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Tan Sri Dr. Rais Yatim signing a plaque to mark his official first day duty as President of IIUM.



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# Current Trends in Library Research in the Face of the Internet Juggernaut

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In the era where information is at a person's fingertips, the library has been viewed, erroneously, as obsolete. This is because people are turning to the Internet to search for information they want. To them, the Internet is fast, convenient, and information can be gotten for free. That is true but a library is far from being redundant. To continue attracting customers to the library, IUM library management continues to "change" the library, be it the physical building and, more importantly, its services. Discussed below are some of the trends seen in the library arena:

## 1. Web Scale Discovery Services

Internet users are always attracted to the single search box that a search engine provides. They believe this single and powerful tool is the "window" to search for all information on the internet. To compete with this tool, many database providers are coming up with similar tools known as Web Scale Discovery. Among known names are Common, Ebsco Delivery Service (EDS), FAST, Primo, Encore, etc. Many libraries now have this Google-like search box in their homepages. What the "box" does is it searches in all the electronic resources that the Library owned, be it the Library Catalogue, subscribed databases, in-house databases, e-books, e-journals, digital library and many more.

The IUM Library for example is having EDS, on a trial basis on its homepage. If you feel that we should subscribe to this service, just email your recommendation to your liaison librarian.



## 2. Library on the Move

Information nowadays can be accessed via the mobile electronic devices such as iPhone, iPod, iPad, etc.. What are so great about these devices are the amount of storage and the applications that can be downloaded. The library is also taking this opportunity to introduce library applications to the market. IUM Library has two of these applications known as Bookmyne to access the Library Catalogue and also Mobile Web to access the simplified version of the IUM Library Homepage. Now, library users can be constantly connected to the library.

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## 3. Institutional Repositories

Institutional Repository (IR) is a collection capturing and preserving the intellectual output of an educational institution. Many universities in Malaysia have their own IR in which the academic staff self deposit their own writings and share it with the world (either in citation, abstract or full text access). IUM's IR is known as IREP (IUM Institutional Repository) which could be accessed through the Library Homepage. Researchers could browse through this collection and might contact or visit the library to gain access to the full text of the writings found within.

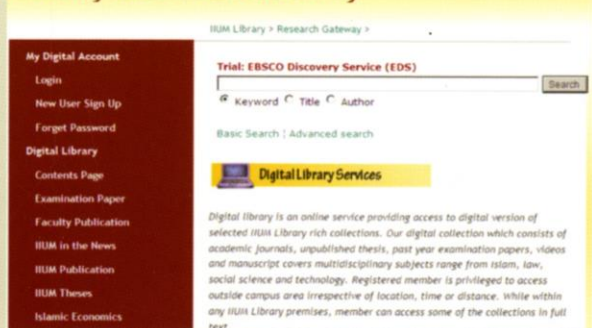
## 4. Social Media

Social media refers to the means of interactions among people in which they create, share and exchange information, etc. in virtual communities and networks. Among famous social media are Facebook, Twitter, blogs and Instagram. The IUM Library has its own Facebook page known as The Official IUM Library which was set up in October 2010. Through this medium, the library disseminates updates and shares with its "friends" on any information and news about the library and research resources. Friends can also share any relevant information and queries which will be responded immediately.

## 5. Digital Library

Digital Library (DL) is a collection of library's print resources which are digitized into electronic format. In IUM Library, the collection comprises of the IUM Theses, Examination Papers, IUM Publications, Islamic Economic database, Islamic Law database, Manuscript and many more. Users can search within the collection wherever they are in the world. However, if they need to refer to the full content, they need to personally visit the IUM Library.

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## 6. Purchase of More Electronic Resources

From year to year, the library is putting more emphasis on electronic resources, either in the purchase or the development of digital content. Databases, e-books, e-journals and digital library are more sought after compared to the physical books or journals. The new generations of users preferred these collections more since they can access them anywhere, any time at their own convenience and pace. That is also why library budget keeps increasing to fulfil this "new" demand.

Libraries throughout the world have definitely evolved especially with the unstoppable attractiveness of the Web and the Net. The IUM Library is definitely moving towards the right path with the introduction of new collections and services in ensuring that research done within the library building or online is kept abreast of the latest demands of its users. IUM Library hopes users would see that the advent of the Internet would not spell the demise of the library.