



CLOUD BASED INFORMATION RESOURCES AND SERVICES AMONG ACADEMIC LIBRARIANS IN SOME UNIVERSITY IN SOUTHWEST, NIGERIA

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Abstract

Cloud based information resources and services are resources and services that are available for academic librarians in some university in Southwest, Nigeria. Despite their being important, there is the need to find out the types of resources and services available for use and how they are effectively used by academic librarians in some university libraries in Southwest, Nigeria. The study examines the cloud based information resources and services among academic librarians in Nigerian Universities. A total enumeration of 80 academic librarians from six universities in Southwest, Nigeria, comprising of three public and three private universities formed the sample for the study. A descriptive survey approach was adopted using questionnaire as the only data collection instrument on respondents. Five research questions were formulated as guide to the study. The results show that majority of the respondents strongly agree and agree that Gmail, facebook, internet, yahoo, cloud based sharing services, cloud based social networking and cloud based storing services, are some of the cloud based information resources and services available for academic librarians in Nigeria universities. However, majority of respondents were not highly inclined to lack of awareness, lack of skills and lack of trained personnel as constraints to the use of cloud based information resources and services. The study concludes by recommending that librarians make optimal use of the cloud based information resources and services in other to be more relevant in the face of information technology driven world.

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