

Online museums and libraries altogether for learning in digital era

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Abstract

This article brought out to discuss the mechanism of online learning. It explores the functional perspective towards building smart ethics of knowledge management in the field of teaching and learning through the e-resources. It emphasizes how the digital Libraries and virtual Museums can support human beings for growth of knowledge on the basis of their content feeding. This article also explores the scope of learning prospects in a rapidly transforming society and culture.

Keywords: Virtual Museum, e-Library, e-Books, Online Learning, Information System.

Introduction

The library is a heart of an institution and learning is as important as food for life. Books are the best source of learning. In the present scenario the e-library creates a virtual environment for the growth of knowledge. e-Books store knowledge recorded in digital medium. On the other hand Museums may provide best knowledge feed through the digital objects. Knowledge is important not only for research but also used for preventing culture, information support is of great importance in all professions like the Museums especially in awareness of culture and society throughout the world. This study highlighting the scope of virtual Museums and e-Libraries in knowledge sharing, online information systems and services that help humans for literature search.⁵

Books and the Museum Objects

Online teaching and learning has gained momentum since the Covid-19 pandemic took place globally. However, books are the best friend of Human Beings whether it is hard copy or e-book. Reading habits bring human close to the books and libraries.² There are numerous examples where books have been game changer in the life of veteran person. Most Important thing is that you can select books according to your interest, use them, buy them and finally can sell them. On the other hand, Museum can reduce stress by visiting diorama, gaining knowledge with the objects and books; therefore, the best way to reach out culture is to go to the Museums.

Virtual Museums and E- Objects

It is useful for all those who are interested in learning through the past, there are several virtual Museums offering virtual visits online free of cost on the internet, the links are given below:⁸

S. No.	Source/Name	Link/URL	Description
1	National Children Museum	http://nationalbalbhavan.nic.in/attractions/national-children-museum.html	It is best source for school-age children to develop creativity and potential of every child nurture their curiosity and imagination, helping them to enjoy childhood and joyful learning.[6]
2	National Museum, New Delhi	http://nationalmuseumindia.gov.in/	Collection of art objects of Historical, cultural and artistic significance for the purpose preservation and interpretation (research) and disseminate knowledge about the significance of

			the objects in respect of history, culture and artistic excellence and achievements.
3	Indian Museum, Kolkata	http://museumsfindia.gov.in/repository/museum/im_kol	Indian Museum is one of the remarkable events towards the development of heritage and culture of India
4	National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi	http://ngmaindia.gov.in/	National Gallery of Modern Art helps people to look at the works of modern art with greater joy, understanding and knowledge by extending their relationship with our daily life and experiencing them as vital expressions of the human spirit
5	Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad	http://www.salarjungmuseum.in/	The Salar Jung Museum of Hyderabad is a repository of the artistic achievements of diverse European, Asian and Far Eastern countries of the world.

Access to Digital Library and E- Resources

For all age readers who have developed online reading habits, there are several digital libraries offering online access free of cost, the links are given below:⁷

S. No.	Source/Name	Link/URL	Description
	Hathi Trust	https://www.hathitrust.org/	HathiTrust is a partnership of academic and research institutions, offering a collection of millions of titles digitized from libraries around the world.
	Internet Archive	https://archive.org/	Internet Archive: is a non-profit library of millions of free books, movies, software, music, websites, and more.
	Khan Academy	https://www.khanacademy.org/	Khan Academy non-profit educational organization. It provides short lessons in the form of videos.
	NDLI	https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in/	Educational materials available for all subject areas like Technology, Social Science, Literature, Law, Medical, etc.
	Open Library	https://openlibrary.org/	Open Library is an open source towards a web page for every book ever published.
	Project Gutenberg	https://www.gutenberg.org/	Project Gutenberg is a volunteer effort to digitize and archive cultural works.
	World Digital Library	https://www.wdl.org/en/	The World Digital Library provides free access to manuscripts, rare books, maps, photographs, and other important cultural documents from all countries.

Conclusion

The Museums and Libraries are unique in terms of their collection, objectives and services. This article brought out to increase awareness about the online learning through the e-Books/ virtual visits among the stakeholders and also explore the role of Museums and Libraries altogether for Teaching and Learning. Library books can integrate human mind with knowledge substances for their skill development while Museums visits serve the society in tremendous ways by providing various information feeds. Museums and Libraries offer various innovative services to keep users update with the latest information, knowledge and skills.

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