



AN EVALUATION OF THE
PERIODICALS COLLECTION IN THE
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ABSTRACT

This study was necessitated by the precarious situation the libraries face because of the limited budgets, periodical's price hikes, proliferation of periodical literature, scattering of relevant articles in a vast number of periodicals, and imbalance of periodical monograph budget ratios. A thorough review of the periodicals collection was undertaken with the aim of determining the scope, quality, accessibility, usefulness and weaknesses of the collection, so that development could proceed in a direction parallel to the needs, and future goals, keeping within the limited budget.

Each periodical title was assessed through data gathered under four variables, user opinion, circulation, in-house use, and citations, and finally a decision was arrived at, as to the core journals that should be continued to subscribe, journals of marginal use, where other avenues of accessibility could be sought, and the journals, the subscription could be cancelled.