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## **ELECTRONIC JOURNALS IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE**

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### **1. Scholarly Journals**

Journals are important sources of current and up to date information. Formerly, journals were only available in printed form. Since the price of journals increased you can now subscribe to journals on the web as well. It is because of this, that the notion of an electronic journal has developed.

An electronic journal is a publication made available in an electronic format, usually over a computer network. However, electronic journals can be published exclusively in electronic format, or can be published simultaneously in electronic and print versions. Electronic journals also conform to the general requirements of all periodicals and are published or intended to be published at regular or stated intervals.

### **2. Uses of electronic journals**

Electronic journals can be used for a variety of purposes. Some of the uses of electronic journals include the following:

- i) Publishing
- ii) Access information for work related activities
- iii) Teaching and training purposes
- iv) Literature reviews for research or consultancies
- v) Keeping up to date with the latest developments

### **3. Electronic Journals**

The World Wide Web is a home to a large number of electronic journals. NewJour, located at <http://gort.ucsd.edu/newjour> provide access to a large number of journals and news letters available on the Internet. There is quite a large number of electronic journals and newsletters on the Web in the library and information studies field.

### 3.1 Examples of Electronic Journals

- i) **Ariadne** -the magazine is basically aimed at librarians and information science professionals in academic libraries. The magazine “ *describes and evaluates sources and services available on the Internet, and of potential use, to librarians and information professionals, and reports to the library community at large on progress and developments within the UK Electronic Libraries Programme*”. Both current and back issues of Ariadne can be accessed at:

<http://www.ariadne.ac.uk>

- ii) **LIBRES: Library and Information Science Research Electronic Journal** - an international, refereed, electronic journal devoted to new research in Library and Information Science is among the first journals in library and information science to be distributed via the Internet. LIBRES can be obtained via electronic mail by subscribing to LIBRES. Send e-mail message to:

[listproc@info.curtin.edu.au](mailto:listproc@info.curtin.edu.au) with the text:  
subscribe libres [your first name] [your last name]

The Web version of LIBRES, including back issues, are available at:

<http://aztec.lib.utk.edu/libres/>

- iii) **South African Journal of Information Management** - published by the Department of Information Studies Centre for Research in Web-based Applications at Rand Afrikaans University, South Africa. It can be accessed at:

<http://general.rau.ac.za/infosci/Raujournal/index.htm>

- iv) **D-Lib Magazine** - an electronic magazine providing access to articles, news, and commentary on all aspects of digital library research. Current and back issues of the magazine can be accessed through D-Lib Forum Home Page at:

<http://www.dlib.org/>

#### 4. Other Electronic Publications

IFLA web site at <http://www.ifla.org> provides access to a large number of papers that have been presented at various IFLA conferences over the year. It also provides access to various electronic publications in library and information science areas.

#### 5. Examples of other general Web Site in the field of Library and Information Science

Library and Information Science Periodicals on the Internet available at:

<http://www.fortunecity.com/skyscraper/gates/18/libpers.html>

PICK an excellent Internet resource page by The Thomas Perry Library, has an extensive list of electronic journals in Library and Information Science.

<http://www.aber.ac.uk/~tplwww/ej/intro.html>

Library and Information Science Research (LISR) electronic journal

<http://library.fgcu.edu/iclc/lisr.htm>

The University of Sheffield Library on its home page provides links to electronic journals in library and information science. Available at:

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/library/elecjnls/ejlib.html>

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