

Redesigning Library Services : Use of Library Automation

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ABSTRACT

This article deals with the library automation and the technological trends in recent years. It stresses about the managing the library activities and the need for library automation. The characteristics of paper library to automated library have been given in detail with the services and products. The enhancement of automated environment has been given in detail with the services offered under different headings like SDI, accession data transfer and sharing, the databanks, the role of reference librarian in automated environment, online catalogs and about information networks are explained in detail. The benefits of automation are explained and the LIS professionals should take the new environment as a challenge and face the user community by redesigning the services.

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