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Abstract

The purpose of this study was to evaluate the standards applied in the establishment of libraries at polytechnic college libraries in Zimbabwe. It was observed that polytechnic college libraries were understaffed, they did not have enough library resources, had limited study facilities, poor library resources, limited finance and they was no standard to measure the effectiveness of these libraries. The researcher reviewed literature in order to find out what other researchers had found out. The evaluative method and survey methods were used as methodology. To gather data, the interview and questionnaire instruments were used. The data gathered was sorted out and analysed. It was found out that there was no standard document that stated the requirements of the libraries except the NLDS Act. However, the NLDS Act did not have thorough details on the requirements. Therefore, there was a need to solve these disparities. Thus it was recommended that the NLDS together with different library associations and consortiums was to come up with a library policy document that was to cater for, library financing, library collection, staffing, library services, library buildings, seating capacity, study facilities, qualifications of librarians and their position in polytechnic colleges. Consequently, this was to influence different types of libraries in Zimbabwe to come up with their own standards. If this was done successfully polytechnic colleges were not to be denied accreditation by universities to offer Bachelor of Technology programmes.