

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

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This article clearly tells me that the digitisation of public libraries in Bangladesh is an ongoing process and it hints that their development is slower than in other parts of the world. It lists countries that have libraries with digital resources, stating that this is good for customers. The author gives a general summary of groups of articles about digitisation.

However, the article does not tell me why the author chose this subject, has he worked in Bangladesh libraries? nor does it explain exactly what Bangladesh public libraries are like with examples of what has or has not been digitised, or any timescale for their development. For instance, catalogues, loans of e-books, Library management systems, etc. Neither does it specify and detail the digital resources of libraries in each of the other countries.

I would like to have seen some solid evidence of the threats to developing digitised libraries; the problems with infrastructure and why are there not sufficiently trained staff. It would also be useful to include discussion based on differences of opinion found in the literature. Such as Y says this, whereas X states that. I would like to see a clear list of advantages and disadvantages of digitisation.

I also noticed that some of the documents referenced do not appear to be relevant to the main thrust of the article. For example, “**adbheadhoncho. (2022), “e-Government and Digital Transformation”, *Asian Development Bank, Text*, 8 December, available at: <https://www.adb.org/projects/55211-001/main> (accessed 18 January 2023).**” is wrongly attributed - the author should be correctly named, and the report does not actually mention libraries. Its relevance should be made more explicit.

A point of grammar, the phrase “**Libraries, traditionally the primary information providers, have...**” should read “**Traditionally the primary information providers, libraries have...**”. So just to sum up what I have mentioned, there is a basic concept and framework of the article, it just needs to be expanded with detail.