Level of Specialization of Persian Library and Information Science Journals between 2008 and 2012

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Abstract

Purpose: The aim of this study was to determine the level of specialization of Iranian journals in the field of library and information science. By "specialization", we mean whether the topics of articles published in each journal are concentrated in relation to specific subjects.

Methodology: Content analysis was carried out on 894 articles published between 2008 and 2012 and based on LISA subject categories.

Findings: The findings showed that 833 (93.17 %) of articles published in LIS journals were related to LIS fields while the rest (61 articles, 6.82%) were not related. In most of journals, there is no link between the title of the journal and its specific subject. Only a few of the journals have focused subject areas, with the rest publishing articles on a wide range of disperse topics.

Originality/Value: This study could be conducted to improve the behavioral pattern of researchers and the quality of LIS journals.

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