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PREFACE

The technological advancement has brought revolution in the way of scholarly communication. Libraries are playing a vital role in the free flow of scholarly communication. The technologies have spread-out many prospects for the new age libraries. Libraries have incorporated the innovative technologies to deliver better and more effective services to its users.

In this digital era information are at a click and user wants readily available information in their fingertips without putting much efforts. To meet the user needs libraries have changed their services from print to electronic, from traditional to hybrid and from web to app.

This book consists of research papers dealing with various aspects of library and information services in today's digital environment. The subthemes of this book cover Current trends in Digital environment such as E-Resource management; Social media and web analysis; Copyright and IPR; Library resource sharing in digital era; Open source software; E-learning and MOOCs; ICT; Innovative Library services and best practices; Preservation and Archiving of E-resources, cloud computing. The book brings out high quality research papers on the above mentioned sub-themes.

The chapters publish in this book will help library professionals as well as students to gain new insights in the area of libraries in digital environment. The book will be a valuable resource for libraries, professionals, academicians, researchers and students for their further research works as it contains quality research papers on the above mentioned areas.

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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the various individuals and institutions who have been instrumental in the creation and publication of this book, which is based on research papers exploring different facets of library services with a primary focus on digital platforms.

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ABOUT THE BOOK

There is a fast growth in use of digital technologies among libraries. The book brings to light the changing face of libraries in the new era of digital advancements. There is a fast growth in use of digital technologies among libraries. Since the library users are more and more tech-savvy hence libraries too need to adopt the different technologies for their users. The 21st Century is considered as the era of digital technology. In this century people are much more concentrated to acquire new knowledge and information. The growth in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) has a great effect on Library and Information Services. In this book, different chapters address the transformation of libraries and its services in 21st century. This book consists of research papers dealing with various aspects of library and information services in today's digital environment. The subthemes of this book cover Current trends in Digital environment such as E-Resource management; Social media and web analysis; Copyright and IPR; Library resource sharing in digital era; Open source software; E-learning and MOOCs; ICT; Innovative Library services and best practices; Preservation and Archiving of E-resources, cloud computing. The book brings out high quality research papers on the above mentioned subthemes.

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