

## **EVALUATIVE STUDY OF INFORMATION RESOURCES AND SERVICES UTILIZATION FOR RESEARCH IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES IN NIGER STATE, NIGERIA**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The study investigated information resources and services utilization for research in academic libraries in Niger state, Nigeria. Descriptive survey research method was used for the study and 292, representing 5% of a total of 5847 lecturers in the 10 academic institutions in the state were sampled based on certified proportionate sampling technique. Consequently, 292 copies of questionnaire were administered and 280 were returned and found usable. Descriptive statistics was used to analyze the data gathered. The results indicated that more of information resources in print format were provided at the expense of those in non-print, conventional services such as loan of books and photocopying etc were adequately provided while selective dissemination of information, indexing and abstracting services were completely abandoned. Certain factors such as inadequate funding of the libraries etc were found to be militating against the provision and utilization of information resources and services. The study recommended among others that academic libraries should be adequately funded and qualified and experienced staff should be employed to provide required resources and services.

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