



IMPORTANCE OF LIBRARY PORTALS AND WEBSITES



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ABSTRACT

Research and development (R&D) libraries have realized their responsibility towards making research output easily accessible to all the users. They are using their websites as a medium through which they are reaching the potential users. Since, the website of library is its reflection to the users, it ought to be seen as an integral part of the institution, rather than an external entity. Hence, all facets of the library and its functions should be appropriately reflected on the website. The library Web site can and by default does play a variety of roles. A library Web site often serves the role of a library workstation, both for the users and for the librarians serving them. In the role of library workstation, a library

Web site serves as a delivery mechanism for databases, electronic texts and journals on different research areas, and often for the library catalogue. Additionally, a library Web site can become an agent for archiving and retaining information that appears on other sites, for the purpose of future research. In addition to the resources, website can play a key role in delivering electronic services to users within short span of time, as users in R&D will be having very less time to visit the library to use the services.

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