

Library Guides Series No. 2

SUMMARY OF DIGITAL LIBRARY SERVICES

Goal of the University Digital Library

The main objective of this service is to ensure efficient and effective virtual (remote) digital library services to students, faculty and researchers

Key Activities to main quality Digital Library Services

- ❑ In order to ensure that digital library services for ODEL programmes are efficient and effective, the following strategies will be undertaken
- ❑ Providing academic staff and students with information literacy skills on continuous basis
 - ✚ Regular review of **information needs** of postgraduate students, faculty members, and researchers
 - ✚ Acquisition of **relevant digital content** to address information needs in various disciplines in various faculties through subscription to KLISC resources and other relevant databases
 - ✚ Maintenance and continuous **improvement of web portal** to provide access to course/research- digital collections (e.g. e-journals, textual databases, open access, etc.) subscribed to by the university
 - ✚ Implementing **forward looking virtual Digital Library Services (DLS)** to fulfill information needs of the e-learners
 - ✚ Integration of **Digital library Management systems to university Learning management systems**
 - ✚ Marketing and promotion of digital **library e-services to various users** among students and academic staff
 - ✚ Continuous **digitalization of existing theses, faculty publications, past examination papers, etc. for online access**
 - ✚ Implementing tools for **remote access and monitoring and evaluation mechanism** for digital library services (*Myloft Remote Access Platform*)
 - ✚ Annual renew subscription to **Turnitin to maintain quality by checking misuse** of digital resources and ensuring originality of student work
 - ✚ Developing strategies for access of print resources by all students

Key E-information resources

- E-journals
- E-books
- E-databases
- E-audio/visual resources
- Digital repositories

Types of Services

- Access to electronic information resources:** e-books and e-journals) to fulfill teaching learning and research needs
- Literature searches:** Assistance to retrieve academic literature from databases in line with client needs
- Information literacy training:** Personal and group instruction and guidance (training) on techniques of searching and retrieving information for learning and research purposes
- Research consultation:** Library consultation on research and writing projects such as theses, term papers and class assignments
- Quick reference/enquiry services:** Answering general question about knowledge in various subject areas and finding information
- Tools for compiling of bibliographies and references: **Open Public Access Catalogue, subject bibliographies**

Why use Chuka University Digital Library Service?

- We avail to you **extensive academic information sources** for research and studies in any academic programme
- Our library is web-based** meaning that you can access the service from any part of the country through internet connection through **mobile gadgets (laptops & smartphones)**
- Highly qualified and committed library staff** assist you throughout your study and ensure that you access all information you need for your learning purposes
- We provide **outstanding, personalised services** to our students and staff

Useful Library Contacts

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