Using Electronic databases by Faculty members at Umm Alqura University

Dr. Faten Saeed Bamofleh

Abstract

The study is about the use of electronic databases at Umm Alqura University. It find out that only 32.6% of the faculty members at the university are using the databases which is available through the subscription of the Dean of Library affairs (either on CD ROM or through the internet) and 70.96% of the faculty members are using it to help them to get information for there researches and 54.83% are using it to keep them updated in their fields.

It also find that there are different reasons for not using the electronic databases, first of which is that 56.3% of the faculty members doesn't know that the service is available at the University, second reason is that 14.1% of the faculty doesn't need to retrieve information from electronic databases and the third reason is that 12.5% of the faculty think that the available databases doesn't match their needs of information.

By applying Chi square test it is aproved that there is no relationship between the use of the service and the ages of the faculty members or their positions or their fields of specialist.

The Study recommend to activate and develop the informative , instructive and training programs presented to the users to inform them about the availability of the service and to teach them how to use it. It also recommends performing a study about the electronic databases services at different types of libraries to measure the performance of the service at these libraries.