



Editorial

Promoting Academic Research and Best Practices in Librarianship

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This new volume of Library and Information Science Digest shows the unwavering commitment of the Nigerian Library Association, Anambra State Chapter to the promotion of academic research and best practices in librarianship. The Journal has continued to grow and be a platform for librarians to disseminate information on the practice of the profession in Nigeria and to learn how to operate as technology savvy information managers in the challenging environment of the 21 century. Thus, volume 9, 2016 of the Journal contains articles of various hues in the practice of librarianship in Nigeria.

Librarianship is a profession with spreading tentacles as it pushes on to continues to reveal its relevance in many institutions and organisations. It is therefore not surprising that Vincent Unegbu, Chinyere Ikonne and Emmanuel Abia in their research paper investigated the influence of information systems use on the organisational performance of three branches of First Bank Plc, Nigeria.

Despite the advantages brought by the evolving technologies in the 21 century information environment, libraries need to be wary concerning some issues. In their

paper, Daniel Oriogu and Ngozi Odiaka, Susan Ogunbiyi and Olumide Akanmidu warn that there is need for implementation of network security in University libraries. They provide an overview.

Accountants play a huge role in the analysis and interpretation of financial data which is one of the pillars of planning for budgets and national development plans. The role information resources in the library play in the training of accountants is therefore deemed important. Thus, Joseph Fasae and Rachael Aladeniyi and Samuel Arikawe, examined the use of serials by accounting students in Rufus Giwa Polytechnic, Owo.

A large quantity of rich knowledge is trapped in African local content. AU 2063 Agenda therefore has the promotion of indigenous languages to aid access to this knowledge as one of its targets. Victor Oyemike, Vivian Okere and Elizabeth Nwauwa wrote about the expected roles that libraries, especially school libraries can play in the promotion of the use of indigenous languages in Nigerian primary and post primary schools.

Adeola Afolabi and Margaret Alegbeleye in their paper investigated information needs and school library media services patronage among federal government college students in South West geopolitical zone of Nigeria. Oluwafemi Idowu and Rhoda Oribiyi and Adeoye Bamgbose wrote a research paper on the status of legal deposit materials for collection development in the public libraries in Oyo and Lagos States.

Doris Onuoha, Rachel Aina and Vincent Unegbu's paper is a comparative analysis of information literacy competence amongst students of Information Resources Management, Babcock University. Ngozi Osuchukwu wrote on growth and survival: leveraging on professional development and personal enhancement in library and information science. Luke Obasuyi and David Ofili wrote on the awareness and impact of Pay TV services on professional practice of academic library personnel in Edo State.

It is our fervent hope that these articles will prove interesting to all library and information science professionals and spark further academic enquiries into all the topics discussed.