

The usage of articles of printed, electronic and digital journals as sources of information in library and information science theses: a bibliometric analytical study

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Abstract

The current study aims to assess the extent to which researchers rely on various types of periodicals—both traditional and electronic, including open access and commercial periodicals—as sources of information when preparing university theses, compared to other information sources. Specifically, the study examines the citation patterns in scientific theses within the field of library and information science. It explores the objective, qualitative, and linguistic characteristics of the periodicals referenced in these theses.

Furthermore, the study applies bibliometric laws to analyze the citations of both Arab and foreign scientific periodicals specialized in library and information science that are cited in university theses. This analysis will help identify the core periodicals in the field—those that are most influential and frequently cited by researchers in their academic work. Additionally, the study employs practical tools and statistical methods to pinpoint the most influential authors and publishers in the library and information

science domain. Through this approach, the study aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the key periodicals, authors, and publishers that shape research in this field.

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