

Digital Transformative Library Collections and Services: A Smart Library Approach

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The book *Digital Transformative Library Collection and Services: A Smart Library Approach* presents a comprehensive overview of transforming digital library services and practical applications in the concept of "Smart Library." Some things still seem visionary, but other essays point to concrete practical tools, already used in many libraries. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) plays a crucial role in information management in libraries as good organizations. An introduction of the book was written by Dr. Rajendra Kumbhar, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Savitribai Phule University, Pune (MH). Professor Kumbhar explores a smart library system and its role in the digital transformation of library services over the network to satisfy the user's information needs instantly. The forwarded message was presented by Professor R.L. Raina, Vice Chancellor, Jaipur National University, Jaipur (Rajasthan). Professor Raina describes that digital transformation LICs have really given a fresh touch to the Five Laws of Library and Information Science.

This book was edited by Dr. Nitin Joshi and Dr. Baban More through their hard work resulted in physical and intellectual areas of innovative library services at renowned universities, i.e., MIT World Peace University, Pune. This book is the outcome of a quality response to both editors and publisher "Social Development Federation" appeals.

This is not a book about library services of published materials, but about describing the borne-digital transformation of library collections and services with ICT applications. In fact, authors and editors have become more achievable with the development and implementation of emerging technologies as a practical handbook and toolkit for LIS professionals. This book emphasizes best practices and applications of emerging technologies to the digital transformation of library services in the mobile world.

This book features 22 chapters related to themes and innovative library services. Each of the 22 chapters presents another aspect, and each build on the previous topic. Especially in the book, chapter contributors were describing well-equipped library systems, mobile library services, QR code-enabled services, mobile apps-enabled collections, smart library services, etc. The first chapter introduces fundamentals about the digital transformation of the LIS profession in the technical era, and what emerging technologies are used for digital transformation. Chapters 2 and 3 cover what aspects can be described, and how for innovative library services in academic libraries. Chapter 4 is dedicated to e-resources consortia approaches and their management in Indian organisations. Chapters 5 to 10 present the major standards to implement mobile library services; mobile apps; MOPAC, Mobile library website; Library kiosk; Database and Block chain etc. with explain their workings. Chapters 11 to 15 provided the practical knowledge on e-resources (E-books; E-journals; Databases, National digital library and Subject Gateways) subscriptions and management in libraries. Chapters 16 to 18 cover how to

institutional repositories, online learning platforms and Homeobook are implemented to better use of library collections and services by users on their mobile devices.

Chapter 19 is dedicated to exploring the growth and development of university libraries especial in digital transformation areas. Chapters 20 and 21 present open access resources and Saklyai (an open-source learning management System) and its impact on higher educational institutional India. The final chapter covers a comparative study of API 6th edition and API 7th edition with interoperability in enhancing the quality & visibility of research publications.

Each chapter of this book covered systematic contents with brief text, tables, and illustrations. The text of the book is well structured with its chapters under the main heading, subheadings, and short paragraphs in simple language. In view of above-mentioned chapter wise contents, this edited book is very helpful to demonstrate a wide range of current topics related to digital transformation in the LIS profession including innovative library services, Mobile library services, Mobile Library App, Library Kiosk, E-resources consortia, Digital libraries, Blockchain, Open Education Resources, NDLI gateway, Academic Library 4.0 overview, Smart Library services and Role of libraries in digital transformation services, who is useful for LIS professional to the enhancement of library services in the digital age.

Although the book covers a broad range of emerging topics in the form of high-quality chapters inside the book brought out by the editors with illustratively explain will be very useful as a toolkit for LIS professionals and researchers to the digital transformation of library services in the mobile world. The key analyses of the Book are:

1. Book is being completed at the digital transformation of library collections and services with emerging technologies like Mobile technologies, QR Code Technologies, Library apps, RFID, Barcode, Cloud computing, Block chain Open resources, open education, and open learning platforms, etc.
2. This book covers the introductory part to promote the value of digital transformation in libraries and changes the way of information delivery to satisfy users' information needs instantly.
3. Total publishing output in this book is very fruitful for LIS Professionals and students as a practical handbook for transforming their libraries.
4. The most often addressed innovative library services “mobile app-oriented services” and “Library Kiosk (a self-service tool)” applications in libraries to follow the sustainable Development Goals of UNESCO.

The book can also serve as a toolkit for LIS professionals and students for easily understand and implementing emerging technologies for digital transformation of library services in their libraries. With the help of this book techno-servo LIS professionals, researchers and students will be inspired to enhance digital transformation of library collections and services for cost-effective delivery of information services on mobile devices of users' worldwide.

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