E-BOOKS: MYSORE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY EXPERIENCES

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ABSTRACT

Digital environment is day to day dominated all the area. Libraries also move to digital technology. Mysore University library also move to digital. In this article explain about Mysore university Library e-books, E-books accessibility and usage. Total collection, search, Download, Download report will explain.

KEY WORDS: E-books, University, Library, OPAC, Download, Licensed online books, Usage

1. Introduction:

Readers are very important for any library, the extreme end of librarians work is reader's satisfaction or User happiness because user will get the right information in right time it will be the happiest movement for the librarians. Mysore university library collection are very useful for all the subject because every day more than four hundred books are borrowed and per day our library web page hits around three hundred so totally around seven to eight hundred user utilize our library facility. The online development print media dominated in local level but the research and academic purpose user oriented the online information. Online media readers can get any information from anywhere in the world because online user get huge information and current research development in a faster way. Online simultaneously access same information in different system in print it is different. In view of these Mysore university library purchased e-books for online generations user because all most all the researcher, student, faculties are without system or Internet or online not reach the current.

2. Mysore University Library:

Mysore University library is one of the oldest and largest University Library in the country and Mother of other University Libraries in Karnataka. The Library started functioning in the year 1918. It has a glorious record of 95 years of worthy service with resource collection 6 Lakhs volumes in its systems today. Library shifted to new building at Manasagangothri Campus in 1965. It was inaugurated by the then President of India Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan on 7th Dec. 1965. Mysore University library is one of the oldest and largest University Library in the country and Mother of other University Libraries in Karnataka. The Library has grown to become one of the leading university libraries in the country with a rich collection of books, journals, reports, rare materials and archives, with multiple locations and a collection of more than 1.2 million items. The goal of knowledge acquisition is Enlightenment. Mysore University Library provides access to more than 13000 e-journals, More than eighteen thousand E-books, and e-thesis through its e resources portal.
3. **E-Books**

Oxford Dictionary define E-Books mean an electronic version of a printed book, which can be read on a computer or a specifically designed handheld device. **Electronic book** (variously: *e-book*, *eBook*, *e-Book*, *eBook*, *digital book*, or even *e-edition*) is a book-length publication in digital form, consisting of text, images, or both, readable on computers or other electronic devices. Although sometimes defined as "an electronic version of a printed book", many e-books exist without any printed equivalent. Commercially produced and sold e-books are usually intended to be read on dedicated e-book readers, however, almost any sophisticated electronic device that features a controllable viewing screen, including computers, many mobile phones, and all smart phones can also be used to read e-books.

US Libraries began providing free e-books to the public in 1998 through their web sites and associated services, although the e-books were primarily scholarly, technical or professional in nature, and could not be downloaded. In 2003, libraries began offering free downloadable popular fiction and non-fiction e-books to the public, launching an e-book lending model that worked much more successfully for public libraries. The number of library e-book distributors and lending models continued to increase over the next few years. From 2005 to 2008 libraries experienced 60% growth in e-book collections. In 2010, a Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study found that 66% of public libraries in the US were offering e-books.

4. **Objectives of the study:**

a) To know the E-books
b) To know the Mysore University Library
c) To know the University Library E-books Collection
d) To know the available e-books subjects in library
e) To analyze the Usage of E-books.

5. **Mysore University E-books:**

University Library collection is near to six lakh print books and other materials. The development of communication and network environment our library purchased the E-books from different international reputed publisher that to “Onetime payment Life time use” basis from Springer, Wiley, CRC press and Taylor and Francis. Our library e-books are licensed user of around twenty thousand titles of science, Arts, Technology, Humanities, Commerce, Botany, Computer Science and other subject E-books. This facility provide by our earlier, Honorable Vice Chancellor, Pro. V.G. Talwar, sir initiation and support. He is the first Library profession in India to get the University top post. Whatever the credit comes to our library it is all given by our Honorable Vice Chancellor, Pro. V.G. Talwar, sir contributions.

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7. E-Books Download Option:

University library collection of e-books is around twenty thousand in this eBooks cover all most all the subject, especially science collection are very high. Library.
8. Mysore University Library Utilization of E-Books:

Library collection of print very high but the collection of licensed e-books is twenty thousand from different publisher especially we analysis the Springer publication usage, Springer publication e-books covers all most all the subject of university course and research work. Springer collection is Eight thousand twenty five e-books are accessible, the subject are Physics, Biological Science, Life Science, Humanities & Arts, Business, Commerce, Management, Earth science, Computer Science, and other useful e-books.

Table -1 Springer e-book usage statistics from jan-13 to Sept-13

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Above Graph and table shows the downloaded document from Springer publication around 16000 E-books utilized from 2013 January to September 2013. This statistics sent by Springer server admin, in the year 2013 January usage is very less user because that time examination time and annual holiday. From August onwards class are started and usage also grown. Anyhow awareness is important for the user community.
Above Graph explained the usage of subject wise e-books of Springer publication. The Springer publication cover all most all the subjects of university masters subjects the user are highly used Biomedical & Life Science (1827) books and next is computer science books. List usage is behavioral science (53) so library should monitor and create the awareness in list usage subjects.

9. **Findings:**

1. Library e-books usage in Springer publication only science field usage is very high.
2. Download option quiet difficult because some of the chapter did not download properly.
3. Arts and Humanities books are very few.
4. Indian Edition books are very less.
5. Locking system should be change and provide only university licensed books it is better for easy search.

10. **Conclusion:**

Library main work is user satisfaction and user benefited form the library it is the main motto of any library and Librarians. The collection of library is touch to the readers need and usage is good, it is fine. Otherwise effort will go down. Totally university library purchased the e-books certain extent it is good but the usage not reach the destination then purpose will not sustain. University library usage of e-books it is comparably it is good but librarian and library staff create the awareness of e-books and convey the available e-books titles to concerned subject or department students and researchers then it will reach the aim of library collections.

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