

THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY IN THE CONTEXT OF HIGHER EDUCATION REFORM AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

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The article describes the objectives of university libraries in the current context of higher education reform and scientific research may vary according to the specific needs of the institutions and the academic community they serve. However, there are some general objectives that libraries can pursue in this context.

Access to academic information resources. One of the most important objectives of libraries is to provide access to a diverse range of academic information resources, including books, journals, scientific articles, databases and electronic resources. In the context of reforms in higher education and scientific research, libraries must ensure that these resources are up-to-date and relevant to the needs of the academic community. **Support for research.** Libraries must provide support for research activities carried out in higher education institutions and research laboratories. This support may include training in the use of databases, assistance in identifying relevant sources of information and help in managing research data.

Development of information skills. Another important objective of libraries is to develop the information skills of students and researchers. This may involve the organization of training activities in the effective use of information resources and the development of information evaluation skills. **Digitization and online access.** In the digital age, libraries must invest in digitizing collections and providing online access to their resources. This will enable the academic community to access information from anywhere and enhance learning and research.

Collaboration and partnerships. Libraries should develop collaborations and partnerships with other academic institutions, research organizations and resource providers to expand their offerings and reduce costs. These partnerships can help increase access to quality resources.

Evaluation and improvement of services. Libraries should be engaged in continuous evaluation of their services to ensure they are meeting the needs of the academic community. User feedback should be taken into account to identify necessary improvements and ensure quality service. In conclusion, libraries have an essential role in supporting reforms in higher education and scientific research by providing resources, research support and the development of information skills. Their objectives must be tailored to the specific needs and context of the institutions they serve.

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