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## Abstract

The study sought to investigate the users' information seeking behaviour at the RBZ library using Eisernberg and Berkowitz's (1992) model of information seeking as the framework of analysis. The descriptive survey methodology was used with questionnaires, interviews and observation as the data gathering instruments. The study sample included 65 users and 4 library staff. A 96.9% return rate was obtained. The study found that users lacked the ability to use retrieval devices such as catalogues and indexes. Users also lacked knowledge and awareness of the information resources held by the library and the ability to utilise them. The study recommended that the library should incorporate continuous user training, market library resources and services to the users, improve on the arrangement of the library and developing high quality resources to the needs of users.