A comparative study of Academic Libraries Websites in Malaysia

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Abstract

The comparative study, which have been done on eight academic library websites in Malaysia have shown that most of the library are ready to give their online services to the users. Most of them are fulfilled the criteria which are needed in building websites. Based on this research, University Malaya Library website has been selected the best library websites as compared to others.
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Introduction

The purpose of the research is to identify the best Academic Library Website in Malaysia. In this research, the criteria of the quality websites will be studied. These important criteria will be used to determine the quality of Academic Libraries Websites.

This research will help librarians to determine the criteria on building or modifying their libraries websites. Information in which library has is meaning less if it is not properly used. Internet is one of the channels that can be used in helping librarian to disseminate this information. The information such as online databases to which library subscribe will help users to access from any place at any time they prefer, and not only inside the library building.

If the academic libraries websites of each university can be one stop website to their users, the university costs toward library collection on online databases and building the library website will definitely meaningful.

Library websites can also be used to promote the library and its services. It provides current information about the library, it provides access to online and CD-ROM based reference sources such as databases and encyclopedias, it provides remote access to the library catalogues and other databases created by the library and assists library users to explore the Internet.
Scope of the study

The following libraries are the subjects of the study.

1. Tun Abdul Razak Library,
   Universiti Teknologi MARA, Shah Alam, Selangor Darul Ehsan.
   http://www.itm.edu.my/ptar

2. University Malaya Library, Kuala Lumpur
   http://www.umlib.um.edu.my/

3. International Islamic University Malaysia Library,
   International Islamic University Malaysia, Selangor Darul Ehsan.
   http://lib.iiu.edu.my/

4. Sultanah Zanariah Library,
   Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Skudai, Johor Darul Takzim.
   http://www.psz.utm.my/

5. Universiti Sains Malaysia Library, Pulau Pinang
   http://www.lib.usm.my/

6. Universiti Malaysia Sabah Library, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
   http://www.ums.edu.my/library/frontpg.htm

7. Sultanah Bahiyah Library,
   Universiti Utara Malaysia, Sintok, Kedah Darul Aman.
   http://www.lib.uum.edu.my/

   http://www.lib.upm.edu.my/