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**A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF THE PERCEPTIONS OF LIBRARY USERS AT
THE HARARE POLYTECHNIC TOWARDS THE USE OF PRINTED BOOKS
AND ELECTRONIC RESOURCES.**

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Abstract

This researcher is comparative study of the perceptions of library users towards the print and electronic resources provided by the Polytechnic Library. The research focused on comparing the perceptions of library users towards the resources that are offered by the library. The researcher used the comparative research methodology to find out the similarities and differences between the two research entities namely Print and Electronic resources that are provided by the Harare Polytechnic Library. The comparison involved firstly, identifying the entities then secondly giving a historical background of the entities and then shuttling to and from the areas of similarities and differences.

The researcher found out that overally the library users perceive print resources to be very critical for their studies even though they appreciate the value of electronic resources that they access on the Internet. The research also found that Print and Electronic resources do compliment each other and library users do appreciate both despite the merits and demerits of these resources.