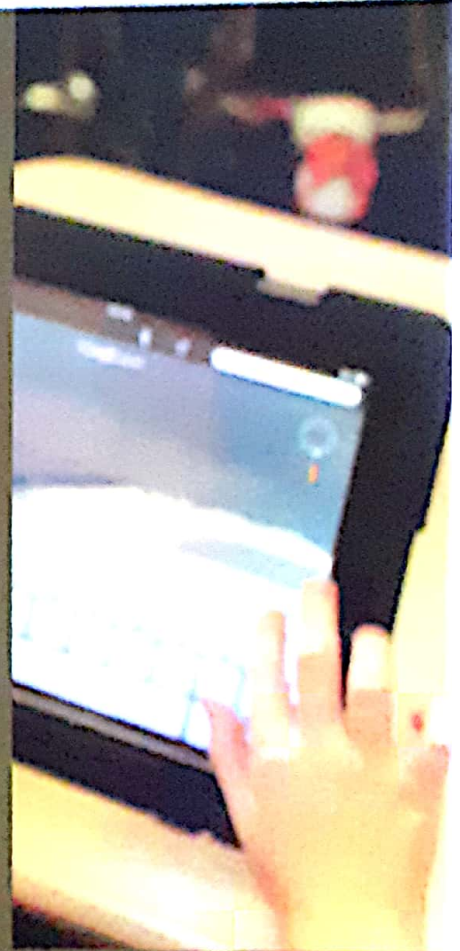


MODERN TRENDS AND SERVICES OF LIBRARIES IN DIGITAL ERA



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Introduction

Knowledge Society is characterized by a dynamic, complex and information rich environment with ICT as the backbone. It is ever changing and to sustain in such a society one has to keep pace with time. Libraries have recognized this fact and are accordingly fast upgrading their infrastructure, resources and services. We are moving towards developing digital libraries with large e-databases and repositories and also providing varied services to satisfy varied user needs.

But, this alone will not guarantee the survival of libraries. Libraries will be able to survive if and only if they are able to retain their existing users and at the same time focus on increasing their user base and use of e-resources. This will be possible when libraries are able to connect users to their needed resources. Information Literacy (IL) is the tool that can help bridge this gap between users and resources.

Today, the user faces not the dearth of information but overload of information. Information is available in various forms and formats and from various sources. This creates doubt about the reliability and authenticity of the information. Choice of information source, search engine and the complexities of various search techniques also make accessing information an