

Selected Free E-Journals in Library and Information Science in Directory of Open Access Journals

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ABSTRACT

Purpose of this study is to evaluate open access e-journals in LIS available on Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). The DOAJ provides access to quality controlled Open access journals. DOAJ is an effective source of information for the present day. There is no alternative and substitute to its abundance, utility, and value. This paper is an effort to guide students, researchers, scholars about free, full-text, quality-controlled scientific and scholarly journals in Library and information science available on DOAJ.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The world wide web has propelled this vigorous growth of not fit in to the traditional publishing format with the coming of the age of the e-resources, the way scholarly communication is disseminated throughout the world has totally altered. Free online information sources and services can be accessed on internet without paying any subscription charges to the publishers and the users do not need to have any membership in the organisation. Electronic journals are also known as e-journals, e-serials, and scholarly journals or intellectual magazines that can be accessed via electronic transmission¹.

Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) aims to be comprehensive covering all open access (OA) scientific and scholarly journals that use an appropriate quality control system. It is not limited to particular languages or subject areas. There are now 3703 journals in the Directory. Currently, 1276 journals are searchable at article level. As of today 213723 articles are included in the DOAJ service. The DOAJ is hosted, maintained and partly funded by Lund University Libraries Head Office. It is receiving funds from Open Society Institute; SPARC; SPARC Europe; BIBSAM; and Axiell. The DOAJ covers various major subjects such as Agriculture and Food Sciences, Arts and Architecture, Biology and Life Sciences, Business, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Sciences, General Works, Health Sciences, History and Archaeology, Languages and Literatures, Law and

Political Science, Mathematics and Statistics, Philosophy and Religion, Physics and Astronomy, Science General, Social Sciences, Technology and Engineering. The present study covers the depth evaluation of free e-journals in library and information science available in DOAJ.

2. METHODOLOGY AND LIMITATIONS

The e-journals studied in this paper were those that were OA periodicals. DOAJ e-journals have been accessed for the evaluation of e-journals and to determine the overall structure of the e-journals in library and information science. Selected criteria have been taken to evaluate in tabular form, such as authority, searching, archiving, coverage, links, etc.²⁻⁴ Some e-journals are in other languages. Some are e-magazines and e-newsletters. So theses cannot be evaluated.

3. AVAILABLE JOURNALS

3.1 *Journal of the Medical Library Association*

Journal of the Medical Library Association (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/journals/93/>) is published by PubMed and from 2002 by Medical Library Association, US. It covers health sciences, librarianship, education, and information technology. Its contributions include education of health sciences librarians, role of medical librarian and broadening profession's skill set and has been

on continuing work to foster a research mentality among *JMLA* readers. Articles are in pdf format and arranged volume-wise at home page. Backup files are available from Vol. 90-4 Oct 2002—Vol. 98-1, Jan 2011. *J Med Libr Assoc*: Vol. 90—Vol. 96; 2002-2008; *Med Library Hist J*: Vol. 1—Vol. 5, 1903-1907; *Bull Assoc Med Libr*: Vol. 1, 1902; *Med Lib*: Vol. 1—Vol. 5, 1898-1902.

3.2 Chinese Librarianship: An International Electronic Journal

Chinese Librarianship: An International Electronic Journal (<http://www.iclc.us/cliej/>) publishes in various electronic channels, US. It focuses on both practical and theoretical aspects of the Chinese librarianship. It publishes research findings, theoretical explorations, and case studies by librarians, information scientists, library school faculty, and students of Chinese heritage, as well as by librarians and information professionals. Articles are available through issue-wise, title or author, and Web index. Backup files are available from No.1, June 1996—No. 30, Dec. 2010 and available in e-text format. It is peer reviewed and indexed in Ebsco, LISTA, LISI, LISA and listed in Ulrich's and Cabell's.

3.3 Communications in Information Literacy

Communications in Information Literacy (<http://www.comminfolit.org/index.php/cil/issue/archive>) is published by University of Oklahoma. It is dedicated to advancing knowledge, theory, and research in information literacy. Articles are arranged volume-wise and issue-wise. Backup files are available from Vol.1, 1-2, 2007--Vol. 4, 1-2, 2010 in pdf format. It is indexed in DOAJ, EBSCO, SCOPUS, Google Scholar, H.W. Wilson, and Proquest.

3.4 Coordinates: Online Journal of Map and Geography Round Table of American Library Association Series A & B

Coordinates: Online Journal of Map and Geography Round Table of American Library Association (ALA) Series A & B (<http://www.sunysb.edu/libmap/coordinates.htm>) the Map and Geography Round Table (MAGERT) of ALA. It focuses on essays, project reports, technical notes, republished articles, and other materials of interest to the cartographic community. It includes map and GIS librarianship, history of cartography, map cataloging and bibliography, map reading and interpretation, new developments in online mapping, and other subjects of interest to a broad spectrum of cartographically literate readers.

Articles are arranged issue-wise in html and pdf format. Backup files are available from S. A: N. 1-9, 28 May 2005-March 2010 & S. B: N.1 Jan 2005-No. 9, 20 Aug 2009. It is irregular and indexed in DOAJ.

3.5 DIGITHUM: The Humanities in Digital Age

DIGITHUM: The Humanities in Digital Age (<http://www.uoc.edu/digithum/7/eng/numeros.html>) is published by Fundació per la Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (FUOC). It includes various fields relating to the humanities and social sciences, digital culture, information society; ICT and main focus is on knowledge society, ICT, teaching and dissemination of humanities and social sciences. Articles are arranged by issue-wise and available in pdf format. Backup files are available from Issue No. 1, 1999—Issue No. 7, 2005. It is peer reviewed and annual publication comes out in May.

3.6 EBIB Electronic Information Bulletin for Librarians

EBIB Electronic Information Bulletin for Librarians (<http://ebib.info/biuletyn/>) is published by Stowarzyszenie Bibliotekarzy Polskich Komisja Wydawnictw, Poland. Its focus is on librarianship, information, and library technologies. It includes essays, reports, announcements, letters, discussions/polemics, and agenda and is available in e-text and rtf. Special issue 2000 is available for browsing. Abstracts are available from 1999-2010.

3.7 Electronic Journal of Health Informatics

Electronic Journal of Health Informatics (<http://www.ejhi.net/ojs/index.php/ejhi>) is published by Central Queensland University, Australia. It focuses on advancement of health informatics and IT in healthcare. It provides healthcare workers with a readily accessible, e-vehicle for sharing information about research, knowledge, experiences, perceptions and wisdom with colleagues involved in all facets of health informatics and health IT. Articles are arranged volume-wise, and available in pdf format. Backup files are available from Vol.1, 1, 2006—Vol. 5, 1-2, 2010. It uses a single blind peer-review process.

3.8 Electronic Journal of Knowledge Management

Electronic Journal of Knowledge Management (<http://www.ejkm.com/>) is published by Academic Conferences International Ltd, UK. It includes topics relevant to the study, implementation and management of knowledge management and contributes to the development of both theory and practice in the field of knowledge management and accepts academically robust papers, topical articles and case studies that contribute to the area of research in, and practice of knowledge management. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in pdf format. Backup files are available from Vol. 1, 1, Sep 2003—Vol. 9, 1, March 2011. It is bi-annual and blind-refereed by members of the editorial board or other suitably qualified readers.

3.9 European Journal of ePractice

European Journal of ePractice (<http://www.epracticejournal.eu/>) is published ePractice.eu, Spain. It promotes the diffusion and exchange of good practice in eGovernment, eHealth and eInclusion. Types of material published are articles, case studies and interviews. Articles are arranged issue-wise and are available in pdf format. Backup files are available from 30 Nov. 2007—25 March, 2011. It is peer reviewed and issue indexing has been given.

3.10 Evidence Based Library and Information Practice

Evidence Based Library and Information Practice (<http://ejournals.library.ualberta.ca/index.php/EBLIP/index>) is published by University of Alberta. It provides a forum for librarians and other information professionals to discover research that may contribute to decision-making in professional practice and publishes original research and commentary on the topic of evidence-based library and information practice. Articles are arranged year, volume and number-wise and are available in pdf format. Backup files are available from Vol. 1, 1-4, 2006—Vol. 6, 1, 2011. It is peer reviewed and quarterly. Author, title, and issue indexes have been given.

3.11 E-JASL: The Electronic Journal of Academic and Special Librarianship

E-JASL: The Electronic Journal of Academic and Special Librarianship (<http://southernlibrarianship.icaap.org/>) is published by ICAAP, Canada. It covers all aspects of academic and special librarianship without regard to region or country. It is refereed e-journal dedicated to advancing knowledge and research in the areas of academic and special librarianship. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in html format. It is listed in DOAJ and indexed in LISA.

3.12 High Energy Physics Libraries Webzine

High Energy Physics Libraries Webzine (<http://library.web.cern.ch/library/Webzine/index.shtml>) is published by HEPLW Team. It is devoted to high-energy physics libraries, aims to help in daily activities by discussing experience in the delivery of services to users. Articles are arranged issue-wise and available in html format. Backup files are available from Issue 1, March 2000—Issue 13, Oct 2006.

3.13 Human IT

Human IT (<http://etjanst.hb.se/bhs/ith//info-eng.htm>) is published by Högskolan i Borås Country, Sweden. It focuses on digital media as communicative, aesthetic, and lucid instruments with closely aligned with the new field of research, which is alternatively referred to as

humanities computing, and social informatics. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in pdf format. Backup files are available from Vol. 1, 1-4, 1997—Vol. 11, 1, 2010.

3.14 Informatica Economica Journal

Informatica Economica Journal (<http://revistaie.ase.ro/index.html>) is published by Ministry of Education, Research and Youth, Romania. It focuses on economic informatics, information society, information systems, and information technology. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in pdf format. Backup files are available from Vol. 2, 1-4, 1998—Vol. 15, 1, 2011. It is founded by Faculty of Cybernetics, Statistics and Economic Informatics Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest.

3.15 Information Research: An International Electronic Journal

Information Research: An International Electronic Journal (<http://informationr.net/ir/>) is published by Prof Lund University Libraries, Sweden, UK. It is open access, international, peer-reviewed, scholarly journal, dedicated to making accessible the results of research across a wide range of information-related disciplines. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in e-text format. Backup files are available from Vol.1, 1-3, 1995-96—Vol. 16, 1, 2011. It is indexed by Google Scholar, INSPEC: Engineering Village, LISA, and ISI's Web of Knowledge.

3.16 Information Technology and Disabilities

Information Technology and Disabilities (<http://people.rit.edu/easi/itd.htm>) is published by EASI: Equal Access to Software and Information Country, US. It covers IT, disabilities, and education. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in e-text format. Backup files are available from Vol. 1, Jan 1994—Vol. 11, 2005 and Vol. 12, 1, June 2008. It is peer reviewed and accessible through podcasts, webinars, and online courses.

3.17 Informing Science: The International Journal of an Emerging Transdiscipline

Informing Science: The International Journal of an Emerging Transdiscipline (<http://inform.nu/>) is published by Library and Information Technology Association (LITA). It includes digital libraries, metadata, authorization and authentication, e-journals and e-publishing, telecommunications, distributed systems and networks, computer security, and intellectual property rights, etc. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in html and pdf format. Backup files are available from Vol.1 1998—Vol. 1. 14, 2011. It is a refereed and quarterly journal.

3.18 *Interdisciplinary Journal of Information, Knowledge, and Management*

Interdisciplinary Journal of Information, Knowledge, and Management (<http://www.ijkm.org/>) is published by Informing Science Institute, US. It includes information, knowledge, and management, organisational learning etc. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in pdf format. Backup files are available from Vol. 1, 2006—Vol. 6, 2011. It is blind refereed by three or more peers.

3.19 *Interdisciplinary Journal of E-Learning and Learning Objects*

Interdisciplinary Journal of E-Learning and Learning Objects (<http://ijklo.org/>) is published by Informing Science Institute, US. It provides readers around the world with the coverage of developments in e-learning and learning objects and publishes articles on theory, practice, innovation, and research that cover all aspects of e-learning and learning objects. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in pdf format. Backup files are available from Vol. 1, 2005—Vol. 7, 2011. It is blind peer refereed by three or more peers.

3.20 *International Journal of Digital Curation*

International Journal of Digital Curation (<http://www.ijdc.net/.ijdc/issue/current>) is published by The Digital Curation Centre, UK. It is devoted to papers, articles and news items on curation of digital objects and related issues. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in pdf format. Backup files are available from Vol. 1, 1, 2006—Vol. 6, 1, 2011. Issue and author indexes have been given.

3.21 *International Journal of Doctoral Studies*

International Journal of Doctoral Studies (IJDS) (<http://ijds.org/>) is published by Informing Science Institute, US. It focuses on informing science, information systems, IT, information science, information security, IT education and facilitation of knowledge enhancement related to doctoral studies in these areas. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in pdf format. Backup files are available from Vol. 1, 2006—Vol. 6, 2011. It is listed in Cabell's Directory of Publishing Opportunities: Educational Curriculum, Methods and in Educational Psy. Admin., EBSCO.

3.22 *International Review of Information Ethics*

International Review of Information Ethics (<http://www.i-r-i-e.net/>) is published by International Center for Information Ethics, Germany. It focuses on the ethical impacts of IT on human practices and thinking, social interaction, other areas of science and research and the society itself. Articles are arranged volume-wise and

available in pdf format. Backup files are available from Vol. 1, 1-2 June & Oct 2004—Vol. 13, 1-2 March & Sep 2010. Author index has been given.

3.23 *Issues in Informing Science and Information Technology*

Issues in Informing Science and Information Technology (<http://iisit.org/>) is published by Informing Science Institute, US. It provides insight into how best to inform clients using IT and covers research in IT education, such as curriculum and techniques for teaching IT. It encourages the sharing of knowledge and collaboration among the wide variety of fields that use IT to inform clients and also includes communications, communicating meaning, community and society, computer science, data communications, distance education, e-commerce, education, government, health care, medicine, history, information science and library. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in pdf format. Backup files are available from Vol. 1, 2004—Vol. 7, 2010.

3.24 *Issues in Science and Technology Librarianship*

Issues in Science and Technology Librarianship (<http://www.istl.org/>) is published by Association of College and Research Libraries, US. It serves as a vehicle for science-tech librarians to share details of successful programmes, materials for the delivery of information services, background information and opinions on topics of current interest, and to publish research and bibliographies on issues in science and technology libraries. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in e-text format. Backup files are available from Dec 1991—64 winters 2011. Author index has been given. It is published quarterly (summer, winter, fall, spring).

3.25 *JEP: The Journal of Electronic Publishing*

JEP: The Journal of Electronic Publishing (<http://www.journalofelectronicpublishing.org/>) is published by Scholarly Publishing Office (SPO), University of Michigan University Library. It provides archives of works covering current trends and issues in e-publishing. Articles present innovative ideas, best practices, and leading-edge thinking about all aspects of publishing, authorship, and readership. Backup files are available from Vol. 1, 1-2, 1995—Vol. 13, 1-3, 2010. Articles are arranged issue-wise and available in e-text format.

3.26 *Journal of Digital Information*

Journal of Digital Information (<http://jodi.ecs.soto.n.ac.uk/r> or (<http://journals.tdl.org/jodi>) is published by Texas Digital Library, US. It covers information management, information science, IT, digital libraries, hypermedia systems, hypertext criticism, and

information discovery. Articles are arranged by issue, author, title, and theme. Backup files are available from Vol. 1, 1-2, 1997—Vol. 12, 1, 2012.

3.27 Journal of Educational Media & Library Sciences

Journal of Educational Media & Library Sciences (http://joemls.tku.edu.tw/index_e.htm) is published by Tamkang University Press, Taiwan. It covers aspects of library science, information science, and IT. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in pdf format. Backup files are available from Vol. 28, 1-4, 1991-1990—Vol. 48, 1-3, 2011. It is covered by Scopus, LISTA, DOAJ, H.W. Wilson Database, LLIS, LISA, PAIS, Ulrich's, Chinese ERIC, THCI, and CEPS.

3.28 Journal of eLiteracy

Journal of eLiteracy (<http://www.jelit.org/index.html>) is published by University of Glasgow, UK. It discusses on topics relevant to JeLit themes involving a theoretical, comparative, overview or critical element, case studies, research reports, and reviews. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in pdf format. Backup files are available from Vol. 1, 1, 2004—Vol. 2, 1-2, 2005.

3.29 Journal of Health Informatics in Developing Countries

Journal of Health Informatics in Developing Countries (<http://www.jhidc.org/index.php/jhidc>) is published by University of Otago, New Zealand. It shares and promotes academic knowledge in the field and to encourage writers from developing countries to contribute in health librarianship. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in pdf format. Backup files are available from Vol.1,1, 2007—Vol. 4, 1-2, 2010. Author, title and issue indexes have been given.

3.30 Journal of Information Literacy (JIL)

Journal of Information Literacy (JIL) (<http://www.informationliteracy.org.uk/JIL.aspx>) is published by Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, UK. It investigates to make generalised observations on how information literacy impacts on organisations, systems, and individuals. Backup files are available from Vol. 1, No. 1-3, 2007—Vol. 4, No. 2, 2010 and are arranged volume-wise and available in pdf format.

3.31 Journal of Information, Information Technology, and Organisations

Journal of Information, Information Technology, and Organizations (<http://jiito.org/>) is published by Informing Science Institute, California, US. The IIITO covers specialised area of information systems research indicated in its title. It focused on empirical studies. Conceptual articles are published just exceptionally.

Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in pdf format. Backup files are available from Vol.1, 2006—Vol. 5, 2010 (Annual).

3.32 Journal of Medical Internet Research

Journal of Medical Internet Research (<http://www.jmir.org/>) is published by Gunther Eysenbach Country, Canada. It covers health informatics and all aspects of research, information, and communication in the healthcare field using internet and intranet-related technologies; which are nowadays called 'eHealth'. Backup files are available from Vol. 1, 1-2, plus supplement 1, 1999—Vol. 13, 1, 2011. It is indexed in MEDLINE and other databases, and full-text articles are permanently archived in PubMed Central. The new JMIR impact factor released in June 2008 is 3.0. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in html format.

3.33 Journal of the Association for History and Computing

Journal of the Association for History and Computing (<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/j/jahc/browse.html>) is sponsored by the American Association for History and Computing. It promotes and develops interest in the use of computers in all types of historical study at every level, in both teaching and research. It defines useful standards to maximise the utility of computers in historical studies and intended for a general audience of teachers, students, and researchers interested in the application of computers in historical studies. Backup files are available from Vol.1, 1, June 1998—Vol. 13, 1, May 2010. It contains indexes—Subject, author, articles, columns, editorials, reviews, books reviewed by title, books reviewed by author, software reviewed and available in e-text format.

3.34 Library & Information Research: Research into Practice for Information & Library Services

Library & Information Research: Research into Practice for Information & Library Services (<http://www.lirg.org.uk/lir/ojs/index.php/lir>) is published by CILIP Library & Information Research Group, UK. Its focus is on research for LIS community; reporting of research; reflective and evidence-based practice, etc. Backup files are available from Vol. 31, 97, 2007—Vol. 34, 108, 2010. Issue, author and title indexes are given and publishes both refereed and non-refereed submissions. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in pdf format.

3.35 Library Journal

Library Journal (<http://www.libraryjournal.com>) is published by Cahners Business Information. It is a publication for librarians, with features and analytical news reports covering technology, management, policy,

and other professional concerns. Backup files are available from Issue No. 1-20 Jan-Dec, 2002—Issue No. 1-17, Jan 2011; free subscription is also available. Articles can be available in e-text format and internal search engine has been given.

3.36 Library Philosophy and Practice

Library Philosophy and Practice (LPP) (<http://www.webpages.uidaho.edu/~mbolin/lpp.htm>) is published by University of Nebraska, Lincoln Libraries, US. It includes explorations of current, past, and emerging theories of librarianship and library practice, as well as reports of successful, innovative, or experimental library procedures, methods, or projects in all areas of librarianship, set in the context of applied research. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in pdf format. Backup files are available from Annual Vol. Dec. 2007—Annual Vol. Dec. 2010. Issue, author and title indexing has been given. The LPP is indexed in LISTA, DOAJ, Library Literature & Information Science, and SCOPUS.

3.37 Library Resources & Technical Services

Library Resources & Technical Services (LRTS) (<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alcts/resources/lrts/index.cfm>) is published by Association for Library Collections & Technical Services. It includes collections, preservation, acquisition, serials, cataloguing, and classification. The LRTS supports theoretical, intellectual, practical, and scholarly aspects of the profession of collection management and development, acquisitions, cataloging and classification, preservation and reformatting, serials by publishing articles and book reviews. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in pdf format. Backup files are available from Vol. 41, 1997—Vol. 55, 1-4, 2010 and full-text from Vol. 44, 1-2, 2000—Vol. 52, 1-4, 2008.

3.38 Library Student Journal

Library Student Journal (<http://www.librarystudentjournal.org/index.php/lstj/index>) is published by University at Buffalo, US. It focuses on education, training, career paths, future trends, and advance discussion of LIS topics. Backup files are available from 2006-2011 and available in pdf and html format. Issue, author and title indexes have been given.

3.39 LIBRES: Library and Information Science Research Electronic Journal

LIBRES: Library and Information Science Research Electronic Journal (<http://libres.curtin.edu.au/>) is published by Curtin University of Technology, Australia. It is devoted to new research in library and information

science. Articles are arranged volume-wise and in pdf format. Backup files are available from Vol. 6, 1-2, July 1996—Vol. 21, 1, March 2011 (bi-annual). It is bi-annual and distributed through a list server, and an ftp site. It is indexed by ISA, LISA, EBSCO, and SPI.

3.40 MLA Forum

MLA Forum (<http://www.mlaforum.org/>) is published by Michigan Library Association, US. It focuses on all the aspect of library and education. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in e-text format. Backup files are available from Vol. 1, 1-2, 2002—Vol. 7, 2009. It is indexed in Library Literature & LISA. In Jan. 2008, it began publishing a single annual volume prior to 2008.

3.41 North Carolina Libraries

North Carolina Libraries (<http://www.ncl.ecu.edu/index.php/NCL>) is published by North Carolina Library Association, US. It focuses on libraries, librarianship, media centers, and academic libraries. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in pdf format. Backup files are available from Vol. 60, 1-4, 2002—Vol. 68, 1-2, 2010. All the volumes are indexed.

3.42 Partnership: The Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research

Partnership: The Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research (<http://journal.lib.uoguelph.ca/index.php/perj/index>) is published by The Partnership, Canada. It provides feature articles on theory and research and on innovations in practice in-depth, peer-reviewed articles. Other types of articles include viewpoints, conference presentations, profiles, news and announcements, professional development and reviews. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in pdf and html format. Backup files are available from Vol. 1, 1, 2006—Vol. 5, 2, 2010. It is published twice a year. It is peer reviewed and indexed journal.

3.43 South African Journal of Information Management

South African Journal of Information Management (<http://www.sajim.co.za/index.php/sajim/issue/current>) is published by University of Johannesburg, South Africa. It presents original research, novel synthesis, or judicious review of current theory, method, policy, or practice in the fields mentioned below. Article submission, review and publication are accomplished entirely electronically. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in html format. Backup files are available from Vol. 6, 1, 2004—Vol. 13, 1, 2011. It is peer-reviewed and published four times a year in numbered issues.

3.44 *The Bonefolder: An Outgrowth of the Book Arts Web*

The Bonefolder: An Outgrowth of the Book Arts Web (<http://www.philobiblon.com/bonefolder/>) is published by The Book Arts Web, Syracuse University Library, Syracuse, NY, US. Its focus is on established and emerging authorities on a variety of book arts topics including hand bookbinding, teaching, business practice, the history of the book, the book as art, general tips and tricks, exhibitions, how-to technical articles, and reviews. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in pdf format. Backup files are available from Vol. 1, 1, Fall 2004—Vol. 7, 1, March 2011. It is listed in DOAJ and is archived as part of the New York University Library's contribution to LOCKSS (Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe).

3.45 *The Code4Lib Journal*

The Code4Lib Journal (<http://journal.code4lib.org/>) is published by Code4Lib, North County Regional Library, US. Its focus is on Foster community and share information among those interested in the intersection of libraries, technology, and the future. It helps libraries in computer technology, using computers and the internet to offer unprecedented access to information and library resources. The C4LJ aims to help engender collective understanding and the necessary support for improving library technology and digital services. Backup files are available from Issue 1, 2007—Issue 13, 2011. Articles are arranged issue-wise and available in e-text format.

3.46 *The Journal of the Rutgers University Library*

The Journal of the Rutgers University Library (<http://jrul.libraries.rutgers.edu/index.php/jrul/index>) is published by Rutgers University, US. Articles based on the holdings of the Rutgers University Libraries, and in the areas of New Jersey history, Rutgersensia, bibliography, and the history of libraries, books and printing are covered. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in pdf format. Backup files are available from Vol. 58, 1997—Vol. 64, 2008. It is reviewed and issue, author and title indexes have been given.

3.47 *Urban Library Journal*

Urban Library Journal (<http://lacuny.cuny.edu/ulj/>) is published by City University of New York, US. It focuses on academic, research, public, school, and special libraries in an urban setting, public higher education, urban studies, multiculturalism, library and educational services to immigrants, preservation, etc. Articles are arranged volume-wise and full-text is available in pdf and html format. It is refereed journal and backup files are

available from Vol. 9, 2, summer 1995—Vol. 16, 1 spring 2010.

3.48 *Virginia Libraries*

Virginia Libraries (<http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/VALib/>) is published by Virginia Library Association, US. It provides a platform to exchange information, ideas, and solutions to mutual problems in professional articles on current topics in the library and information field to advance literacy. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in pdf and html format. Backup files are available from Vol. 42, 1, 1996—Vol. 56, 4, 2010.

3.49 *Webology*

Webology (<http://www.webology.ir/>) is published by University of Tehran, Iran. It focuses on periodicals, web science periodicals, information science periodicals, library science periodicals, information retrieval; web crawling, cataloging and searching; search engines and directories; search behavior; metadata, etc. Articles are arranged volume-wise and available in e-text format. Backup files are available from Vol. 1, 1-2, 2004—Vol. 7, 1-2, 2010. It is peer reviewed and is indexed by LISA, Scopus, DOAJ, EBSCO, Ulrich, Web Citation Index, World Cat, etc.

4. FINDINGS

A major similarity found that almost e-journals are concentrating towards digital library initiatives, technological, information service developments and information networking issues contains a wide coverage of local library issues ranging from ongoing research day-to-day news from the work place, etc. Out of several searched e-journals it is found that all available in full-text form free of cost and can be received regularly. The most notable findings in the study are that it provides effective communication between user and online free e-journals.

5. SUGGESTIONS

- Library webpage should give users links for free e-journals available in DOAJ.
- Users should be informed regularly about the free e-journals.
- Rigorous study on the use and usability of free e-journals available on DOAJ by the users to be made on regular basis.
- The LIS professionals have to create more awareness of free e-journals.
- The speed of the Internet connectivity should be improved by acquiring more bandwidth or a better option.

6. CONCLUSIONS

The emergence of electronic resources has drastically revamped the status of all the libraries and information centers across the world during the last decade³. There has been a rapid urge of the user community to get more and more information online. Academic libraries facing shrinking budgets are trying to acquire quality Information resources in the most efficient and effective means possible. This coupled with the positive attitudes. The free e-journals are available in accepted standards and the users are using free e-journals satisfactorily. The DOAJ provides most high profile and heavily used free e-resources in the entire subject. The result of the study can help and stop them subscribing in print and can save fund. One can easily get information for total strength of free available online e-journals. The results of this study can be useful for information scientists studying or working with portal-based retrieval of e-resources, and also for the designers and developers of future online interactive information retrieval systems.

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