

ASSESSING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF DIGITAL VS PRINT RESOURCES: PRIMARY DATA FROM LIBRARY USAGE STUDIES

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Abstract

This study explores the effectiveness and user preferences of digital versus print resources in enhancing comprehension, retention, and overall academic performance among library users. The research involved 300 participants with diverse demographic backgrounds, including a nearly equal gender distribution and a range of age groups, educational levels, and fields of study. The study employed independent samples t-tests to compare the performance of digital and print resources across key academic metrics. The findings reveal that print resources consistently outperform digital resources in terms of comprehension, retention, and academic performance, with statistically significant differences observed ($p < 0.05$). Specifically, print materials are particularly effective for deep reading and tasks requiring sustained focus, as evidenced by higher satisfaction and perceived effectiveness ratings. Conversely, digital resources are more frequently utilized, especially for research purposes, reflecting their convenience and accessibility.

The study underscores the importance of maintaining a balanced collection of both digital and print resources in libraries to cater to the diverse needs and preferences of users. While digital resources are indispensable for research and frequent use, print materials remain crucial for achieving higher academic outcomes in tasks that demand deep engagement. The research highlights the need for libraries to enhance the effectiveness of digital resources while continuing to promote the unique advantages of print materials. By doing so, libraries can better support the academic success and satisfaction of their users, ensuring they meet the evolving demands of the modern learning environment.

Keywords:

Digital resources, Print resources, Library users, Comprehension, Retention, Academic performance, User preferences, Resource utilization, Library effectiveness, Deep reading.

1. Introduction

In an era of rapid technological advancement, the debate between digital and print resources remains pivotal in understanding how information is consumed, especially within academic and research environments. Libraries, as essential repositories of knowledge, have traditionally relied on print resources. However, the advent of digital media has transformed the landscape, offering unprecedented access to vast amounts of information with the click of

a button. The shift towards digital resources has raised questions about the effectiveness of these resources compared to traditional print materials.

Assessing the effectiveness of digital versus print resources in libraries is crucial for optimizing resource allocation, enhancing user satisfaction, and supporting academic achievement. This study aims to explore these dynamics by analysing primary data from library usage studies, focusing on patterns of resource utilization, user preferences, and the perceived impact on learning outcomes.

By evaluating the effectiveness of both digital and print resources, this research seeks to provide insights that can inform library management decisions, contribute to the development of balanced resource collections, and ultimately support the diverse needs of library users in an increasingly digital world.

2. Review of Literature

Dillon, A. (1992) - Analyzed the ergonomics of reading from screens versus paper, highlighting how screen reading can be more physically taxing, leading to quicker fatigue.

Olsen, S. (1997) - Discussed the early impact of digital resources on academic libraries, emphasizing the need for balanced collections to support varied user preferences.

Mercieca, P. (2003) - Looked into the implications of digital resources in academic libraries, highlighting challenges in user adaptation and the need for effective training programs.

Shaikh, A. D., & Chaparro, B. S. (2004) - Investigated reading speed and comprehension on paper versus screen, finding that print reading was generally faster and more accurate.

Liu, Z. (2005) - Conducted a study on the reading behaviors in the digital age, revealing a shift towards scanning and skimming digital texts rather than deep reading.

Kaufman, N. L., & Kaufman, R. A. (2007) - Compared student performance and preference between print and online learning materials, finding that students often performed better and preferred print resources for complex subjects.

Subrahmanyam, K., & Greenfield, P. M. (2008) - Reviewed the impact of digital media on youth reading habits, noting a decline in deep reading practices and an increase in multitasking.

Woody, W. D., Daniel, D. B., & Baker, C. A. (2010) - Compared students' experiences with print and digital textbooks, finding a consistent preference for print due to ease of use and better learning outcomes.

Jeong, H. (2012) - Analyzed differences in reading comprehension between digital and print texts among students, concluding that print reading was superior in retention and understanding.

Cassidy, E. D., Martinez, M., & Shen, L. (2012) - Conducted a survey of academic librarians regarding digital resource usage, identifying a trend towards increased digital resource adoption despite lingering preferences for print.

Smyth, S., & Carlin, A. P. (2012) - Examined student attitudes towards e-books and print books, revealing a continued strong preference for print for academic purposes.

Mangen, A., Walgermo, B. R., & Brønnick, K. (2013) - Studied the effects of reading comprehension between paper and screens, showing that print reading led to better comprehension and recall.

Jabr, F. (2013) - Reviewed research on the physicality of print versus digital reading, suggesting that print offers more spatial memory cues which aid in comprehension.

Stoop, J., Kreutzer, P., & Kircz, J. (2013) - Examined the changing landscape of reading habits in the digital era, discussing how screen reading impacts focus and comprehension negatively.

Kretschmar, F., Pleimling, D., Hosemann, J., Füssel, S., Bornkessel-Schlesewsky, I., & Schlewsky, M. (2013) - Studied eye movement patterns during reading on different mediums, noting that print supported more engaged reading.

Foasberg, N. M. (2014) - Examined college students' perceptions of print and electronic resources, finding a strong preference for print for deep, focused reading.

Mizrachi, D. (2015) - Explored college students' preferences for print versus digital texts, finding a strong preference for print for academic reading due to better focus and retention.

Walsh, G. (2016) - Explored the emotional and cognitive differences in reading print versus digital, suggesting that print provides a more immersive experience conducive to in-depth understanding.

Baron, N. S. (2017) - Investigated the cognitive and emotional differences in reading print versus digital, concluding that print may enhance comprehension and reduce distractions.

3. Significance of the study

The significance of this study lies in its potential to inform library management and policy decisions in an era where digital and print resources coexist but cater to different user needs and preferences. By assessing the effectiveness of digital versus print resources through primary data gathered from library usage studies, this research offers valuable insights into

how different formats influence learning outcomes, user satisfaction, and engagement. Understanding these dynamics is crucial for libraries to strategically allocate resources, design user-centric services, and support diverse learning and research activities. Additionally, the findings of this study could contribute to the broader academic discourse on how the transition to digital resources impacts reading habits, comprehension, and information retention. Ultimately, this research aims to help libraries create a balanced collection that maximizes the strengths of both digital and print resources, ensuring that they continue to meet the evolving needs of their users in an increasingly digital world.

4. Objectives of the study

- To evaluate the effectiveness of digital versus print resources in enhancing user comprehension, retention, and overall academic performance among library users.
- To analyze user preferences and patterns of resource utilization in libraries, comparing the frequency, context, and outcomes of using digital resources versus print materials.

5. Hypothesis of the study

(I) H0: There is no significant difference in user comprehension, retention, and overall academic performance between digital and print resources.

H1: There is a significant difference in user comprehension, retention, and overall academic performance between digital and print resources.

(II) H0: There is no significant difference in user preferences, frequency of use, context of use, user satisfaction, and perceived effectiveness between digital and print resources.

H1: There is a significant difference in user preferences, frequency of use, context of use, user satisfaction, and perceived effectiveness between digital and print resources.

6. Scope and limitations of the study

The scope of this study encompasses a comprehensive analysis of library usage patterns, focusing on the comparative effectiveness of digital and print resources across different user demographics, including students, researchers, and faculty members. The study aims to explore various dimensions, such as resource preference, user satisfaction, comprehension, and academic performance, to provide a holistic understanding of how these resources are utilized in academic settings. By gathering and analysing primary data from multiple libraries, the study seeks to offer insights that can guide library management in optimizing their resource offerings to better serve their users.

However, the study has certain limitations. Firstly, the findings may be influenced by the specific characteristics of the libraries selected for the study, including their size, the diversity

of their user base, and the range of resources available, which may not be representative of all academic libraries. Secondly, user preferences and perceptions may be subject to bias, as they can be influenced by individual familiarity with technology or personal habits. Additionally, the rapidly evolving nature of digital technology means that the relevance of the findings may be time-sensitive, as new digital tools and platforms continue to emerge. Finally, the study may not fully account for external factors such as internet access, availability of digital devices, or the impact of physical environments on resource usage, which could also affect the outcomes.

7. Research Methodology

This study employs a mixed-methods research approach to assess the effectiveness of digital versus print resources in libraries. The methodology includes both quantitative and qualitative components, allowing for a comprehensive analysis of library usage patterns and resource effectiveness.

1. Research Design: The study adopts a cross-sectional design, collecting data from multiple libraries at a single point in time. This design enables the comparison of digital and print resource usage across different user groups and academic settings. The research is conducted in several academic libraries, selected to represent a diverse range of institutions, including universities, colleges, and research centers in karnataka.

2. Data Collection:

Structured questionnaires are administered to library users, including students, faculty, and researchers. The surveys are designed to capture data on resource preferences, frequency of use, perceived effectiveness, and the impact of resources on academic performance. The survey questions include both closed-ended and Likert scale items to facilitate statistical analysis.

In-depth interviews are conducted with a sample of library users to gain deeper insights into their experiences with digital and print resources. The interviews explore factors influencing resource preferences, challenges faced in using different formats, and perceived advantages or disadvantages of each type.

Sample Selection: A stratified random sampling method is used to select participants for the survey, ensuring representation from different user groups (e.g., undergraduate students, postgraduate students, faculty, and researchers). The sample size is 300 which is determined based on the total population of library users at each institution, with an aim to achieve a statistically significant number of responses.

3. Data Analysis:

Quantitative Analysis: Statistical techniques such as descriptive statistics, Independent Sample T test are used to analyze the survey data.

This research methodology is designed to provide a robust and comprehensive assessment of the effectiveness of digital versus print resources in libraries, contributing valuable insights to library management and academic resource planning.

8. Data analysis and Discussion

Table No 8.1 shows the demographic data for the participants in the study:

Demographic Variable	Category	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Gender	Male	150	50.0%
	Female	140	46.7%
	Other	10	3.3%
Age Group	18-24 years	120	40.0%
	25-34 years	100	33.3%
	35-44 years	50	16.7%
	45 years and above	30	10.0%
Education Level	Undergraduate	130	43.3%
	Postgraduate	100	33.3%
	Doctoral	40	13.3%
	Faculty/Staff	30	10.0%
Field of Study/Discipline	Humanities	50	16.7%
	Social Sciences	70	23.3%
	Natural Sciences	80	26.7%
	Engineering/Technology	60	20.0%
	Business/Management	40	13.3%
Frequency of Library Use	Daily	60	20.0%
	Weekly	100	33.3%
	Monthly	80	26.7%
	Occasionally	60	20.0%
Preferred Resource Type	Digital	160	53.3%
	Print	110	36.7%
	Both	30	10.0%

(Source: Field survey)

Interpretation:

The demographic data presented in Table No. 8.1 provides a comprehensive overview of the participants involved in the study. The sample consists of 300 individuals, with a nearly equal gender distribution: 50% male, 46.7% female, and a small representation of 3.3% identifying as other. The age group of 18-24 years constitutes the largest portion of the sample at 40%, followed by the 25-34 years group at 33.3%, and smaller percentages for older age groups.

Educationally, the participants are predominantly undergraduate students (43.3%), with a substantial number of postgraduates (33.3%). A smaller segment includes doctoral students (13.3%) and faculty/staff members (10%). Regarding the field of study, participants are distributed across various disciplines, with the highest representation in Natural Sciences (26.7%), followed by Social Sciences (23.3%), Engineering/Technology (20%), Humanities (16.7%), and Business/Management (13.3%).

The frequency of library use varies, with weekly users forming the largest group (33.3%), followed by monthly users (26.7%), and equal proportions of daily and occasional users (20% each). In terms of resource preference, a majority of the participants prefer digital resources (53.3%), while a significant portion still favours print materials (36.7%). Additionally, 10% of the respondents expressed no preference between the two, indicating a balanced use of both digital and print resources.

This demographic data underscores the diversity in the sample, highlighting differences in gender, age, educational level, field of study, and library usage patterns, which are crucial for understanding the varying preferences and behaviours regarding digital and print resource utilization among library users.

EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF DIGITAL VERSUS PRINT RESOURCES IN ENHANCING USER COMPREHENSION, RETENTION, AND OVERALL ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AMONG LIBRARY USERS:

Hypothesis Statement

H0: There is no significant difference in user comprehension, retention, and overall academic performance between digital and print resources.

H1: There is a significant difference in user comprehension, retention, and overall academic performance between digital and print resources.

Table No 8.2 shows the Evaluation of Digital vs. Print Resources

Evaluation Criteria	Resource Type	Mean Comprehension Score	Mean Retention	Mean Academic Performance	Standard Deviation (Comprehension)	Standard Deviation (Retention)	Standard Deviation (Performance)	Test Used	p-Value	Significance ($\alpha = 0.05$)

			Score	Score		ntion)	mance)				
Comprehension											
- Digital	Digital	78.5	74.0	80.0	8.0	7.5	7.8	Independent Samples t-Test	0.04	Significant	
- Print	Print	82.0	80.0	84.0	7.5	7.0	7.2				
Retention											
- Digital	Digital	76.0	72.5	78.0	7.8	8.0	7.6	Independent Samples t-Test	0.03	Significant	
- Print	Print	80.5	78.5	82.0	7.2	7.5	7.3				
Academic Performance											
- Digital	Digital	75.5	70.0	77.0	8.2	8.3	8.0	Independent Samples t-Test	0.05	Significant	
- Print	Print	81.0	79.0	83.0	7.6	7.4	7.5				
Comparison Summary											
- Comprehension Difference	Digital vs. Print	-3.5	-6.0	-4.0					0.04	Significant	
- Retention Difference	Digital vs. Print	-4.5	-6.0	-5.0					0.03	Significant	
- Academic Performance Diff.	Digital vs. Print	-5.5	-9.0	-6.0					0.05	Significant	

(Source: SPSS output)

Interpretation:

The data presented in Table No. 8.2 provides a detailed comparison of the effectiveness of digital versus print resources in terms of user comprehension, retention, and academic performance. The results reveal that, on average, print resources consistently outperform digital resources across all three evaluation criteria.

In terms of comprehension, the mean score for print resources is 82.0, which is higher than the 78.5 mean score for digital resources. Similarly, print resources also have superior retention and academic performance scores, with means of 80.5 and 81.0, respectively, compared to 76.0 and 75.5 for digital resources. The differences in comprehension, retention, and academic performance between the two resource types are statistically significant, as indicated by the p-values (0.04 for comprehension, 0.03 for retention, and 0.05 for academic performance), all of which are below the significance level of 0.05.

The standard deviation values indicate that there is a relatively consistent variation in scores within both resource types, with print resources generally showing slightly less variability compared to digital resources. This suggests that print resources not only tend to result in better outcomes but also do so more consistently across users.

The comparison summary highlights the differences in performance between digital and print resources, showing that print resources have higher comprehension (by 3.5 points), retention (by 4.5 points), and academic performance (by 5.5 points) scores compared to digital resources. These differences are all statistically significant, reinforcing the conclusion that print resources are generally more effective in enhancing comprehension, retention, and academic performance among users.

This analysis suggests that while digital resources are widely used and valued, print resources remain crucial for achieving better academic outcomes, particularly in terms of comprehension and retention.

ANALYZE USER PREFERENCES AND PATTERNS OF RESOURCE UTILIZATION IN LIBRARIES, COMPARING DIGITAL AND PRINT RESOURCES:

Hypothesis Statement

H0: There is no significant difference in user preferences, frequency of use, context of use, user satisfaction, and perceived effectiveness between digital and print resources.

H1: There is a significant difference in user preferences, frequency of use, context of use, user satisfaction, and perceived effectiveness between digital and print resources.

Table No 8.3 shows the Analysis of User Preferences and Resource Utilization Patterns

Crit eria	Res our ce Ty pe	Ave rage Fre que ncy of Use (per wee k)	Pri mar y Con text of Use	User Satis facti on (1- 5)	Perce ived Effec tiven ess (1-5)	Out co me Sco re (1- 5)	Stan dard Devi ation (Fre quen cy)	Stan dard Devi ation (Sati sfacti on)	Stand ard Devia tion (Effe ctiven ess)	Stand ard Devia tion (Ou tco me)	Test Use d	p- V al ue	Sign ifica nce (α = 0.05)
Frequency of Use													
- Dig ital Res our ces	Dig ital	5.0	Res earc h (60 %)	4.2	4.1	3.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7	Inde pend ent Sam ples t- Test	0. 0 2	Sign ifica nt
- Prin t Mat eria ls	Pri nt	3.5	Dee p Rea din g (40 %)	4.5	4.4	4.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5			
Primary Context of Use													
- Dig ital Res our ces	Dig ital	5.0	Stu dy (30 %), Oth er (10 %)	4.2	4.1	3.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7	Inde pend ent Sam ples t- Test	0. 0 3	Sign ifica nt
- Prin t Mat eria ls	Pri nt	3.5	Ref ere nce (30 %), Oth er (30 %)	4.5	4.4	4.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5			

			%)										
User Satisfaction													
- Digital Resources	Digital	5.0	Research, Study	4.2	4.1	3.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7	Independent Samples t-Test	0.04	Significant
- Print Materials	Print	3.5	Deep Reading, Reference	4.5	4.4	4.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5			
Perceived Effectiveness													
- Digital Resources	Digital	5.0	Research, Study	4.2	4.1	3.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7	Independent Samples t-Test	0.05	Significant
- Print Materials	Print	3.5	Deep Reading, Reference	4.5	4.4	4.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5			
Outcomes													
- Digital Resources	Digital	5.0	Research, Study	4.2	4.1	3.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7	Independent Samples t-Test	0.03	Significant
- Print Materials	Print	3.5	Deep Reading,	4.5	4.4	4.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5			

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(Source: SPSS output)

Interpretation:

The data in Table No. 8.3 provides an insightful analysis of user preferences and resource utilization patterns between digital resources and print materials in a library setting. The comparison reveals significant differences in frequency of use, context of use, user satisfaction, perceived effectiveness, and outcomes between the two resource types.

Frequency of Use: Digital resources are utilized more frequently, with an average of 5.0 times per week, primarily for research (60%) and study (30%) purposes. In contrast, print materials are used less frequently, averaging 3.5 times per week, mainly for deep reading (40%) and reference purposes (30%). The higher frequency of digital resource usage is statistically significant, as indicated by the p-value of 0.02, reflecting a strong preference for digital resources among users.

Primary Context of Use: Digital resources are predominantly used for research and study, while print materials are favoured for deep reading and reference. The contexts in which these resources are used align with their perceived strengths, as digital resources offer convenience and accessibility for research, while print materials support focused reading and in-depth understanding.

User Satisfaction and Perceived Effectiveness: Despite the higher frequency of digital resource usage, print materials receive higher satisfaction and effectiveness ratings. Print materials score 4.5 on both user satisfaction and perceived effectiveness scales, compared to 4.2 and 4.1, respectively, for digital resources. The differences in satisfaction and effectiveness between the two resource types are statistically significant (p-values of 0.04 and 0.05, respectively), suggesting that users find print materials more satisfying and effective for certain academic tasks.

Outcomes: The outcome score, which reflects the perceived success or usefulness of the resources, also favours print materials, with a score of 4.5 compared to 3.8 for digital resources. This significant difference (p-value of 0.03) highlights the higher perceived value of print materials in achieving desired academic outcomes, particularly in tasks that require deep comprehension and retention.

Overall, the analysis suggests that while digital resources are more frequently used due to their accessibility and utility in research and study, print materials are valued for their

effectiveness and satisfaction in contexts that demand deeper engagement, such as deep reading and reference. The statistically significant differences across these dimensions underscore the importance of offering a balanced mix of digital and print resources to cater to the diverse needs of library users.

9. Findings, Suggestions and Conclusion

Overall Findings:

The demographic analysis of the study participants reveals a balanced representation in terms of gender, with slightly more males (50%) than females (46.7%), and a small percentage (3.3%) identifying as other. The majority of participants fall within the 18-24 age group (40%), followed by those aged 25-34 years (33.3%). Education-wise, undergraduates constitute the largest group (43.3%), while the field of study is most represented by Natural Sciences (26.7%), followed by Social Sciences (23.3%).

The evaluation of digital versus print resources indicates that print materials outperform digital resources in terms of comprehension, retention, and academic performance. Specifically, print resources lead to higher mean scores across all these metrics, with statistically significant differences in comprehension ($p = 0.04$), retention ($p = 0.03$), and academic performance ($p = 0.05$). The data suggests that print materials are particularly effective for deep reading and tasks requiring sustained focus.

The analysis of user preferences and resource utilization patterns shows that digital resources are used more frequently than print materials, especially for research purposes. However, print materials score higher in user satisfaction, perceived effectiveness, and outcome scores, with significant p -values indicating that users find print materials more effective and satisfying for certain academic tasks.

Suggestions:

- Libraries should continue to provide a balanced mix of digital and print resources to cater to the diverse needs of users. While digital resources are highly valued for research and frequent use, print materials are crucial for tasks requiring deep engagement.
- Efforts should be made to improve the effectiveness of digital resources in enhancing comprehension and retention, perhaps through better user interfaces, more interactive content, and training sessions on how to effectively use these resources.
- Libraries should consider offering targeted support and resources based on the demographic data. For instance, younger users (18-24 years) and undergraduates, who form

the largest user groups, may benefit from tailored guidance on utilizing both digital and print resources effectively.

- Given the higher satisfaction and effectiveness ratings for print resources, libraries should promote the continued use of print materials, especially for activities like deep reading and comprehensive study, where they excel.

Conclusion:

The study highlights the complementary roles of digital and print resources in a library setting. While digital resources are more frequently used due to their accessibility and suitability for research, print materials continue to hold significant value for tasks that require deep comprehension, retention, and focused academic performance. The findings underscore the need for libraries to maintain a diverse collection of resources and to continually assess and adapt to the evolving preferences and needs of their users. By doing so, libraries can ensure that they remain effective in supporting the academic success and overall satisfaction of their patrons.

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