

ABSTRACT

The research appraises the self efficacy and information seeking behavior of students of selected Universities in Ogun State. It elucidate self efficacy and the concept of information and investigate the nature of self efficacy and information seeking behavior of students of selected Universities in Ogun State.

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

Information seeking behaviour is a broad term, which involves a set of actions that an individual, such as undergraduates, takes to express information needs, seek information, evaluate and select information and finally uses this information to satisfy his/her information needs (Fatima and Ahmad, 2008). It is therefore described as an individual's way and manner of gathering and obtaining information for personal use, knowledge, updating and development. In other words, information seeking behaviour involves active or purposeful information as a result of the need to complete course assignment, prepare for class discussions, seminars, workshops, conferences, or write final year research paper. Though, Singh and Satija (2006) see information seeking behavior as a human process that requires adaptive and reflective control over the afferent and efferent actions of the information seeker in which information seeking behaviour results from the recognition of some needs, perceived by the user, who as a consequence makes demand upon a formal system such as libraries and information centres or some other person in order to satisfy the perceived information need. Thus, they pointed out that information seeking behaviour essentially refers to locate discrete knowledge elements concerned with the three basic resources namely, people, information and system.

Information seeking behaviour is an area of dynamic interest among librarians, information scientist, communication scientists, sociologist, and psychologists. Information seeking behaviour is expressed in various forms, from reading printed material to research and experimentation (Bhatti, 2010). Information users make active and intentional attempts to seek up to date information from the library resources, including, electronic sources. It is

worthy to also note that the advent of information technology has revolutionized the field of library and information services and has brought about considerable changes in the information seeking behaviour of users.

Though there seems to exist many reasons and sources of information to the information user, the university library occupies a central position in the information seeking process of undergraduate students in Nigerian universities.

1.2 STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

The problem confronting this research is to appraise the self efficacy and information seeking behavior of students of selected universities in Nigeria.

1.3 OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

1 To determine the significance of information to university students

2 To appraise the self efficacy and information seeking behavior of students of selected Universities In Ogun State.

1.4 RESEARCH QUESTION

1 What is self efficacy and nature of information of students?

2 What is the information seeking behavior of students?

3 What is the self efficacy and information seeking behavior of students of selected universities in Ogun State?

1.5 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

1. The study shall provide an analysis of the self efficacy and information seeking behavior of students of selected Universities in Ogun State

2. It shall provide a reference source of information for students and the public.

1.6 STATEMENT OF HYPOTHESIS

1 H_0 Information is not significant to University Students in Ogun State.

H_1 Information is significant to University Students in Ogun State

2 H_0 The level of information available to University Student in Ogun State is low

H_1 The level of information available to University Student in Ogun State is high

3 H_0 The self efficacy and information seeking behavior of selected University Students In Ogun State is low

H_i The self efficacy and information seeking behavior of selected University Students

In Ogun State is high

1.6 SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The study is focused on the self-efficacy and information seeking behavior of students of selected Universities in Ogun State

1.7 DEFINITION OF TERMS

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