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ABSTRACT

This study investigated Adoption of Legal Deposit Statutory Law on Electronic Information Resources for Utilization of Digital Repository of National Library of Nigeria to achieve this seven research objectives were raised, among others to: find out the types of electronic resources are covered with legal deposit statutory law by National Library of Nigeria, identify the types of digital repository available for adoption of legal deposit statutory law on electronic information resources of National Library of Nigeria, explore the extent in which the strategies employed are relevant for the adoption of legal deposit statutory law on electronic information resources for utilization of Digital Repository by National Library of Nigeria. Quantitative research methodology was adopted using cross-sectional survey strategy. 297 questionnaires were administered and 161 retuned and found worthy for analysis. The study found that the types of electronic information resources are covered with legal deposit statutory law by National Library of Nigeria among others were e-audio visual materials, e-almanacs, e-annual reports, e-books, e-compendium of conferences, e-conference papers, e-gazettes and e-maps. The study reveals that the type of digital repository available is National Repository @power by Eko-Konnect. The study found that type of strategies available among others were introducing e-policy for submitting books to National Library of Nigeria, collection base of quality of information publications, digital deposits of information through dedicated National Library information systems, digital registration of the incoming deposits of information, The study established that the extent in which the strategies employed is highly relevant for the adoption of legal deposit statutory law on electronic information resources for utilization of digital repository of National Library of Nigeria. The study found that the extent in which the adoption of legal deposit statutory law on electronic information resources is highly facilitates visibility of information for utilization of Digital Repository. The study also found that the extent in which the adoption of legal deposit statutory law on electronic information resources is highly facilitates access of information resources for utilization of Digital Repository of National Library of Nigeria. The study reveals that extent in which the adoption of legal deposit statutory law on electronic information resources is highly facilitates use of information resources in digital repository. The study established that the challenges faced while adopting of legal deposit statutory law on electronic information resources among others were lack of clear policy for digital deposition of information; lack of awareness surrounding digital information policy; and lack of skilled staff for adoption of digital repository. The study concluded that the adoption of the Legal Deposit Statutory Law on electronic information resources has significantly advanced the utilization of the Digital Repository of the National Library of Nigeria. This initiative has expanded the scope of information coverage, ensuring that electronic publications and intellectual resources are systematically preserved and made accessible for national and international research purposes. The policy facilitates seamless access to electronic resources, enhances the visibility of Nigerian scholarly outputs, and supports compliance with global standards for digital repository management. The study recommended that, more publicity and awareness should be created on clear policy for digital deposition of information, emphasis should be maintained on the strategies applied for sustainability of digital deposition of information.

Keywords: Adoption, Digital Deposition, e-Information Resources, Utilization, Digital Repository, National Library

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