

Review of: "[General Review] Digital Transformation of Government Public Library Services in Bangladesh"

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The current state of the manuscript is inadequate to be published as a research paper, although it could be considered as a conference paper. Depending on the author's goal (journal publication, conference presentation/proceeding, etc), there might be a need to revise the manuscript to make it suitable to be published as a full review article. Also, despite relying on literature review for the research, the review of literature is not very thorough. Note that for a paper like yours without data to analyze and present, you rely on the in-depth analysis of literature. I have broken down some of the issues as follows:

Citation issues

There are several citation issues. See examples below:

The first citation "'Focus on rights in the digital age - OECD", 2023" should be OECD, 2023

"Transforming Our Libraries from Analog to Digital", 2017

Abstract

Approach/Methodology: This seems inadequate in its current state. Apart from the review of "existing literature to present status of digitalization in public libraries in Bangladesh, taking into account the difficulties encountered", there is a need to indicate your approach to selected the literature reviewed, the scope and the key terms used to search for relevant literature for the study. Is it a scoping or systematic review.

Originality/value: This is mostly used to justify the contribution of the research to literature. The author states the "potential advantages of digitizing public libraries in Bangladesh, such as improved access to information and more efficient management, have not before been investigated." However, Although the author might be contributing to research in this areas in a unique way, a quick search shows that there are studies already conducted on the subject in Bangladesh.

Introduction

The introduction section is too short. Ideally this should cover some background information to the research, and then lead to the aim of the paper. The aim was indicated somewhere in the first paragraph, but it would be better to place it at the end. That is after discussing the background to the study, you then state the aim of the paper.

The world view of Digital transformation of Public Libraries

This section is quite scanty. For example, each continue under review does not take a dive into the subject from different perspectives. Saying “Many nations in Europe have recently prioritized the digitization of public libraries” does not necessarily cover the whole of Europe if not backed by literature and specific examples from countries in Europe.

In addition, the author skipped Africa in this section. In a paper like this, it might help to review literature about. It might help to compare Bangladesh to other developing countries in Africa because there are lots of published research on this topic published by researchers from Africa. Some of the findings or recommendations in developing countries could be useful to your recommendations for Bangladesh because developing countries usually face certain peculiar challenges that might not be discussed in research conducted in developed countries.

References

Clean up the reference list. I believe you are using the APA style and you need to review each reference and ensure their accuracy. For example the first reference “adbheadhoncho. (2022), “e-Government and Digital Transformation”,Asian Development Bank” was published by the Asian Development Bank and “adbheadhoncho” cannot be found anywhere in the document.

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All the best.