

X. SUGGESTIONS

Based on the findings and analysis of data the following suggestions are recommended. Based on the recommendation of the respondents it is suggested that the higher educational institutions should continue to adopt webinars services and focused on motivating, encouraging the library professionals to enhance their digital skills to be in pace with the present digital age.

A. Librarian Activism

1. Experience Sharing

It is responsibility of the library professionals to document their experience in handling the challenge of functioning the library during the Covid-19 crisis and the initiatives taken by them for employee safety and welfare, library service initiatives, initiatives for the users, initiatives for the community, best practices etc. and publish the same to be shared among the library / academic community.

Similarly like this article the library professionals should document and share their predictions, ideas, plans and initiatives on the preparedness for the post pandemic “New Normalcy” functioning of the Library. The post crisis recovery handling documentation will be a boon for the library community. Documentation of the initiatives during any crisis, distress or disaster situation and post crisis or disaster situation like flood, earthquake, cyclone etc. will help the library community at large and the academic institutions to adopt the best practices and implement the same based on their requirement in order to improve the service to all the stakeholders.

2. Professional Activism

It is the responsibility of the library professional to raise themselves for professional issues such as open access, flexible copyright, unfair business practice by publishers, employee rights and end the digital divide etc. They should document and share their views for the benefit of all the stakeholders of the library.

XI. CONCLUSION

I conclude that in spite of all these hardships, sufferings, losses and challenges we undergo, this pandemic has offered us a lot of positive outcomes like

1. We have learned a lot of things both professionally, operationally, functionally, personally, culturally, through our experience during this Pandemic crisis.
2. We have changed a lot and got adapted to the situation and flourish.

3. We learn and grow during the quarantine period and have improved our skills.
4. This experience made us to thrive in this new reality.
5. This experience taught us that libraries need to be nimbler and more responsive than ever before to cope with this dynamically changing technology driven information age.
6. The new information era library professionals, should always be ready to face a challenging situation and abreast with current trends and technologies.

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