

Library Cooperation

Cooperation” An interchange is usually between two or more institution involving a temporary exchange will involve cooperation a wider scale, to include exchange of all kinds of materials, exchange of information, user access to participating libraries, sharing of bibliographic catalogs, union lists, and other bibliographic utilities, and cooperative training programs of personnel of participating libraries, simply defined, library cooperation refers to a reciprocally beneficial sharing of resources developed or pre-existing by two or more libraries.”

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Collaboration is a mutually beneficial and well-defined relationship entered into by two or more organizations to achieve common goals. The relationship includes a commitment to mutual relationships and goals; a jointly developed structure and shared responsibility; mutual authority and accountability for success; and sharing of resources and rewards.

Need of the Library Cooperation and Collaboration

1. Multiplicity of documents in different subjects, languages and formats.
2. Development of new subjects and subject specialization.
3. Increase of reading community and information seekers.
4. Diversity of users groups and their information need.
5. Demand of pinpointed, expeditious information need.
6. Increased access to information and service at existing cost.
7. Access to existing information and services at less cost
8. Increase in Quantity/cost.
9. Demand for expertise and rare documents.
10. Space constraint
11. Budget constraint.

Some International collaboration examples

- Boston Public Library's Kirstein Business Branch
- Richland County Library
- Pryor Public Library

Conclusion and Future directions in digital library collaboration:

The future of digital libraries cannot be seen without extensive collaboration among them. Collaboration is the main chance of the digital libraries to move forward, to increase their efficiency, to provide more services and information for the users and to develop technologically. Collaboration will be beneficial for all libraries as all collaborators possess their own experience, knowledge, expertise and capabilities. Ways to establish collaboration depend on many factors and will have to be found in all cases individually.