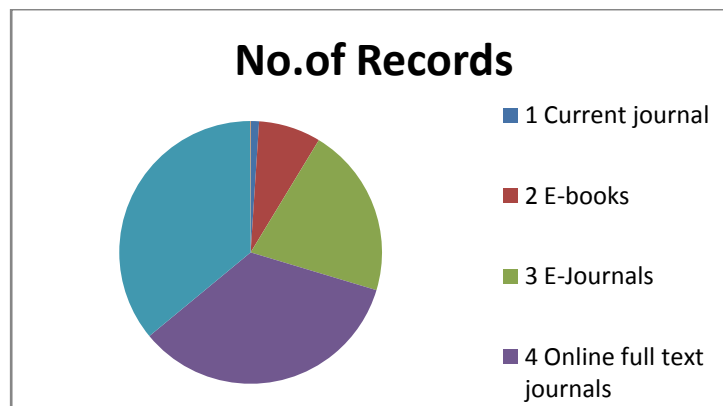
There are ten universities in Bhopal they are 1. Bhabha University, 2. Jagran Lakecity University, 3. LNCT University, 4. Madhyachal Professional University, 5. Peoples University, 6. Rabindranath Tagore University, 7. RKDF University, 8. SAGE University, 9. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan University and 10. VIT University

1. Bhabha University Library

Bhabha University Library was started along with the establishment of the university in 2018. At present, the central library has over 110000 volumes of books, 52000 bound volumes of journals, 1143 theses and dissertations, and 1950 items of non –book materials such as reports, pamphlets, maps and micro- forms. At present, the library subscribes to about 76 current print journals and 2531 online journals. The university also has access to around 2645 online journals more through DELNET. Online journals are available to users, the university library has access to around 5400+ journals. The library subscribes to 5 databases which include spacious etc. and also about 564 e- books. The institutional repository is being built in the digital library faculty wise and department wise.

Table 1: Library collection development in university library

Sl.No.	Electronic Resources	No. of Records
1	Current journal	76
2	E-books	564
3	E-Journals	1543
4	Online full text journals	2531
5	Online journals DELNET	2645
6	Database	5



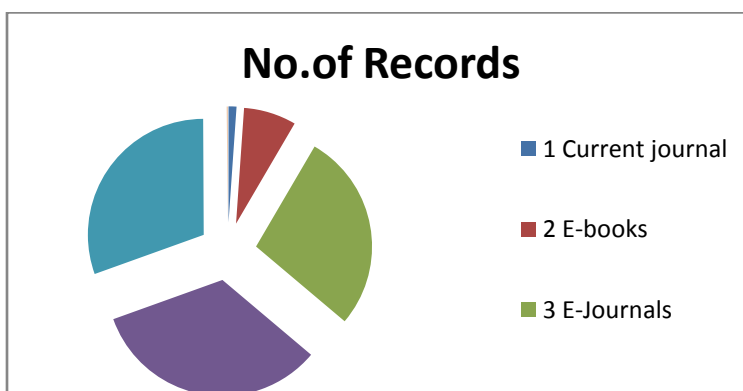
2. Jagran Lakecity University Library

Jagran Lakecity University Library was started along with the establishment of the university in 2013. At present, the central library has over 65000 volumes of books, 2763 bound volumes of journals, 1350 theses and dissertations, and 890 items of non –book materials such as reports, pamphlets, maps and micro- forms. At present, the library subscribes to about 1562 print and 2568 online journals. The university also has access to around 2341 online journals more through DELNET. Online journals are available to users, the university library has access to around 5400 + journals. The library subscribes to 6 databases which include spacious etc. and also about 2341 e- books. The institutional repository is being built in the digital library faculty wise and department wise.

Table 2: Library collection development in university library

Sl.No.	Electronic Resources	No. of Records
1	Current journal	85
2	E-books	564

3	E-Journals	2134
4	Online full text journals	2568
5	Online journals DELNET	2341
6	Database	6

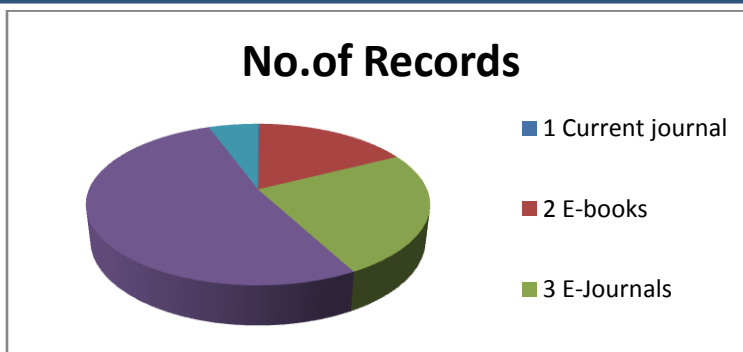


3. LNCT University Library

LNCT University Library was started along with the establishment of the university in 2016. At present, the central library has over 1090000 volumes of books, 80,000 bound volumes of journals, 1896 theses and dissertations, and 27000 items of non-book materials such as reports pamphlets, maps and micro-forms. At present, the library subscribes to about 25374 print and 11973 online journals. The university also has access to around 2700 online journals more through DELNET online journals are available to users, the university library has access to around 4500+ journals. The library subscribes to 5 databases which include spacious etc. and also about 8425 e-books. The institutional repository is being built in the digital library faculty wise and department wise. Apart from the central library, each department has its own departmental library which caters to customized needs of users and faculty helps to share conducive academic environment with acoustic settings and e-resources.

Table 3: Library collection development in university library

Sl.No.	Electronic Resources	No. of Records
1	Current journal	75
2	E-books	8425
3	E-Journals	11973
4	Online full text journals	25374
5	Online journals DELNET	2700
6	Database	5

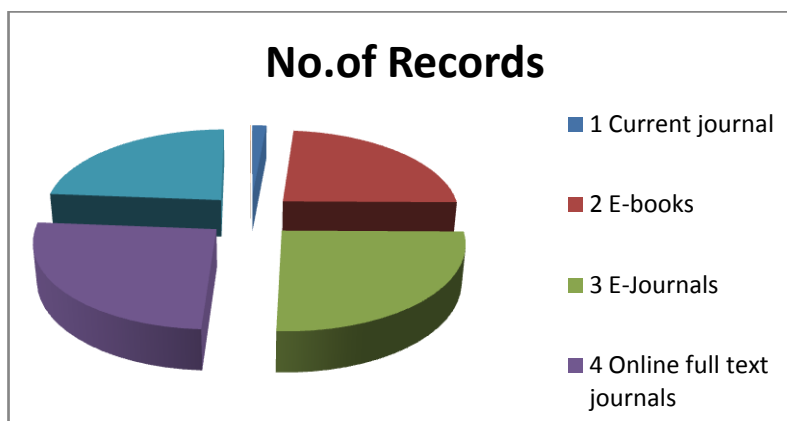


4. Madhyachal Professional University library

Madhyachal Professional University Library was started along with the establishment of the university in 2018. At present, the central library has over 94685 volumes of books, 45000 bound volumes of journals, 756 theses and dissertations, and 21000 items of non-book materials such as reports, pamphlets, maps and micro-forms. At present, the library subscribes to about 145 print and 2486 online journals. The university also has access to around 2314 online journals more through DELNET. Online journals are available to users, the university library has access to around 4500+ Journals. The library subscribes to 4 databases which include spacious etc. and also about 1310 e-books. The institutional repository is being built in the digital library faculty wise and department wise.

Table 4: Library collection development in university library

Sl.No.	Electronic Resources	No.of Records
1	Current journal	145
2	E-books	1310
3	E-Journals	2500
4	Online full text journals	2486
5	Online journals DELNET	2314
6	Database	4



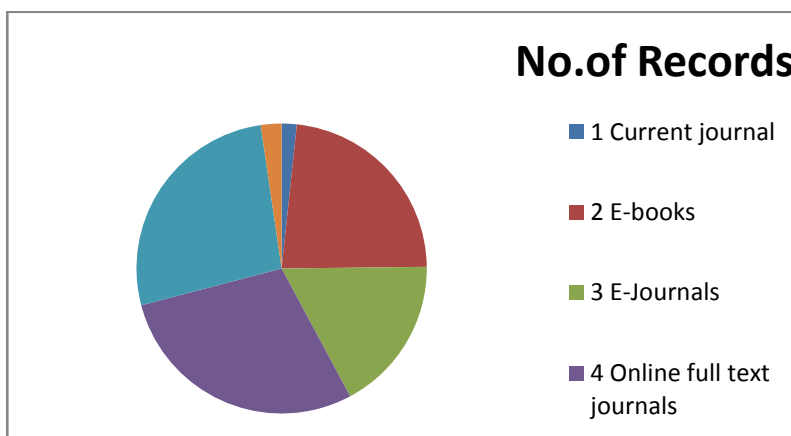
5. Peoples University Library

Peoples University Library was started along with the establishment of the university in 2011. At present, the central library has over 26000 volumes of books, 16000 bound volumes of journals, 1576 theses and dissertations,

and 14000 items of non –book materials such as reports pamohlets, maps and micro- forms. At presents, the library subscribes to about 145 print and 2486 online journals. The university also has access to around 2314 online journals more through DELNET online journals are available to users; the university library has access to around 5400+journals. The library subscribes to 200 databases which include spacious etc. and also about 2310e- books. The institutional repository is being built in the digital library faculty wise and department wise

Table 5: Library collection development in university library

Sl.No.	Electronic Resources	No.of Records
1	Current journal	145
2	E-books	2000
3	E-Journals	1500
4	Online full text journals	2486
5	Online journals DELNET	2314
6	Database	200



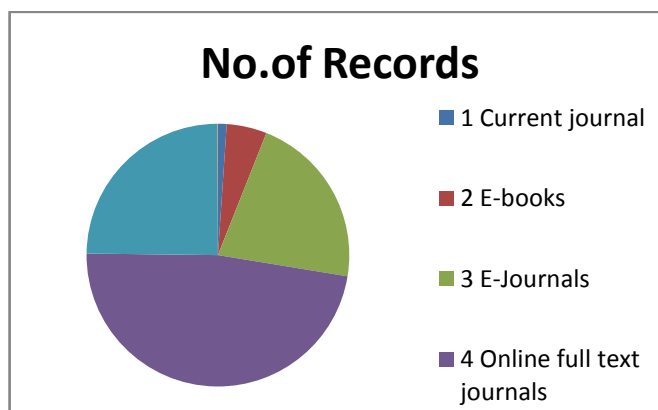
6. Rabindranath Tagore University Library

Rabindranath Tagore University (formally known as AISECT) Library was started along with the establishment of the university in 2010. At present, the central library has over 128584 volumes of books, 550000 bound volumes of journals, 1500 theses and dissertations, and 31000 items of non –book materials such as reports pamohlets, maps and micro- forms. At presents, the library subscribes to about 125 print and 2744 online journals. The university also has access to around 2500 online journals more through, DELNET online journals are available to users, and the university library has access to around 5500+ journals. The library subscribes to 7 databases which include spacious etc. and also about 7110 e- books. The institutional repository is being built in the digital library faculty wise and department wise

Table 6: Library collection development in university library

Sl.No.	Electronic Resources	No.of Records
1	Current journal	125
2	E-books	7110

3	E-Journals	2541
4	Online full text journals	2744
5	Online journals DELNET	2500
6	Database	7

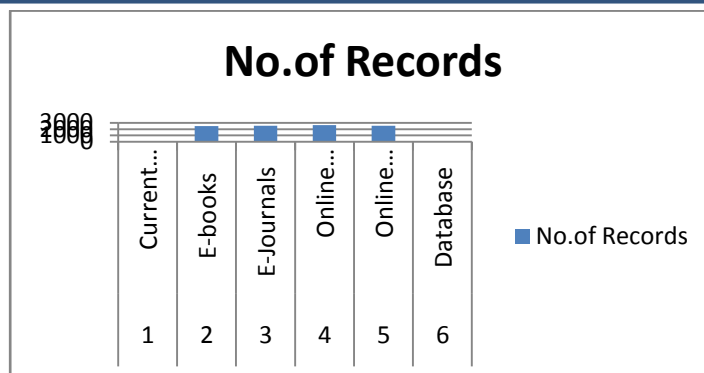


7. RKDF University Library

RKDF University Library was started along with the establishment of the university in 2011. At present, the central library has over 1130000 volumes of books, 35540 bound volumes of journals, 1200 theses and dissertations, and 25000 items of non-book materials such as reports, pamphlets, maps and micro-forms. At present, the library subscribes to about 13625 print and 2744 online journals. The university also has access to around 2744 online journals more through DELNET online journals are available to users, the university library has access to around 5400+ journals. The library subscribes to 6 databases which include spacious etc. and also about 2514 e-books. The institutional repository is being built in the digital library faculty wise and department wise.

Table 7: Library collection development in university library

Sl.No.	Electronic Resources	No.of Records
1	Current journal	86
2	E-books	2514
3	E-Journals	2531
4	Online full text journals	2654
5	Online journals DELNET	2534
6	Database	6

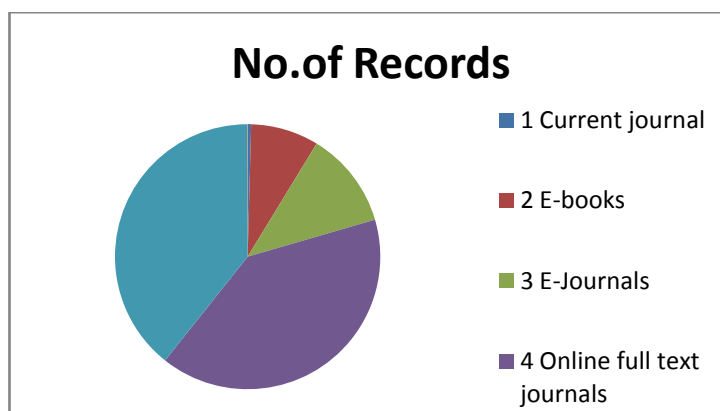


8. SAGE University Library

SAGE University Library was started along with the establishment of the university in 2017. At present, the central library has over 85000 volumes of books, 49000 bound volumes of journals, 798 theses and dissertations, and 21000 items of non-book materials such as reports, pamphlets, maps and micro-forms. At present, the library subscribes to about 27 current online journals. The university also has access to around 2486 online journals more through DELNET; online journals are available to users, the university library has access to around 5423+Journals. The library subscribes to 3 databases which include spacious etc. and also about 525 e-books. The institutional repository is being built in the digital library faculty wise and department wise.

Table 8: Library collection development in university library

Sl.No.	Electronic Resources	No. of Records
1	Current journal	27
2	E-books	525
3	E-Journals	746
4	Online full text journals	2546
5	Online journals DELNET	2486
6	Database	3

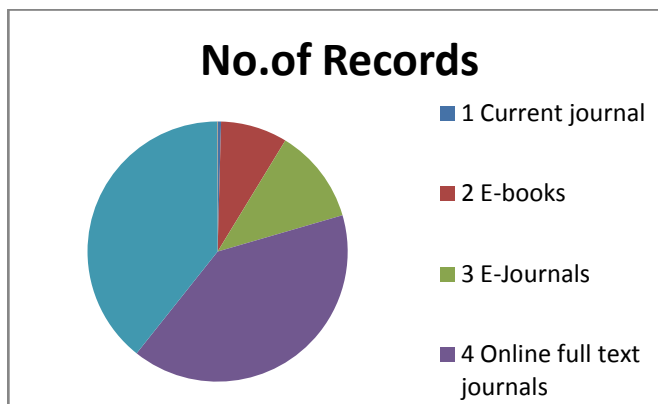


9. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan University Library

Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan University Library was started along with the establishment of the university in 2015. At present, the central library has over 96300 volumes of books, 56000 bound volumes of journals, 1230 theses and dissertations, and 17000 items of non-book materials such as reports, pamphlets, maps and micro-forms, periodicals, national and international journals. At present, the library subscribes to about 27 print and 2546 online journals. The university also has access to around 2486 online journals more through DELNET online journals are available to users. The university library has access to around 2546 journals. The library subscribes to 3 databases which include spacious, Econlit etc. and also about 525 e-books. The institutional repository is being built in the digital library faculty wise and department wise

Table 9: Library collection development in university library

Sl.No.	Electronic Resources	No.of Records
1	Current journal	27
2	E-books	525
3	E-Journals	746
4	Online full text journals	2546
5	Online journals DELNET	2486
6	Database	3



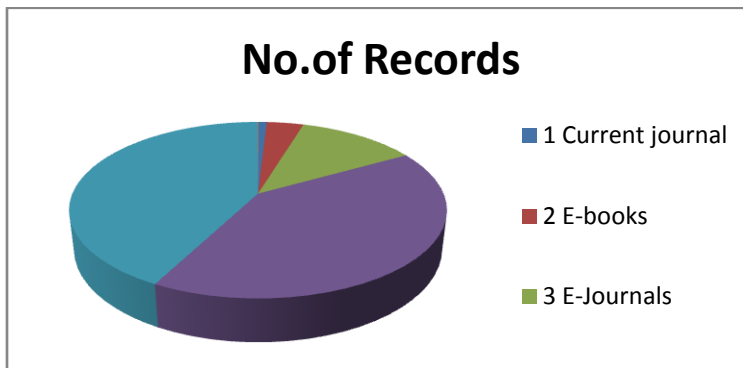
10. VIT University Library

VIT University Library was started along with the establishment of the university in 2017. At present, the central library has over 98000 volumes of books, 46000 bound volumes of journals, 796 theses and dissertations, and 21000 items of non-book materials such as reports, pamphlets, maps and micro-forms. At present, the library subscribes to about 56 current online journals. The university also has access to around 2631 online journals more through DELNET online journals are available to users, the university library has access to around 2541 journals. The library subscribes to 4 databases which include spacious etc. and also about 235 e-books. The institutional repository is being built in the digital library faculty wise and department wise

Table 10: Library collection development in university library

Sl.No.	Electronic Resources	No.of Records
1	Current journal	56

2	E-books	235
3	E-Journals	756
4	Online full text journals	2541
5	Online journals DELNET	2631
6	Database	4



Conclusion

It has been seen that often library lacks collection development policy, which seems to be not a sign of good business, as Johnson states that libraries without collection development policy are like business without business plan (Johnson,1994). Library is a service organization and accountable to citizens, it does not work in air tight compartment hence its policies should be very much clear and open, which on demand can be seen. Whether the collection is in print form, or in electronic or in hybrid in nature, the collection development must be clearly stated as it helps in justifying the nature of collection both in thought content and format of the document. The librarians acting according to the drafted will always remain in safe side no one will be able to question against the collection development, Hence librarians should go for it.

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