

**THE AVAILABILITY AND AWARENESS OF INFORMATION
RESOURCES AND ITS UTILISATION BY USERS OF PUBLIC
LIBRARIES IN DELTA STATE: THE CASE OF AGBOR AND
ISSELE-UKU BRANCH LIBRARIES**

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Abstract

Information is a strategic resource for virtually any person which can lead to knowledge and truth as well as confer political and economic powers. Information resources of the library encompasses both print and non-print collection available for use by library users. These resources facilitate research, teaching and learning. The objectives of this study was to determine the availability and awareness of information resources and its utilisation by users of public libraries in Delta state (the case of Agbor and Issele - Uku branch libraries) This study X-rays the availability awareness and utilisation of information resources in public libraries in Delta state. A well structured questionnaire titled availability awareness and use questionnaire. (AAUQ) was administered on library users to elicit information for the study. The population for the study consists of all the library users from which a sample of 250 respondents were drawn for the study. The instrument for data collection was a researcher developed questionnaire provided for the respondents to make their responses. Frequency counts and simple percentage were used in analysing the data for the study. The data were systematically and carefully presented in tables The study revealed that books dominate the library collection and that students are fully aware of existing information resources in the library and that they make use of them daily but that various problems militate against their proper usage The study concludes that there is need for electronic collection to be added to the library stock to ensure the availability of information resources as well as promote information literacy of users to ensure the proper usage of these information resource materials.
