E-Books: from Academic Libraries a Necessity

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Abstract: *The share of printed books is consistently predominant in the book selection process. However, as modern librarianship develops, it may become increasingly important to incorporate digital resources like e-books and e-journals into the process of developing new books through academic librarianship. This article considers how to deliver education more effectively and entertainingly. The accessibility and availability of e-books from academic libraries have become a pressing necessity in today's digital age. This abstract outlines the significance of e-books in academic libraries, focusing on their impact on research, learning, and the overall educational experience. It explores the convenience and flexibility that e-books offer to users, highlighting the benefits of digital access to a vast array of scholarly materials. Moreover, it discusses the challenges and opportunities associated with e-books, such as cost considerations and licensing issues. Ultimately, this abstract emphasizes that e-books have become an indispensable resource, essential for modern academic libraries to meet the evolving needs of students, researchers, and faculty.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

E-books are becoming increasingly important in academic libraries. The majority of libraries offer this service online and through other consortia and websites. E-books are viewed as a 'complete alternative' to any printed document by libraries and informatics experts across the nation. Without an in-depth examination of print and non-print media, such opinions seem exaggerated. Such a biased strategy is detrimental to both the public and the profession of librarianship. But one thing is certain: the higher education sector should include electronic books as a fundamental component. To only see it as a replacement for printed material would be too limited a perspective. In actuality, the use of "e-books" in conjunction with printed materials should be case-by-case. The three elements of circumstance, time, and utility determine which tool is appropriate under what conditions.

What is the E-Book?
Due to the widespread use of the Internet and information technology, web publishing and electronic publishing have become important topics for those working in the publishing sector. The abbreviation "e-book" is used to refer to an electronic book. This "digital resource" is crucial. Using it entails utilizing both electronic and conventional print media. However, this does not imply that electronic books have a total disregard for printed texts. Nevertheless, it might be possible to some degree. An electronic book is a version of a printed book.This novel type of text can be read or comprehended using a computer or e-book reader. According to the definition given by Allen Kent, "An electronic book is a book that is as usual as a printed book, but it appears in a non-printed form on a computer screen."

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E-book and file types

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File type extension term

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E-Books and Academic Libraries:

The importance of a university library or other university library equals that of any other department of study. Take the departments of political science and physics, for instance. Libraries are especially important when it comes to continuing and non-formal education. The influence of libraries and information centers on educational quality is a topic that many organizations, such as the NAAC, UGC, and AICTE, take very seriously. Because of this, it is now necessary to use information and technology to strengthen the education that is given inside four walls. Academic departments are not necessary for a library to operate, but libraries are necessary for all educational institutions and departments to operate. In a situation like this, the librarian should be aware of the benefits of new technologies like e-books and promote them to their target audience, or customers. Purchasing books should always include an e-book. Traditional knowledge-transmission techniques, education delivered through a variety of contemporary tools, and information tools created through information technology should all be properly coordinated in the contemporary educational system.

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II. CONCLUSION

In the West, E-books are becoming more and more significant. Certain Indian libraries also provide this service. Are there many E-books available from teachers these days on our subject? One can ask questions of this kind. Professionals who work as librarians can find inspiration in this question. Because of its distinctive qualities, E-books are now housed in the libraries of numerous educational institutions worldwide. "E-learning" is regarded as a significant element in the educational field. E-books must be included to support "E-learning." Because of this, even small and medium-sized libraries. The librarian must serve as a mediator between the associated users and the electronic book. Academic libraries offer resources such as E-books to advance the field of librarianship. Cannot be said to be falling behind. An electronic book is the same as a physical book.

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