

# AWARENESS OF DIGITAL LIBRARY AWARENESS OF AMONG LIBRARY PROFESSIONAL IN VELLORE DISTRICT – A STUDY

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**Abstract** - A digital library is a library in which collections are stored in digital formats as opposed to print, other media and accessible by computers the digital content may be stored locally, or accessed remotely via computer networks. A digital library is a type of information retrieval system. DL is an integrated approach to identifying, managing and sharing all of an organization's knowledge assets.

## 1. Introduction

It is well recognized that libraries all over the world are undergoing transformation, especially owing to the development in information and communication technologies. Traditional libraries are changing to digital libraries and new libraries that are being set up are increasingly of the digital kind. As a result, there is widespread interest and consequently, a lot of research and development activities are being carried out in this area world over. In India a number of institutions are also in the process of setting up digital libraries and many scholars and practitioners are conducting research on digital libraries. In recent years, quite a few conferences on digital.

### 1.1. What is a "digital library"?

Traditional user/librarian distinction is blurred Computers make information active Kitchens for knowledge preparation WWW ≠ DL!—organization, selectivity Nice Web site ≠ DL!—import new documents easily Collection of digital objects (text, video, audio) along with methods for access and retrieval, [user] and for selection, organization, and maintenance [lib].

## 2. OBJECTIVES OF DL

- To make sure of an effective Resource sharing of new knowledge and improvement of existing the information ;
- To ensure an effective securing of knowledge and make easily accessible to the organization;
- To ascertain a specific distribution of new DL and transfer of knowledge to new employees;

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- To improve the form of DL bearers in relation to the users;

## 3. Methodology

In order to collect the comprehensive and relevant data from the library professionals Engineering colleges Polytechnic college and Arts Science College in Vellore, a structured questionnaire was designed and interview method was also adopted as the tool for collection of data. The questionnaire was formulated keeping in view, the objective and various facers of the study and the questionnaires were personally distributed and collected with constant personal pursuance and the data obtained from the filled in questionnaires, later classified, analyzed, tabulated and logically interpreted.

## 4. DATA COLLECTION

### • Primary Data

Questionnaire method has been adopted to collect the required primary data.

### • Secondary Data

Secondary data have also been collected through published and unpublished resources.

## Sample Design

Fifty samples were chosen for the present study. The library professionals were requested to fill up the questionnaire.

## 5. LIMITATIONS

The study covers the professionals who are working in different types of College Libraries in Vellore District.

- Engineering College Library

- Polytechnic College Library
- Arts & Science College Library

### 6. AREA PROFILE OF THE STUDY

Vellore is a city and the administrative headquarters of [Vellore District](#) in the [South Indian](#) state of [Tamil Nadu](#). Located on the banks of [Palar River](#) in the north-eastern part of [Tamil Nadu](#) and has been ruled, at different times, by the [Pallavas](#), [Medieval Cholas](#), [Later Cholas](#), [Vijayanagar Empire](#), [Rashtrakutas](#), [Carnatic kingdom](#), and the [British](#). Vellore has four zones (totally 60 wards) which covers an area of 87.915 Sq km and has a population of 4,23,425 based on 2001 census. It is located about 145 kilometers (90 mi) west of the state capital [Chennai](#) and about 211 kilometers (131 mi) east of [Karnataka](#) capital [Bangalore](#)

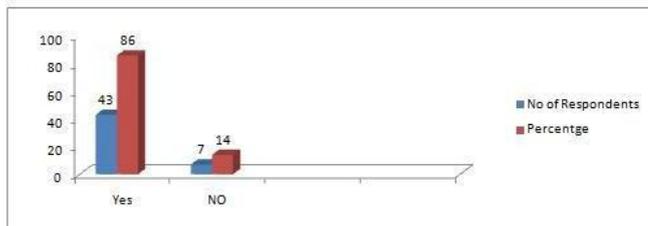


Figure :1 Age Wise Classification

The Found that 32% of the Library professionals belong to the age group 35-45 and 30 of them are in the age group of 45-55.

### 7.CLASSIFICATION BY QUALIFICATION

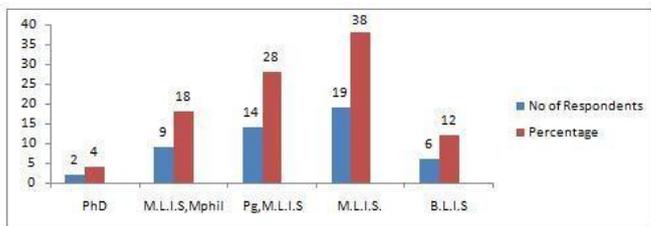


Figure: 2 Qualification Details

It is observed from the above that 38% of the respondents are possessing postgraduates degrees along with Master degree in Library and Information science, 28% respondents possess PG Master degree in Library Information science, 18% respondents possess M.L.I.S, Mphil degree in Library Information science, 12% respondents B.L.I.S degree in Library in Library science and 4% PhD degree in Library Information Science.

### 8.AWARENESS ON DIGITAL LIBRARY

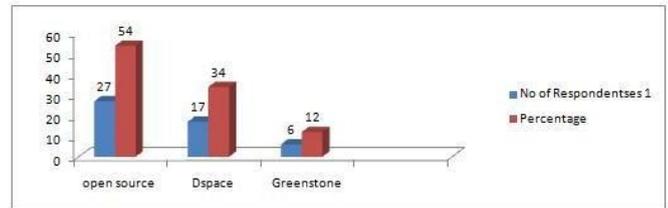
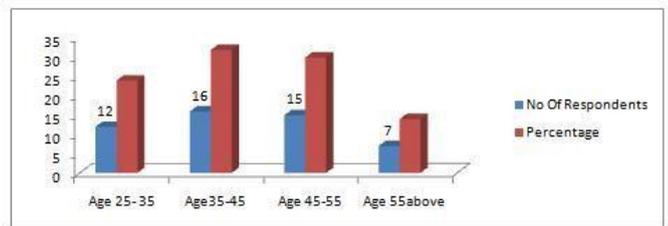


Figure: 3 Awareness on Digital Library

Maximum number of respondents (54%) is knowledge on Open source and 34% are knowledge on Dspace and 12% of the respondents are knowledge on Greenstone.



### 9.AWARENESS ON DIGITAL LIBRARY

FIGURE: 4 Awareness on Digital Library

It is observed the above table that 92% of the respondents are aware of the concept of Digital Library and 8% of the respondents are not.

### 10.OPINION ON APPLICATION OF DIGITAL LIBRARY

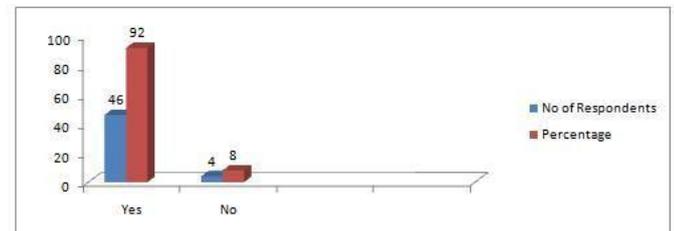


Figure : 5 Opinion on Application of DL

The above table shows that 86% of respondents are eager to apply the concept

“Digital library” and 14% of the respondents are not willing.

### 11.CONCLUSION

Digital Library are excellent assessment tools, both for teachers and students. They allow us to collect the best examples of our progress, our work, and our creativity. DL are real-world in Ways that test score data is not. DL allow us to showcase our best efforts at what we do DL is one that is compact in size. It can incorporate a wider selection of materials. A digital (electronic, virtual) Library can easily be duplicated, shared, and augmented in the field of library.

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