Library applications of CD-ROM databases with a case study of CD-ROM system at ISRO Satellite Centre Library

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English abstract

Stressing the positive roles played by CD-ROM databases in modernising services of libraries, explains the significance of CD-ROM technology in terms of enormous storage at low cost, ruggedness, use in remote locations and for archival purposes, potential for mass market distribution, efficient replacement of online searching in developing countries and highly versatile and efficient search and retrieval features; Discusses various library applications of CD-ROM databases including national, general and specific applications. Some of the specific applications enumerated are library automation, retrospective conversion, cataloguing exchange of bibliographic data, current awareness service, retrospective searching, impetus to networking cooperation and resource sharing, developing local database, expanded services like SDI at no extra cost, reference service, collection development and evaluation and quantitative studies; Lastly, a cost and use analysis of CD-ROM services from a case study of CD-ROM system of ISRO Satellite Centre (ISAC) library is also presented.

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