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Libraries and rural communities' users' needs in the 21st century.

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Abstract

This paper highlights the needs of library users in the rural communities in the 21st century Nigeria. It discusses the role of rural libraries and subsequently x-rays the information needs of rural communities in the information age to meet rural dwellers' peculiar information needs, which are in relation to the characteristics of their communities. It also examines the challenges faced by these library users in accessing relevant information; the benefits of having rural community libraries. Among others, it recommends that libraries should be established in rural communities to provide up-to-date agricultural and related information; that federal, state and local governments should employ librarians and give them incentives to man rural community libraries; Internet centres should be attached to such libraries to provide online information services.