

Planning the Automation of Libraries in Developing Countries: A Systems Analysis Approach

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Abstract:

Many libraries in developed countries have automated their housekeeping functions; a few developing countries have already made moves towards automation while others are still planning for it. The planning process in library automation is highlighted. Aspects such as setting objectives; assessing the existing system; evaluating options; writing specifications for the required system; resources; the human factor; and maintenance are considered. A note of caution is sounded to libraries intending to automate, particularly those in developing countries where resources are scarce.

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