

THE IMPACT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WOMEN'S RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN, NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

This study is to find out the impact of the establishment of Women's Research and Documentation Centre, University of Ibadan on the patronage and library resources available to researchers with keen interest on Gender Studies. Also the library resources made available with particular interest on the library collection and its users. Participant Observation and Oral Interview with the Senior Library Officer were used to check the statistics of library users and collection of library resources available between 2004-2014. The study further revealed that from 2004 to 2014, 8000 volumes of books, 2,500 journals, 2,000 magazines and 25 files of newspaper cuttings were acquired. The study also showed that statistics of library users between 2004 and 2006 was low. 2006 to 2012 was very high because of the awareness. 2013 to 2014 was very low because of strikes embarked upon by academic staff of tertiary institutions. It was found out that, with the influx of library users more recent books and journals need to be acquired for the library because some of the books are obsolete. Recommendations based on the findings were made which include more staff, shelves, a photocopy machine to discourage mutilation of books and journals for security of library resources.

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