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Introduction

The purpose of this assignment is to fulfill the requirement of Journal Review (Individual) as first part of SLIS student responsibilities for this graduate course based on course syllabus page 4 from course's professor. Remembering from recently on-line discussion of Tech Gateway forum, which was part of SLIS On-Camping Student Orientation & Tech Gateway 2013, it is believe that the Z generation information professional needs to know about technology in several different areas with tech savvy angle such as software, hardware, internet, social media, mobile tools, etc.....

Journal Choice

Coming from practitioner standpoint to across academic journal list, the American Library Association (ALA) TechSource Library Technology Reports was appeared as last one of the list. In fact, the ALA TechSource Library Technology Reports was currently moved to new independently website under www.alatechsource.org to provide more user-friendly atmosphere for currently librarian who desired to comprehend the future challenge of technology and information systems either in academic or public library setting.

According to course Journal Review handout, the reading journal shall be covered the most recent two-year period. It covers from October 2011 to Sep 2013, from Volume 47 Number 7 to Volume 49 Number 6, as totally sixteen issues as eight issues annually. The main purpose of this review is going to realize the possible future trends of Library Technology. Hence, the individual argumentative thesis might not be presented at this review as well.

Journal Methodologies

By reviewing from the cover page of each issue, it is consider that the editors are more focus on present one current topic with deeply discussion accompanying with case story model from business presentation style with heavy figures or tables including into the each chapter of each issue. The length of each chapter is depended on how many chapter included into each issue. The short chapter number is four comparing with nice chapters in one issue. There is only issue beginning with fully literature review as Volume 49 Number 2 on Feb 2013 as “Techniques for Electronic Resource Management”.

Journal Cover/Topic Analysis

Reader might wonder that where the E-Library of this journal review topic coming from. The following table presents the cover/topic of selected issue related to E-Library based on totally sixteen issues in two years period.

#	Issue Date	Volume/Number	Issue Cover/Topic	Chapter #
1	Nov/Dec 2011	47(8)	The No Shelf Required Guide to E-Book Purchasing	7
2	April 2012	48(3)	Gadgets and Gizmos: Libraries and the Post-Pc Era	5
3	Oct 2012	48(7)	Making Libraries Accessible: Adaptive Design and Assistive Technology	5
4	Feb 2013	49(2)	Techniques for Electronic Resource Management	8
5	Apr 2013	49(3)	E-Book Platforms for Libraries	4

The major content of each issue presents at following table.

#	Issue Cover/Topic	Issue Content
1	The No Shelf Required Guide to E-book Purchasing	Purchasing E-book in libraries, Consortial purchasing of E-books, Academic library dilemmas in purchasing content for E-readers, Open access E-books, The E-textbook revolution, Digital textbooks, Water on a hot skillet.
2	Gadgets and Gizmos: Libraries and the Post-Pc Era	Introduction, The rise of the tablet, E-reader now, e-readers forever, Absolutely Fab-ulous, It just gets weirder, Epilogue: The new iPad.
3	Making Libraries Accessible: Adaptive Design and Assistive Technology	Introduction: why accessibility?, Information power to all patrons, Making the right decisions about assistive technology in your library, E-books and E-readers for users with print disabilities, Web accessibilities and universal design, Collection accessibilities, Conclusion: accessible by (universal) design.
4	Techniques for Electronic Resource Management	Introduction and literature review, Investigation of new content, Acquisition of new content, Implementation, Ongoing evaluation and access, Annual Review, Cancellation and replacement review.
5	E-book Platforms for Libraries	Introduction, Criteria for purchasing E-book platforms, Directory of E-book platforms for libraries, E-book platforms for libraries.

E-Library Concepts

The E-library concept might be informal misunderstand by only review the table of five issues on earlier page. For instance, on Jan 2012 issue, which was just after the “E-book purchasing” challenge issue, it indicated “Bridging the Digital Divide with Mobile Services” to extend the distance of E-book purchasing. Another decent example issue appeared before “Making Libraries Accessible: Adaptive Design and Assistive Technology” issue, it covered “Running the Digital Branch: Guidelines for Operating the Library Website” that is very suitable topic either for academic or public library environment because the patrons just finger away from all kind mobile learning tools instantly with librarians together.

Another interested topic shall be discovered that is “Maximizing Google Analytics: Six High-Impact Practices” issue followed behind “E-book Platforms for Libraries” on June 2013. The editors of the journal are trying to friendly remind the librarians that Google search could be another approachable tool when librarians need to process cross exam step either e-book or e-article for patrons. The newest issue, Aug/Sep 2013 of the ALA TechSource Library Technology Reports is main concentration on “the Library Mobile Experience: Practices and User Expectations” that is perfect illustration to reflect from “E-book purchasing” issue on Nov 2011 to “E-book platforms for libraries” issue on Apr 2013.

E-Library Trends

Although this review did not cover any individual author’s article for argumentation purpose, it is observed that E-library concept will lead information professional into new library trends for next decade based on the analysis of newly sixteen issues of ALA TechSource Library Technology Reports from E-books, digital divide, to mobile service for fulfill the future needed of patrons.

This E-Library trend impeccably response the poster named “Free Traveling Libraries in Wisconsin by Free Wisconsin Library Commission Madison, WI in 1897” located in Wisconsin Historical Sociality (WHS). The original purpose of founder of American Library is to open mind of American people who are continuously seeking better opportunity to move up at next/high social status with justice for better life by themselves and for their next generation in this freedom land through with library where the information shall be free.

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