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Software and their effectiveness in information management in Nigerian university and special libraries

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Abstract

The work surveyed software effectiveness in information management in selected university and special libraries in Nigeria. The survey was based on seven automated libraries drawn from three geo-political zones of Nigeria (South- South, South-West and North-Central). The study compares the effectiveness of the usage of these software in information management in the selected libraries in Nigeria. Questionnaire was used as instrument of data collection. A total of 7 copies of the questionnaire were used for analysis. Simple percentage was to compute statistics for some of the finding while chi-square was used for the comparative study of the effectiveness of the surveyed software. The study revealed that among the seven selected libraries, four have change from one library application software to another, while some are still in search of the library software to adopt. On software effectiveness information management, the study revealed that none of the software has been effective with regards to information management. This was attributed to

factors such as lack of systems analysis before and after embarking on the purchase of the software, lack of maintenance or technical support, lack of training of the staff and users, disregard for automation guidelines. The study recommends that library software developers should endeavor to always develop upgrade that will not do away with old data as well as software that will be compatible with other library software.