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Digitization of journal collections in libraries is inevitable with the advent of Information Communication Technology (ICT). There is a need to digitize journals in the academic library in order to preserve and to give wider visibility and accessibility to information resources for teaching, learning, and research. This article describes the processes of journal collection digitization in Kenneth Dike Library, University of Ibadan. Underfunding and copyright clearance are the challenges encountered, among others. The study recommends adequate funding and concludes that the benefit of instant access to digital information is the most distinguishing attribute in this present information age.

KEYWORDS *academic libraries, digitization, Information Communication Technology (ICT), journal collections, Nigeria*

INTRODUCTION

Journals are a primary source of information for scholars about the past, present, and latest developments in their fields and where the gaps are that need to be filled in current research. The global use of Information Technology (IT) by both developed and developing countries has changed the way research activities are carried out, especially in university library settings. Libraries, centers of learning and research, have evolved into creators of new products and services that make the research output of universities more visible and also enable researchers to access and use these resources

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