The Citation Study of Papers in the Journal of Information Science and Public Libraries

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Abstract

Purpose: The aim of this study was to examine 18 issues of the journal of Information Science and Public Libraries.

Methodology: This is a survey- descriptive study with a bibliometric approach. Citation analysis, one of the most popular bibliometric techniques, is used. The research population includes 18 issues of the Journal of Information Science and Public Libraries from the beginning of autumn 2008 (1387) to the end of winter 2011 (1391).

Findings: The results show the low level of participation by women, but the high level of male participation, in the writing of papers. Public universities, including Tehran University, have the largest share of scientific collaboration with the journal. In terms of the authors' fields, the collaboration of experts in the disciplines of "Library and Information Science" and Management was greater than that of experts from other fields of study. The average number of articles published in each issue of the journal was 7.7. Publication delays in the acceptance of papers indicate that the highest number of papers was accepted by the Journal in 2-3 months. Most of the journal's papers were scholarly research papers. Citing of the English language materials and of the papers occurred more than citing of other types of materials.

Originality/Value: The results of citation and bibliometric studies could be important for a range of audiences, including readers, authors, librarians and journal editorials, as these sorts of studies can show a clear picture of the journal function.

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