Altmetric Study: A New Role of Library Information Science Professionals

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ABSTRACT

In recent years due to development of information technology and social media, researchers and academics in growing numbers are starting to move their everyday work onto the Web, exploring new ways to spread, discuss, share and retrieve information outside of the traditional channel of scholarly publishing. Traditional mechanisms such as peer review and citation searching using bibliometrics are no longer sufficient tools to aid researchers. With these increasing opportunities to bypass traditional publishing mechanisms and take advantage of social media, there is a paradigm shift occurring in tracking scholarly research output. Is there a way to selectively evaluate and track literature and other scholarship relevant to one’s area of interest? How can library Information Professionals become leaders and powerful allies in this new landscape? Enter the world of altmetric. This paper presents that library Information Professionals can take concerning altmetrics within the system of the research support services offered by librarians in academic institutions.

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