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**THE ROLE OF LIBRARY AND
INFORMATION SERVICES IN
ACTUALIZING VISION 20/20/20.**

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ABSTRACT

The study examines the Role of library information services on actualizing vision 20-20-20. The objective of the paper is to have an in depth understanding of the role of library and how effective and efficient the library can expose human being to the world of information. While for the objective of vision 20-20-20' to be achieved a vibrant education system which will provide Nigerians with opportunity and facilitator to achieve their maximum potentials and Nigeria should be a peaceful nation, harmonious and stable democracy. Also stated how libraries would attain the visioning process through providing a resources centre supporting all the learning and practical skills far evaluating, and using information. It was concluded that libraries should provide up to date information on various issues on vision 20-20-20 by expanding their scope of information resources they collect and distribute by using digital materials. Lastly the library should develop new and innovative reading-centre such as a local studies corner, and exhibition of materials displaying the political agenda of a country, economy, health, education and agriculture for the user /populace to know what is going on in the country.

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INTRODUCTION

The aim of this paper is to discuss the role of library in actualizing vision 20-20-20. Since libraries and information services are indispensable sources of information for national development, the increase in education centre in the country has increased demands for library. Library represents one of the major implements for carrying out these objectives.

Dike (2003) "If we want children and all citizens to acquire literacy, we must provide reading materials and that abundant and pleasurable reading materials are found in libraries. If we want learners to develop skills for life long learning, we must give them opportunities to enquire, to search, to explore, to practice, to solve problems such as are found in the libraries. If we want to introduce them to the world of knowledge and teach them to handle information in many forms, we need the resources of a well-equipped library." Libraries are therefore basic to the successful achievement of literacy in Nigeria to meet her vision 20 20-20 objectives.

The word vision has been defined in the News Lexicon Webster's Dictionary as "act of seeing, ability to see; a picture formed in the mind; imaginative foresight" A visionary Librarian is therefore someone who imagines how best library can prepare someone for effective use of library. In this situation, the effective result will be refer to all the benefit of actualizing the vision 20-20-20 in Nigeria.

Hornby (2003), Defined vision as the ability to think about or plan the future with great imagination or wisdom taking into account the present realities. The vision may, therefore, be operationally, defined as the

theoretical configuration of what library is expected to accomplish in the society that is, the end result of the vision should be successful.

Objective of this Paper

- (1) To show the role of library in actualizing vision 20-20 by making professional being aware of current publication.
- (2) To have an in depth understanding of the role of library and how effective and efficient the library can expose human being to the world of information.
- (3) To appreciate what knowledge presentation could mean in making available resources to users.

The Concept of Library

According to Correa (1997), The library is "the place where teachers and students come into contact with the world, that is, where they acquire .he general knowledge which forms the basis for all further learning. A library may be defined as a vital instrument for self-education. The place of library and the role it plays in the context of education for national development has been recognized by the new educational policy. The library is a laboratory for the development of skills for lifelong learning, it is also a work room for carrying out project and for individual or small group assignment. This lends itself to active and participatory methods, enquiry, teamwork and problem solving, as advocated in Universal Basic Education (UBE).

The importance of library to the society according to (Saleh, 2001) in (Peter and Ibrahim, 2009), is that the library provides certain services to

their communities and has six functions to provide to the society. These are:

- To serve as an agency of education
- To serve as an agency of information
- To serve as agency research
- They also provide preservation
- Libraries are also embodiment of our cultural heritage.
- They are also agencies of recreations.

Olanlokun and Salisu (1985), seen the library as a place entrusted with the acquisition, organization preservation, storage retrieval and dissemination in whatever format it might appear. The aggregate of all the definitions suggest that the library means a place.

VISION 20-20-20 OBJECTIVE

For objective of vision 20-20-20 to be attained the underlisted must have been in place by 20-20-20.

Modern and vibrant education system which provides Nigerians with opportunity and facilitator to achieve their maximum potentials and provides the nation with adequate and competent manpower.

- Polity: Nigeria should be a peaceful nation, harmonious and stable democracy.
- On (la- side of infrastructure: adequate infrastructure services that support mobilization of all economic sector should be met.
- Macro-Economic: Nigeria should be sound, and globally competitive with a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of not less than & 900 billion and per capital income of not less than \$4,00 per annum.
- A health sector that supports and sustains a life expectancy of not less than 70 years and that which reduces to the nearest minimum

the burden of infectious disease such as HIV/AIDS Malaria, Tuberculosis etc are structured.

- Agriculturally, a modern technology that shall exploit the vast agricultural resources of the nation to ensure national food security and contribute significantly to foreign exchange earning are also provided.

Finally, it is expected that by 20-20 a vibrant and globally competitive manufacturing sector that contributes significantly to GDP with a manufacturing value of not less than 40% shall be met. Having outlined the objectives of vision 20-20-20. it is clear to state how libraries would attain the visioning process.

THE ROLE OF LIBRARIES IN THE VISIONING PROCESS

"Nigerian vision 20-20-20 is aimed at setting goals that will bring the nation amongst the 20 largest economies in the world able be to consolidate its leadership role in Africa and establish itself as a significant player in the global economic and political arena". Peter and Ibrahim (2009) posited that in order to attain this overriding goal of reaching the top 20 economics. Nigeria has to enhance her economic development performance through polity, macro-economy, infrastructure, education, health, agriculture and manufacturing. The above would not be met unless a modern and vibrant education and library system is put in place in Nigeria. Library is the basis of any quality educational programme. To that effect, the importance of libraries according to Issa (2003) are as following:

- It serves as a resources centre supporting all the learning and practical skills for evaluating using information. The library is able to

make available to any user, resources that are vastly richer than he is likely to provide for himself.

- It serves as a Communication Network Centre which transfers knowledge from a host to a user.
- It acts as a broadening influence by providing user with the means of studying theories and ideas put forward by other than their teacher..
With these, it serves as any agency that stores the message which is transferred to the present generation and past generation to be able to look onward and project the present and future.
- It encourages long term learning habit through listening, reading and viewing a wide variety of learning resources.
- It serves to contribute to continuing education and also mobilize professional consciousness by making professional being aware of current publication, for their continuing education so as to meet the vision 20-20-20.
- It serves as the 1st exposure of human being to the world of information, by creating appropriate international relationship that links everybody and library, thus, creates a forum for the exchange of ideas.
- It plays a crucial role in getting the users prepared, through required exposure from reading which also facilitates effective action on the frontier of every held of knowledge, traditional and novels. It facilitates the growing acceptance of independent study for both group and individual.
- Libraries also talks to user through publicity, book review, book fairs observation of book weeks, library weeks and other special

celebrations of what is happening within and outside the country.

This promotes developing and competing with others.

- Libraries also play an active role in developing open Archive collections, which is aimed at helping researcher to explore their output on vision 20-20-20 for the benefit of the country.

Conclusion

The success of vision 20-2020 depend to a large extent on the ability to users to make use of library for information retrieval. The role of library is to serve as communication Network Centre so as to encourage long term learning.

It allows the creation of atmosphere of exposing reader to effective and efficient frontier of every field of knowledge.

It is therefore quite pertinent to note that library should be given a priority in our society, because they are the warehouse of knowledge. With the vision in mind, everybody will be in the forefront of knowing what is happening within the society.

The library should develop new and innovative reading centre, such as a local studies corner, exhibition of materials displaying the political agenda of a country, economy, health education and agriculture for the populace to know what is giving on in the country.

Lastly, libraries should provide up to date information on various issues on vision 20-20-20 by expanding their scope of information resource they collect and distribute using information communication technology (ITPS) for sharing digital materials and providing information format that are accessible.

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