

**LIBRARY PUBLISHING AS AN ESSENTIAL FUNCTION IN
TODAY'S INFORMATION WORLD: MODELS AND
SUSTAINABILITY PLAN BY ACADEMIC LIBRARIES IN
NIGERIA.**

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Background

- Publishing is one of the librarian's role as information disseminators and
- The adoption of technology in publishing processes have drastically reduced the stress associated with the practice and led to the rise in library publishing activities



Background (contd....)

- There is a general belief that the rise in library publishing is making the libraries to be more visible and at the same time, heighten their contribution and relevance in achieving outstanding scholarly performance.
- However, there is fear and curiosity among librarians on the sustainability of the varying library publishing activities.

Why this study?



Specific Objectives

1

Identify specific publishing activities carried out by academic libraries in Nigeria

2

Establish the librarians' view on the relevance of establishing publishing activities by the libraries

3

identify challenges encountered in carrying out publishing activities in academic libraries

4

Establish areas that technological tools are adopted in the publishing activities by the libraries.

5

Find out the sustainability plan for these publishing activities in academic libraries in Nigeria.

Significance of the study

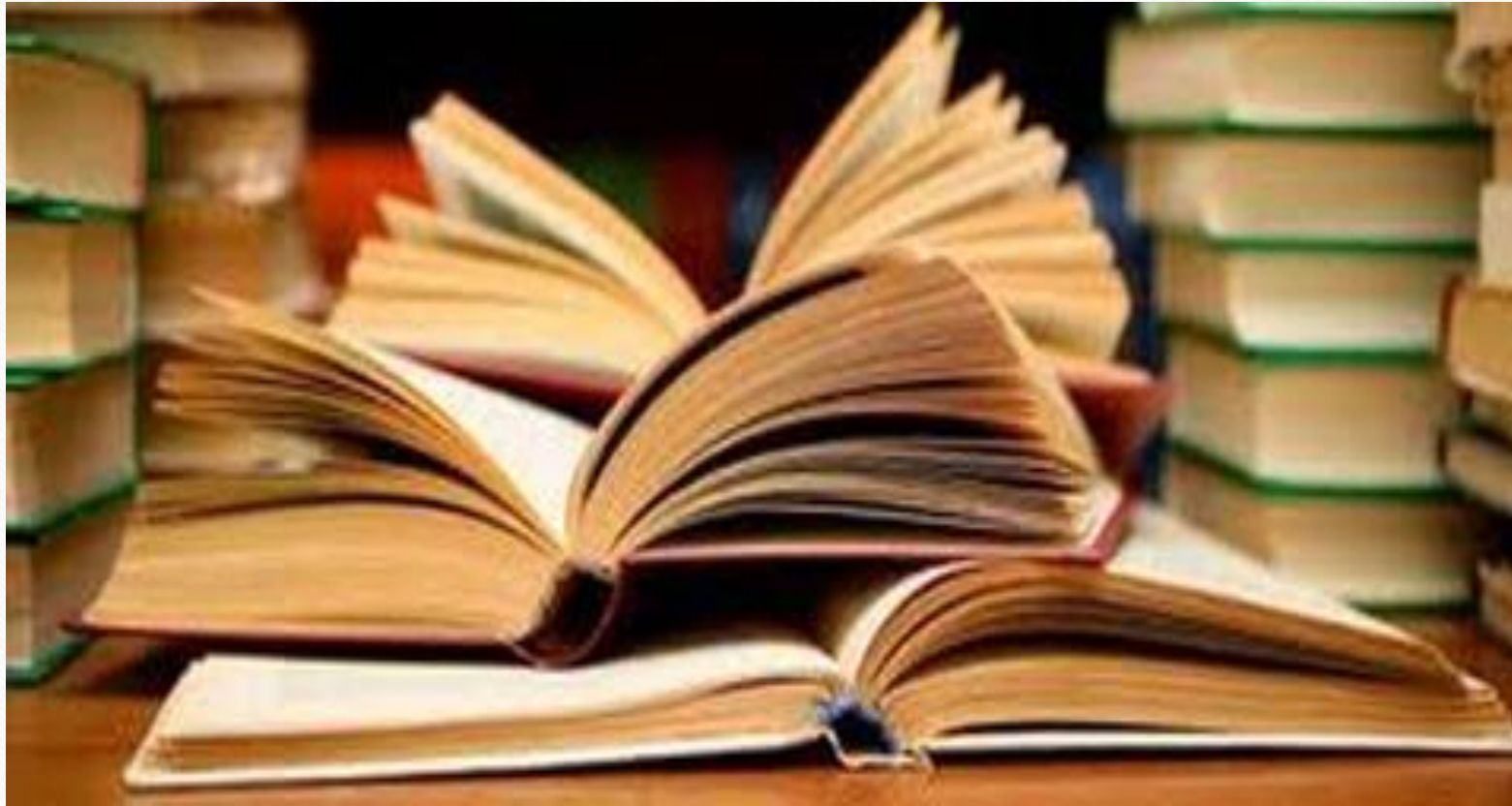


To whom?

- Library
- University Management
- The university communities
- General public, and
- Researchers

How
?

Literature review



Found no
specific study
on the topic
presently
studied

Methodology

- ✓ Descriptive survey research design was adopted
- ✓ Random sampling technique was adopted
- ✓ Self-constructed questionnaire was the instrument used for data collection
- ✓ Survey monkey was used to collect data
- ✓ Data collected was subjected to descriptive statistical analysis using frequency counts, percentages, mean and standard deviation.

Results

- ✓ 77.1% of the respondents are made up of staff from Librarian I and above, thus, the authenticity of the information
- ✓ The common publishing activities that is taking place in the libraries are: Library guides and orientation manual- 78%, Institutional Repositories- 73%, Information literacy manual- 71%, Journals- 64%,

View on the relevance of establishing publishing activities

Relevance	Mean	Standard deviation	Decision
Enhance visibility of the library and the institution	4.20	0.98	Strongly agree
To meet the information needs of both internal and external users.	4.20	0.96	Strongly agree
To complement available materials in the library	4.10	1.08	Strongly Agree
To promote easy access and discovery of available contents	4.06	1.28	Strongly Agree
To provide guide to researchers and library users	4.02	1.02	Strongly Agree
Open up a transparent scholarly communication's environment to serve authors.	3.90	0.94	Agree
To facilitate open access to information	3.88	1.21	Agree

Areas that technological tools are adopted in the publishing activities by the libraries

Areas of technology adoption	Mean	Standard deviation	Decision
Technological tools are adopted in the preservation and storage of our publications	3.43	1.08	Agree
For circulating information about my library's publication to the public	3.43	0.92	Agree
My library uses online platform for article submission	3.42	1.12	Agree
My library publications are accessed online by users	3.30	1.06	Agree
To announce call for article submission to potential authors	3.33	0.92	Agree
Utilize online tools in editing the manuscripts	3.32	1.26	Agree

Challenges

**Decline in
library budget
(79%)**

Inadequate and
disruptive access
to the Internet
(67%)

Inadequate
support from
the management
(63%)

number
Inadequate of
skilled
professional in
the library (63%)

**Low
patronage
(54%)**

Sustainability plan for the publishing activities

Sustainability plans	Mean	Standard deviation	Decision
Establishing institutional repository	4.19		
Create opportunities for library staff to continuing education (workshop, conferences, seminars etc.)	4.04	1.08	Strongly agree
Advocating for the inclusion of library publishing course in undergraduate curriculum	4.00	1.26	Strongly agree
Organization of in house training program for library staff	3.96	0.88	Agree
Ensuring that librarians keep updating their technological skills to enable continued production, distribution and preservation of publications	3.88	1.12	Agree
Encourages librarians to undertake online or distance learning programs on publishing	3.79	1.22	Agree
Exposing members of staff to trainings in the area of publishing	3.73	0.98	Agree
Setting aside budgetary vote for publishing activities by the library	3.54	1.06	Agree

Conclusion

- This study has established the specific publishing activities that university libraries in Nigeria engage in, their views on the relevance of establishing those publishing activities, areas of technology adoption in the activities, challenges encountered and established sustainability plan for the library publishing activity.

Recommendations

- ❖ Exposing members of staff to trainings in the area of publishing.
- ❖ Library management should set aside a portion of the library budget for publishing or source for alternate means of funding for the activity, e.g. through advertisement
- ❖ Internet access provision should be enhanced
- ❖ Library management should enlighten the University Management on the need to support library publishing as it contributes in enhancing the visibility of the institution among several other benefits



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