FACTORS IN THE USAGE OF LIBRARY AND ONLINE FACILITIES FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES IN FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OYE-EKITI

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ABSTRACT

This work examines the perception and level of usage of library and on-line facilities for academic purposes in Federal University Oye-Ekiti.

This study is a descriptive study, both primary and secondary data were used for the study, A mixed method was use to obtain both quantitative and qualitative data via questionnaire and IDI respectively. A total two hundred and forty-four students were selected using accidental sampling technique. Also, only eight (8) lecturers were selected, two (2) from each faculty.

SPSS version (16) was used to analyze the data. Data was presented in percentages and tables.

Chi-square was used to test hypotheses drawn for this study.

The finding shows that both students and staff use the library and on-line materials for the followings; general reading, preparation for examination, entertainment, and assignment.

However, the study shows that students explore on-line materials for academic purpose than the library materials because the on-line is faster and self-interactive than the use of library materials.

The study concluded that the perception of both students and academic lecturers of the use of library and on-line materials basically for academic purpose was not encouraging at all going by the challenges leveled against the two major sources of materials in the study. Also, there is disparity in the level of usage of the two sources.