

A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF INFORMATION SEEKING BEHAVIOUR OF RESEARCHERS IN NIGERIA LIBRARIES: LIBRARIANS PERCEPTIVE

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ABSTRACT

The study investigates researcher's information seeking behaviour in Nigeria libraries. The design of the study is cross sectional survey of researchers in the libraries and the population consists of 364 (1st Conference of Certified Librarians) from various libraries and institutions across Nigeria by the Librarians' Registration Council of Nigeria (LRCN) held on the 18th–23rd May, 2014. The instrument used to generate data is the questionnaire and the data generated was analyzed using frequency, bar charts, percentages and mean. The outcome of the study reveals that researchers in Nigeria libraries seeking for academic/ research information, current awareness information, business information, industrials attachment/employment, sports/ entertainment and personal health information among other. It also noted that textbooks are the major information materials consulted by the researchers in the libraries. The results provide an insight into the challenges associated with information seeking behaviour of researchers in Nigeria libraries such as network fluctuate, inadequate knowledge of use of catalogue, insufficient librarian, incompleteness of records, lack of time to access information resources, nonchalant attitude of library staff and information scattered in too many sources among other.