

E- Resources and current pandemic situation: Scope and Limitation

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ABSTRACT

Most libraries in the country have been affected by the Covid -19 situation. In such a situation, libraries need to expand their services or become more technologically advanced. The use of e-resources has increased in the countries of the world. The use of e-resources in libraries has also increased a lot. But its use in small libraries, school libraries, public libraries, private libraries is negligible due to lack of budget and indifference of the government towards libraries.

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INTRODUCTION

Covid -19 E- Resources

Amid the Covid -19 epidemic, the world has seen a number of changes in the field of publications. Along with print, e-resources are also being published. Most publishers place e-resources on their web site under titles such as **Covid-19 e -Resources** which are used by users and researchers and their use has increased.

Some of the following publishers have posted a number of e-resources on their web site under the title of **Covid-19 e – resources**

- American Institute of Physics (Citation)
- ACM Digital Library
- J Stor Archives
- Springer Nature
- Elsevier
- Wiley

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- Taylor & Francis
- Science Direct
- Oxford Academic
- Mc Graw Hill Education
- IEEE Xplore

Open Resources

When libraries and educational institutes were closed in almost all the countries of the world, for students, researchers, professors, if any blessing was equal, it was the only open resource that could be used easily.

Educational Institutions have made open source link available on their web site so that users can use it easily.

But the limitations of such open resources were that they were mostly in abstract form, full paper or book could not be seen or download questions were present.

There are many scholarly freely available resources available notably National Digital Library of India (NDLI), Shodhganga, a repository of Electronic Thesis and Dissertation, Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), AMS Free Online Books, Book Boon, Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB) and many more.

Subscribed E- Resources

The last one or two years have seen significant changes in the field of publishing. Publishers have turned to e-resources and demand has also increased. The structure of education has changed. There has been an increase in online courses which has also increased the demand for e-resources. Students and teachers can use it sitting at home.

Many companies make all such e-resources available on a single platform. This can be opened with a single password. Which saves the user time?

The biggest limitation of such resources is budget so it is difficult for small and private libraries to keep up with the problem of renewing them every year.

CONCLUSION

Thus, in the last two years, the education sector has changed a lot and online coverage has increased. Which has had an effect on publications? Increased release of e-resources. The advantage of such e-resources is that they are easily available and there is no limit to the space. But it has to be very expensive. Advanced devices and internet access are the problem. In addition, it is expensive and needs to be renewed every year. So it is difficult for poor students and small libraries to afford it.

Due to the current situation of Covid many publishers have put their own e-resources on the web site but it also has some limitations.

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