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Preface



Fundamentals of Resource Sharing, Library Networks and e-Resource Consortia

No library will be able to get, process, and store all the papers needed by its customers in the year of tremendous development in digital resources. The libraries choose to purchase documents from other libraries in order to provide end users with accurate and necessary content. This central idea gave rise to the practise of resource sharing, which is now known as library collaboration. The concept of networking, which enables libraries to be connected digitally on the network, has emerged as a result of the availability of communication and computer technologies.

Resource sharing refers to the distribution of library materials to other member libraries that require them. It is a method of library collaboration in which all participating libraries are interested in giving the less-used or inactive materials to other necessary libraries. By pooling resources, it is possible to deliver goods and services more effectively and for less money. Personnel, information sources, activities, procedures, tools, and services are all considered library materials.

A cooperative agreement known as a library consortium enables a network of libraries or organisations to purchase collections from all or specific member publishers thanks to their combined purchasing power. This is an illustration of an agreement between several publishers and associations of

libraries that enables users to access a sizable number of electronic materials published by a network of publishers for free or at a minimal fee. This system both addresses the pressure of shrinking library budgets, rising user demand, and rising journal costs while allowing access to a substantial number of electronic resources at greatly reduced fees. The agreements give libraries and lending institutions the opportunity to buy materials, bringing about the optimum cost and terms of agreement for libraries.

In a consortium, one institution in the network wants a specific document and purchases user licences for additional libraries so that users of those libraries can freely access the product. It is typical for networks to collaborate in order to negotiate lower prices and better service with publishers and providers. Publishers of documents concurrently provide discounted rates for the network.

The conversation touched on the fact that high-priced digital papers are costly and that tiny libraries can afford electronic products because many libraries collaborate and share costs. You can purchase some pricey electronic databases or packages directly from the publishers or by becoming a member of a bigger consortium. Acquiring through a consortium can result in significant savings for the participating libraries.

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