Have Digital Libraries betrayed physical libraries?

Digital Libraries are on par with physical libraries and can offer more sources of information than a traditional library. Digital libraries are more appealing because of convenience, but there are tangible benefits that traditional libraries offer that trump digital libraries, such as viewing art in person. Digital libraries have bested physical libraries in quick information access, but not in the value of the tactical library experience.

A. The origin of digital libraries

    1. Accreditation of digital libraries

    2. Benefits of the digital library

B. Traditional libraries vs digital libraries

    1. Information pathways

    2. Information retrieval and storage

Digital libraries are open 24 hours.

A. Convenience of digital libraries

    1. Digital libraries and accessibility

    2. Information users may have impediments which do not allow them to get to a physical library.

B. Traditional libraries are accessible 24 hours via their websites.

    1. Traditional libraries have a digital component.

    2. Traditional libraries offer language apps, kindle, and other technologies to patrons.

C. Information users utilize digital and traditional libraries.

A. College students may need to use digital or traditional libraries depending on their majors.

    1. A MLIS student may need to do field work at a library.

    2. As part of the MLIS degree a student may have to spend a certain number of hours at the library as a degree requirement.

Conclusion

A. Digital libraries have betrayed traditional libraires depending on the user.

B. Despite the convenience of digital libraries, traditional libraries still provide users with equivalent information retrieval sources. The information user determines the value of each library.

C. Digital libraries may be viewed as inferior or superior to traditional libraries. The validity of each type of library depends on the value system of the information user.

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