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**THE FUTURE OF NIGERIAN LIBRARIES IN THE PACE OF
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT**

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ABSTRACT

The study x-rays the concept and place of information technologies in the future development of Nigerian Libraries in the face of an evolving information and knowledge age and emphasized that libraries as chief sources of information to the citizenry must embrace information technologies. It traced the origin of information technologies, components of ICTs in use in libraries, major challenges in the use of ICT in libraries as well as impact of information technology in libraries. It also looks and suggested the usage of IT in libraries routines, looks at information and the challenges for library and information professionals. The study concludes that Nigerian libraries were slow in embracing this new technology and recommend that librarian and information professionals must prepare themselves to fully embrace information technologies.