Challenges to effective University library services in an automated environment in Tanzania: a way to address the increasing students' enrollment rate

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Abstract
Discusses challenges towards automated library services provision under automated environments in Tanzania's Universities. Gives historical perspective of IT application in provision of information services in selected universities in Tanzania. It discusses the uncompromisingly increased enrolment rate from 1995 to date and the emerging challenges in satisfying this users in terms of to space, acquisition, loan, and library materials return under electronic services. Emerging issues are staff and user information technology skills, technology infrastructure, financial resources, management policy and power supply reliability. Conclusively, the paper calls for cultivation of positive attitude towards automated library system in order to exploit the potentialities as it has been to manual ones. Finally the paper insists a strike of balance for both print and electronic resources in order to overcome such things, like power cuts and other shortfall related to electronic failures.

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