MYSORE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY: A GLANCE AT THE DIGITAL INFORMATION SERVICES

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ABSTRACT

[Paper deals with various digital information services being extended by the Mysore University Library. Mainly the paper covers details of service pertaining to the electronic information services such as Institutional Repository, Online Catalogue, Career Information Portal, Access to online Books and Journals, Repositories of Theses and Audio Contents for Visually Challenged Readers. A brief account of Anti-Plagiarism Software is also depicted with user statistics.]

1. INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORY (DIGITAL LIBRARY):
   The University Library has created digital repository of the research publications of faculty and research scholars of the University of Mysore. The repository in its holdings cover papers published in journals, proceedings of the seminars, conferences and workshops, books and monographs and report literature. As of now 11000 records have been up-loaded on to the web site. Any student can access and download the records noticing the academic and research needs.
   Web site: https://www.uni-mysore.ac.in

2. ONLINE PUBLIC ACCESS CATALOGUE:
   Using KOHA : the open source software, books and other publications available in the holdings of the University Library and the departmental libraries have been catalogued. The data is hosted on Amazon E2 server and maintained by Informatics Publishing Pvt.Ltd., Bangalore. This is web based catalogue and hence users can access and browse from any part of the world at any time. One can search the collections of a particular library of the University of Mysore or conduct search covering all libraries to know the availability of the books and other forms of publications.
   Web site: http://libcatmysore-koha.informindia.co.in/

3. REPOSITORY OF INDIAN ELECTRONIC THESE & DISSERTATIONS:
   The University of Mysore has insisted the research scholars to submit soft copy of their doctoral theses. Accordingly the doctoral submissions are being sent to the University Library to up-load on to the digital repository. The doctoral theses submitted to the University of Mysore since the recent past have been
hosted on Shodhganga server of INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Nearly 900 theses have been contributed so far and 550 have been up-loaded and are accessible on Shodhganga database of digital repository of Indian theses and dissertations.
Web site: http://www.shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in

4. E-RESOURCES PORTAL:
The University Library, Manasagangotri has created e-resources portal in order to facilitate online access to electronic books, journals, bibliographic databases, theses and dissertations, courseware contents and digital libraries of national research institutions of repute. Ezproxy software is being used to facilitate remote access. Users have accessed the portal for various information needs, including access to citation databases.
Web site: http://www.uni-mysore.ac.in/library/Campus%20Wide%20Access.php

5. CAREER INFORMATION RESOURCES PORTAL:
The portal is being accessed by the students who look for various career and placement opportunities, including details of competitive examinations like IAS, IPS, IFS, KAS and the like. The student community also seek information about UGC-Net and K-SLET examinations and previous question papers. The site provides details about question bank series, solved question papers of previous years. 
The portal is carrying information/guidelines about preparation of resume and so forth, including job opportunities notified in Karnataka Gazette, Employment News.
Web site: http://www.uni-mysore.ac.in/library/SC-CIRC.php

6. E-BOOK RESOURCES:
The University Library has purchased e-books of popular publishers/aggregators: Springer, Taylor & Francis, John Wiley & Sons, Routledge & Keganpaull, CRC Press. About 18000 e-books have been purchased for perpetual access. These e-books are to be accessed within the campus – access is facilitated within the IP Range. Attempt is being made to update the collections further. The University Library is also making attempt to purchase e-books of Pearson: Think Tank Series, McGraw Hill e-Books and Emerald e-resources for management science and information science.
Web site: http://www.uni-mysore.ac.in/library/E-Books.php

7. ANTI-PLAGIARISM SOFTWARE:
UGC-INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar facilitated access to iThenticate and Turnitin anti-plagiarism software packages for plagiarism check in doctoral submissions and dissertations. However, now the Centre is promoting Urkund – Swedish software for plagiarism check services in universities. Mysore University Library has so far scanned 900 doctoral theses for plagiarism check starting from June 2014 to December 2015.
8. E-RESOURCES FOR VISUALLY CHALLENGED:
Of late the University Library under the UGC-UPE Drusti project has created web site specially for the benefit of visually challenged faculty and students. The students get access to various Braille literature and audio books useful for visually challenged. Some of the examples of e-resources comprising of books and journals for visually challenged are: ‘bookshare’, Library of Congress Databases, American Libraries and e-content developed and transmitted/shared by Braille Division of the Anna Centenary Library, Chennai. The University Library has also established Learning Resource Centre during 2012 and Drushti Lab comprising of hardware and software use for visually challenged students and faculty during 2013. During 2013-14 636 users and during 2014-15 652 users have availed the facility of the centre. Under the UGC-UPE Project several orientation Programmes have been conducted to make the users familiar with the use of assistive technology comprising of hardware and software. Two workshops have been conducted for teachers working in Blind Schools of the Karnataka State.
Web site: http://ugcupedrushti.com/about.html
http://www.uni-mysore.ac.in/library/SC-LRCVH.php
9. DR. S. RADHAKRISHNA CENTRE FOR PHILOSOPHY AND INDIAN CULTURE:
The is expending library services to the public. Several extension programmes are being organized on Indian Philosophy and culture: mainly book talks, book exhibitions, special lectures, spiritual discourses, exhibition of rare photographs of Dr. S.Radhakrishnan. The centre in its holdings has collected works, the writings and speeches of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan. The heritage building is surrounded by well maintained garden which gives aesthetic appearance to the library readers.

The statistical services extended by the University Library during 2014-15 is furnished here below.

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The statistical details of the services rendered by the University Library is depicted above. The data pertains to the services rendered during the year 2014-15. The services especially with regard to the digital repository of the papers published by the faculty and research scholars and the services rendered to the visually challenged students, research scholars and teachers are the unique ones and appreciated.

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