REQUIREMENTS OF SKILL AND COMPETENCIES OF THE FUTURE GENERATION LIS PROFESSIONALS IN TECHNOLOGY-ORIENTED ENVIRONMENT

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ABSTRACT: Contemporary libraries are under serious threat due to the increasing pressure of achieving higher level of performance in this competitive global environment. Libraries are facing many challenges posed by the contemporary environment, most of which are the result of ICT and digital revolution. To overcome from straggling of professional progress the present situation emphasizes on improvement of technical skills. In addition to professional knowledge, librarianship is expected to have some knowledge in the areas of management, foreign languages, statistics, computer etc. The paper discusses the need for acquiring core competencies and new skills to manage the modern day libraries. It further discusses different sets of skills (generic, managerial and professional skills) required by LIS professionals to manage the contemporary change brought up by technology accelerated environment. The article emphasizes that acquisition of new sets of skills has become essential to survive and sustain in this technology-based environment.

KEY WORDS: Information Technology, LIS professionals, Skill Requirement, Core competencies.

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