

“AUTOMATION SERVICES”

(WITH REFERENCE TO ACADEMIC LIBRARIES IN TUMKUR CITY)

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ABSTRACT

We live in an information age and libraries are expected to use Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) to provide information more expeditiously and exhaustively than before. Computerization of library “housekeeping” operations is an important activity. “Automation,” when used in a library in a similar environment, refers to the computerization or mechanization of activities. This is the age of computers. Computers have revolutionized all fields of knowledge. It has been gradually weaving electronic webs in various parts of the globe for quite a few decades now. Today information technology coupled with computer technology has conquered even space and time with regard to dissemination of information. The need for automation in libraries is emphasized because of the effective handling of information, updating of information, resource sharing and to maintain profession wide standard.

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