

Library Consortia : A Strategic Response to Fiscal and Technological Changes

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ABSTRACT

The Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) have made a profound impact on the life and work of people. Library and Information is no exception to this phenomenon. Declining library budgets and growing universe of users and documents are forcing us to develop policies and strategies to ensure massive realtime access to quality information in a cost-effective manner. Library consortia is a strategic professional response to obtain the above said mission. This paper is an attempt to map the impact of ICTs on libraries as a metaphor of our documentary heritage, and ascertain professional response to fiscal and technological changes. Particular emphasis has been laid on academic librarians and the Inlibnet initiatives.

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