

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES IN TRANSITION CHALLENGES AHEAD

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ABSTRACT

The evolving information and knowledge-based economy has resulted in a climate of transition and change in academic libraries around the world. As universities make the Transformation to learning organisations academic libraries, as constituents of its larger parent organisations, are rethinking and exploring new ways to reposition themselves in Thecampus environment in view of higher expectations of its various stakeholdersPervasiveness of information technology, increased availability and focus on electronic Resources and services, and the need to become learning and research centers to support A wide range of educational initiatives. This paper addresses a number of key challenges facing academic libraries as well as measures taken by the Division of Information Studies at Nanyang Technological University, through its Masters programmes in information studies and knowledge management, to provide appropriate education and training of information and knowledge professionals for this new economy.

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