

Convenient and Wide Opportunities for Readers

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Abstract: The article explores the modernization of information and library services in Uzbekistan, focusing on how libraries are evolving to meet the needs of readers in the digital age. It highlights major government initiatives and legal reforms aimed at improving access to information, preserving cultural heritage, and automating library processes. Special attention is given to the implementation of the Unified Electronic Catalog (Y.E.K.) system, which enhances information sharing between libraries, simplifies book searches, and supports electronic services for users. The article emphasizes the role of digital technologies in creating a more efficient, user-friendly, and culturally significant library system.

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Introduction: In all periods of the historical development of the Republic of Uzbekistan, librarianship, as one of the ways of distributing books and their distribution in society, has been considered an integral part of human culture. In the processes of cultural and historical continuity and succession, books and libraries are a unique means of ensuring the connection between people, between their present and their past and future, an integral link in the spiritual connection of generations and ancestors.

Today, the creation of a qualitatively new system of information and library services for the population, ensuring the constitutional rights of the population to free access to information, including national values and world culture, practical and fundamental knowledge, preserving and enriching the national cultural heritage stored in libraries, and organizing the activities of information and library institutions through the widespread introduction of information and communication technologies is becoming a priority task.

This allows for information and library activities, providing services to readers, replenishing and maintaining funds, automating library processes, conducting scientific research and organizational and methodological activities, including organizing spiritual and educational events, training, retraining and motivating personnel.

In accordance with the Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 4354 dated June 7, 2019 "On further improving the provision of information and library services to the population of Uzbekistan", it serves to ensure the free use of information and library services by readers, while at the same time enjoying our national values and world culture, and to create a new system of providing information and library services. This resolution will certainly serve as a basis for radically changing the information and library sector, conveying our rich national heritage, values, and history in libraries to the younger generation. At the same time, a fundamental turning point was made in the information and library sector, and on September 30, 2022, Resolution No. 552 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On approval of certain regulatory legal acts in the field of accounting for information resources in information and library institutions, storage and write-off of funds" was adopted. This was a great practical assistance to library staff in organizing their work correctly and working with documents during their work activities. Through the regulations approved by this resolution, the norms for accounting for literature received by the library, placing it in the fund, and writing off obsolete literature have been improved and implemented. Individual and collective accounting of literature received by the information library center is carried out, both technically and scientifically processed, and placed on

the basis of the K.B.K and U.D.K tables. It is necessary to enrich the fund with the necessary literature based on the needs and wishes of the reader, which will lead to the expansion of the ranks of readers. In accordance with the procedure specified in the regulations, the information library resources received by the information library center are immediately divided into permanent, long-term and temporary storage and accounted for. Literature included in the fund of the information library center is delivered to the reader in a timely manner, after scientific and technical processing.

Nowadays, information technologies are developing rapidly in all areas, and in addition to providing traditional services to readers, libraries are also providing electronic services and electronic registration of readers, and forming an electronic database of books. A.K.M. funds are entered into the Republican Collection Electronic Catalog database on a monthly basis. The Collection Electronic Catalog system is a modern electronic library service created for all readers, students, and scholars in the republic. The main task of the Collection Electronic Catalog system is to improve information exchange between libraries, ensure user access to information resources, and increase the technical efficiency of librarians. The Unified Library serves to expand the need for information and create a broad information environment for all segments of society. This system performs the following functions: it consolidates information resources into a single database, provides users with the opportunity to quickly and easily search for literature, effectively organizes information management processes by automating library activities, and also serves to automate library activities based on modern digital technologies. It is of great importance in improving the national information policy and allows for the preservation and dissemination of cultural heritage. Its main purpose is to place books, newspapers and magazines in electronic form, to quickly and easily find information and to provide the user with accurate and correct information. This system advantages include a wide selection of Uzbek and foreign literature, the ability to receive the latest information and news, and the ability to purchase and add books online. Another important feature of the system is that it simplifies the work of the library, making it very convenient for readers to easily find electronic books, articles and other scientific information resources through the program. In the future, it is expected that the Y. E. K system will be further expanded, further simplifying work processes for library staff, enriching it with many applications and developing to fully meet the needs of readers.

In short, the Y. E. K system is being successfully implemented as an innovative solution in the field of information libraries. The Y. E. K system has provided users with quick access to information resources of various libraries through a single platform.

The joint electronic catalog system is an important contribution to the development of the information society by improving the activities of information and library institutions, effectively using information resources and raising information exchange to a higher level.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the modernization of information and library services in Uzbekistan reflects the country's strategic commitment to building an informed, culturally aware, and technologically advanced society. Libraries are no longer limited to traditional functions of book lending and reading spaces; they have transformed into dynamic centers for digital learning, knowledge sharing, and cultural preservation. The integration of modern information and communication technologies has significantly improved the efficiency and reach of library services, allowing for faster access to a broad range of national and international resources.

Government resolutions, such as the Presidential Decree No. 4354 (2019) and Cabinet Resolution No. 552 (2022), have played a pivotal role in shaping the legal and institutional framework for libraries. These policies aim to ensure the protection and systematic use of library collections, enhance accountability, and align library activities with global standards.

One of the most impactful developments has been the implementation of the Unified Electronic Catalog (Y.E.K.) system, which unites libraries under a single electronic platform. This system simplifies access to information for readers, enables librarians to manage collections efficiently, and promotes the digitalization of literary and scientific content. It also enhances collaboration between libraries across the country and contributes to the dissemination of both national and global cultural heritage.

Looking ahead, further enrichment of library collections based on reader demand, ongoing technological upgrades, and the professional development of library staff will be essential. As libraries continue to embrace digital transformation, their role as inclusive, accessible, and innovative hubs of knowledge will be strengthened, ultimately supporting the intellectual and cultural growth of all segments of society.

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