

ROLES OF LIBRARIES AND PUBLISHERS IN KNOWLEDGE ACCESS AND MANAGEMENT

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ABSTRACT

The electronic publishing has changed the role of libraries, academics, publishers and subscription agents for scholarly publishing and making the e-content to users' through information centres. Changing role of internet and digital technology has created new initiatives for the creation of institutional repositories and developing digital publishing services for education, outreach and advocacy activities. The role of subscription agents are described in detail with an emphasis on e- media products. New role of libraries and the skills required by the professionals for digital content production, metadata formats, software development and system administration, etc are outlined. Some of the strategies are suggested like pilot testing, reexamining the existing workflows and responsibilities, developing a network and partnership relation for collaboration, etc. Role of publishers for knowledge access and management of e-publications and making them available to the user community through the information centres are discussed in detail. The activities carried out by the Federation of Indian publishers are also described with the book publishing industry. Changing role of publishers' have enumerated in detail with the changing scenario of the relationship between libraries and publishers. Concluded that consortia formation also helps libraries to share the e-publications among many libraries with single subscription and the business strategies for the publishers for marketing their products are discussed. The security features by which controlling can be done for knowledge access by different type of users is also mentioned.

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