EDITORIAL NOTE

It gives me a great pleasure to present volume 57, number 2, July - December, 2023 edition of this popular journal of our Association. This edition coincides with the 62nd National Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Association, scheduled to hold at the University of Port Harcourt from 8th - 11th July, 2003. Altogether, the current edition contains nine quality articles relating to Nigerian university libraries, health and agricultural information, school library, public library, digitization and preservation, and patterns of information delivery in the current digital age.

The first article by Evans Otuza and Felicia O. Umahi focus on the influence of work environment on perception of librarians of cataloguing and classification with special reference to university libraries in Ogun State. The next article is a qualitative study jointly conducted by Romoke O.Quadir, Maryam Y. Bello and Abdulmuta'ala O. Abdulkadir; and it deals with the issue of access to health, environment and agricultural information among rural women in Ilai, Kogi State. The importance of media resources to research development cannot be over emphasised. That is why Whong F. Mbowheing's study examines the relationship between media resources utilization and postgraduate students’ research output in Nigerian federal universities.

In recent years, the issue of mentorship has generated a considerable attention and discussion in Library and Information Science profession in Nigeria. In their contribution to this discourse, Nnenna C. Samuel and Amogu U. Kalu specifically focus on mentoring and mentorship programmes for career progression of librarians in university libraries. Another interesting article of significance to Nigerian university libraries and librarians is that of Muhammad K. Abubakar and Asiya A. Dangani on knowledge sharing practices in university libraries in Katsina State and the associated challenges. The concern of Busari S. Ajobe, Ahmed A. Okanla and Alhassan J. Attahiru is on building library collaboration in secondary school libraries in Kwara State. This study is a significant contribution to school librarianship. However, the interest of Hafsat O. Salah and Hadiza M. Ahmed is on the services, problems and prospects of Kwara State Public Library.

Despite their immense historical and research value, it is unfortunate that less attention is given to the study of Arabic and manuscripts collection in Nigeria, especially in the field of Librarianship. It is this obvious neglect which prompted the interest of Ibrahim M.M Furfuri who investigated the perception and preparedness for digital preservation of this special collection in Waziri Junaidu History and Culture Bureau, Sokoto. It is envisaged that the outcome of this study would ensure effective management, digitization, preservation, access and utilization of these rare and obscure invaluable information resources globally. The last article by Chionga P. Odocha-Aguocha and Basil O. Edom concerns patterns of information delivery by information practitioners in the digital age.

In conclusion, it is pleasing to note that against all odds, this edition saw the light of the day. We therefore appreciate the keen interest and efforts of our contributors. We are equally grateful to the members of the Editorial Board for their sacrifice and collective support which made the publication of this edition very possible. Once again, we wish to enjoin interested contributors to submit quality papers so as to sustain the good quality and frequency of the journal. It should be noted that the Nigerian Libraries journal accepts papers for publication throughout the year.

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