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Abstract

This study examined the influence of information behavior on library patronage among undergraduate students in private universities in Oyo State. The descriptive research design was adopted for the study. A structured questionnaire was adopted as the instrument for data collection. The study population is made up of eight thousand, six hundred and fifty-nine (8,659) undergraduate students in private universities across Oyo State. The sample size of 368 was used for the study as obtained from Krejcie and Morgan sample size calculator. Data was analyzed using both descriptive and inferential statistics. The study found a low level of library patronage among the students. The study also found that the students mostly need information for personal development. In addition, it was found that the preferred sources of information are academic journals, internet sources, and the library. The test of hypotheses revealed that information needs ($R = 0.329, p < 0.05$), information seeking behaviour ($R = 0.292, p < 0.05$) and information use ($R = 0.329, p < 0.05$) have a significant influence on library patronage. In addition it was found that the combination information needs, information seeking behavior and information use has a significant but weak relationship with the library patronage by undergraduates in private universities in Oyo State ($Adj. R^2 = 0.092, F(2,334) = 17.989, p = 0.000$). The study concluded that academic libraries must do their best to understand the information behaviour of their clientele. It is therefore recommended that students and other library patrons should be involved in the collection development process.

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