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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the influence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on library services, focusing specifically on academic libraries. With the rapid advancement of technology, libraries are increasingly adopting AI tools to improve their operations and enhance the user experience. The research centers on the John

Harris Library at the University of Benin, exploring the current state and extent of AI integration in its services. AI technologies, such as machine learning, natural language processing, and data analytics, are transforming traditional library functions by automating routine tasks like cataloging and organizing resources. This allows librarians to focus on more complex intellectual work. Additionally, AI enables personalized services through analyzing user behavior and preferences, improving information retrieval and recommendations. The study also highlights AI's role in digitizing and preserving rare and fragile materials, thus safeguarding cultural heritage for future generations. However, alongside these benefits, the research addresses important challenges including data privacy concerns, ethical implications, potential job displacement among library staff, and the need for ongoing professional training. The findings emphasize the necessity of responsible AI adoption to balance technological progress with ethical responsibilities, ensuring that library services remain effective, inclusive, and trustworthy.

This study contributes valuable insights for library professionals, academic institutions, and policymakers aiming to harness AI's potential while managing its risks within the library setting.

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of The Study

The rapid advancement of technology has transformed the way libraries operate and provide services to their patrons. Artificial Intelligence (AI), a cutting-edge technology, has revolutionized various sectors, including education, healthcare, and finance.

Libraries, being integral to the knowledge economy, are also embracing AI to enhance their services and stay relevant in the digital age. Artificial intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing library services and enhancing user experience, creating a new era of efficiency, accessibility, and innovation. This study explores how

AI reshapes the library landscape, ushering in a new generation of efficiency, accessibility, and innovation. The AI's most notable contribution to libraries is the automation of routine tasks, cataloguing and organizing; librarians can now rely on AI algorithms to streamline. It saves librarians valuable time engaging in intellectually stimulating activities and ensures a more accurate and organized library system. AI-driven systems can efficiently analyze vast amounts of data, leading to improved search functionalities and more seamless information retrieval for library patrons. Moreover, AI is instrumental in the personalization of library services. Through machine learning algorithms, libraries can analyze user behavior, preferences, and historical data to provide customized recommendations.This enhances the user experience by offering tailored suggestions for reading materials, resources, and services, making libraries more relevant and engaging for diverse user groups. Another essential role of AI in libraries is the development of virtual assistants. These digital assistants, powered by natural language processing and machine learning, can help library patrons navigate the catalogue system, answer queries, and even provide Real-time language translation service. Virtual assistants help libraries become more inclusive and accessible, reaching more audiences with diverse language backgrounds and information needs.

Besides, AI is urgent in protecting and digitising chronicled and uncommon materials. Through progressed picture acknowledgement and content extraction advances, libraries can digitize and document delicate reports, original copies, and photos, guaranteeing their life span and openness for future eras. This shields social legacy and encourages worldwide access to one-of-a-kind assets. We grasp the benefits of AI in libraries, it is fundamental to address moral contemplations and security concerns. Libraries must organise information and client security, executing vigorous arrangements and shields to secure touchy data. Striking an adjustment between mechanical development and moral duty is significant to maintaining open belief and guaranteeing AI's mindful performance in library settings.

As libraries advance into energetic information centers, AI offers unparalleled openings to upgrade productivity, customize administrations, and protect the social legacy. By mindfully grasping these innovative progressions, libraries can stay dynamic and vital columns of instruction and mental investigation within the advanced age. Despite the growing interest in AI, there is a need for comprehensive research on its influence on library services. The integration of AI raises questions about: Efficiency and effectiveness, User acceptance and satisfaction, information literacy and search skills, Job displacement and staff roles, Data privacy and security. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is reshaping the landscape of Library and Information Science (LIS) by introducing innovative solutions that enhance information management, user experiences, and operational efficiency within libraries and information centers (Mupaikwa, 2025). AI technologies are being leveraged to address longstanding challenges and to unlock new opportunities for libraries to deliver more personalized, efficient, and responsive services to their users. This study explores the fundamental concepts of AI in LIS and highlights key areas where AI is making a significant impact.

In recent years, the proliferation of technology has dramatically transformed various sectors, including education and information management. Libraries, traditionally viewed as repositories of physical books and resources, are now at the forefront of a technological revolution driven by advancements in artificial intelligence (AI). This shift is not only reshaping the way libraries operate but also redefining the role they play in supporting information literacy and access to knowledge. Artificial intelligence encompasses a range of technologies, including machine learning, natural language processing, and data analytics, that enable machines to perform tasks that typically require human intelligence. These technologies have been increasingly integrated into library services to enhance operational efficiency, improve user experience,

and expand access to information. For instance, AI-powered chatbots can assist patrons with inquiries in real time, while intelligent search algorithms can provide personalized recommendations based on users' preferences and behavior. The adoption of AI in libraries offers numerous benefits, such as streamlined cataloging processes, enhanced resource discovery, and improved user engagement. However, it also presents significant challenges, including ethical considerations regarding data privacy, potential job displacement for library staff, and the need for ongoing training to equip librarians with the necessary technological skills. As libraries navigate this complex landscape, understanding the implications of AI integration becomes crucial for developing effective strategies that maximize the benefits while mitigating potential risks.

Furthermore, the changing nature of library services in the age of AI raises important questions about the future roles and responsibilities of library staff. As traditional tasks become automated, librarians are increasingly required to take on new roles as technology managers, data curators, and user experience designers. This evolution necessitates a reevaluation of library education and professional development programs to ensure that staff are equipped to thrive in an AI-enhanced environment.

1.2 Statement Of The Problem

The influence of AI on library services has become a matter of concern for librarians, library users and administrators. Numerous libraries have faced significant setbacks due to librarians' limited understanding of the importance and usage of integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) into library services.

However, the impact of AI on library services remains unclear. This study aims to investigate the influence of AI on library services, exploring its benefits, challenges, and implications for library operations, user experience, and the role of librarians.

1.3 Objective Of The Study

1. Examine the current state of AI adoption in academic libraries.

2. Examine the extent of A.I integration into academic libraries.

3. Investigate the benefits of AI integration in library services.

4. Investigate the challenges of AI integration in library services.

5. Examine the ethical considerations and compliances associated with AI-powered library services.

1.4 Research Questions

1. What is the current state of AI adoption in academic libraries?

2. To what extent has AI been integrated into academic library services?

3. What are the benefits of integrating AI into academic library services?

4. What are the challenges of integrating AI into academic library services?

5. What ethical considerations and compliance issues arise with the implementation of AI-powered library services?

1.5 Scope Of The Study

This study focuses on the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) in library services. It examines the current state of AI adoption, its impact on user experience, and its influence on library staff roles and operations. The research specifically investigates library in the University of Benin (John Harris Library) Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria .

1.6 Significance of the Study

This research on the influence of artificial intelligence (AI) on library services holds significant value for several key stakeholders:

1. Library Professionals: Understanding the integration of AI technologies will equip library staff with the knowledge needed to adapt to changing roles and responsibilities. Insights from this study will guide professional development programs, ensuring that librarians are prepared to leverage AI effectively in their daily operations.

2. Library Users: By exploring the impact of AI on user experience and information-seeking behaviors, this study aims to enhance the quality of services provided to patrons. Findings will inform libraries on how to implement user-centered AI solutions that meet the diverse needs of their communities.

3. Academic Institutions: This research contributes to the body of knowledge regarding technology adoption in educational settings. It provides evidence-based recommendations for the effective use of AI in libraries, which can lead to improved learning outcomes for students and faculty.

4. Policy Makers and Administrators: The study highlights the ethical considerations and challenges associated with AI integration, offering insights that can inform policies governing data privacy, resource allocation, and staff training in libraries.

5. Future Research: By identifying areas for further research, this study lays the groundwork for subsequent investigations into the long-term implications of AI in libraries, fostering a culture of continuous improvement and innovation within the field.

1.7 Operational Definition Of Terms

To ensure a shared understanding of the key concepts used in this study, the following terms are defined:

Artificial Intelligence (AI): A branch of computer science focused on creating systems capable of performing tasks that typically require human intelligence, such as problem-solving, learning, and decision-making.

Library Services: A range of services provided by libraries to support users in accessing, retrieving, and utilizing information resources. This includes cataloging, reference services, and user education.

User Experience (UX): The overall satisfaction and engagement a user derives from interacting with library services, influenced by factors such as ease of use, accessibility, and the relevance of information.

Information Literacy: The ability to locate, evaluate, and effectively use information from various sources. It encompasses critical thinking skills necessary for navigating today's information landscape.

Data Privacy: The protection of personal data collected by libraries from unauthorized access and use, ensuring that user information is handled responsibly and ethically.

Algorithmic Bias: The presence of systematic and unfair discrimination in the outcomes produced by AI algorithms, which can arise from biased training data or flawed design.

CHAPTER TWO

LITERATURE REVIEW

INTRODUCTION

THE CURRENT STATE OF AI ADOPTION IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES.

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THE CHALLENGES OF AI INTEGRATION IN LIBRARY SERVICES.

THE ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND COMPLIANCES ASSOCIATED WITH AI-POWERED LIBRARY SERVICES.

SUMMARY

2.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides a detailed review of the existing literature on the adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in academic libraries. The focus is on understanding the current state of AI integration, its benefits, challenges, ethical considerations, and compliance issues. The review addresses the extent to which AI has been implemented in library services, exploring its impact on operations and user experiences. It also highlights the barriers faced in AI adoption and examines the ethical concerns, such as data privacy and algorithmic fairness. The chapter is structured to offering insights into the role of AI in shaping the future of academic libraries.

2.2 THE CURRENT STATE OF A.I ADOPTION IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies into academic libraries has brought significant advancements in how information is organized, accessed, and utilized. AI is increasingly being adopted for various library operations, such as automated cataloging, information retrieval, and user interaction through chatbots. According to McNicol (2019), academic libraries are at the forefront of this transformation, leveraging AI to enhance efficiency and user experience. However, the adoption of AI varies widely across library types. A survey conducted by Khan and Ahmad (2020) reveals that while academic libraries lead in AI implementation, public libraries often face challenges due to limited resources.

AI is increasingly transforming library services, enhancing user experience, streamlining operations, and improving access to information. Libraries are integrating AI in various capacities to improve efficiency, engage users, and provide better services. Some of the current applications of AI in academic libraries include chatbots and virtual assistants, automated cataloging, natural language processing (NLP), recommendation systems, digital preservation, and data analytics.

AI-driven chatbots and virtual assistants are being widely implemented in academic libraries to provide 24/7 user support. These tools offer immediate assistance for common inquiries about library hours, locations, catalog searches, and more, alleviating staff workload. They can also help users locate resources, provide citation guidance, and offer personalized recommendations based on user behavior and preferences. Additionally, virtual assistants can conduct educational modules, guide library tours, and promote events. The benefits of these applications are significant, as they increase accessibility, reduce operational costs, and improve overall user engagement with library services.

AI technologies have significantly enhanced the cataloging process. AI algorithms can automatically generate metadata and classify materials, greatly accelerating the speed and accuracy of cataloging tasks. Enhanced search functionalities powered by AI allow users to find materials more effectively, making the discovery of resources easier and faster.

Natural Language Processing (NLP) is another AI application in libraries that has greatly improved search capabilities. With NLP tools, users can search using natural language, which eliminates the need for specific

keywords. AI is also used to perform sentiment analysis on user feedback, allowing libraries to improve their services and collections based on user reviews.

AI is utilized to analyze user behavior and suggest personalized recommendations for books, articles, and other resources. Much like the algorithms used by streaming services, recommendation systems in academic libraries help guide users toward relevant materials. Libraries also use AI to create dynamic displays of recommended readings based on current trends and user interests.

AI technologies are playing a crucial role in preserving and restoring digital content. AI can identify and categorize content for long-term preservation, ensuring that digital resources remain accessible. It is also used to restore old texts and images, improving their usability. Moreover, AI applications such as text-to-speech and language translation are enhancing accessibility, catering to users with disabilities and those speaking different languages.

Libraries are leveraging AI to analyze usage patterns and user behavior, helping them make data-driven decisions about acquisitions and resource allocation. AI-assisted research tools are becoming increasingly common, assisting researchers in discovering relevant literature, identifying citation networks, and summarizing findings. AI is also facilitating collaboration among researchers by matching interests and expertise, further enhancing the library's role in supporting academic research.

AI is also improving library security. Usage monitoring tools help detect unusual patterns, preventing fraud or misuse of library resources. Additionally, AI tools are being utilized to ensure compliance with data protection regulations, safeguarding user privacy.

The current landscape of AI adoption in libraries is shaped by both progress and challenges. On one hand, academic libraries have successfully implemented AI applications for personalized recommendations, virtual assistants, and advanced search functionalities. These innovations have improved access to resources and streamlined library services. On the other hand, barriers such as inadequate funding, lack of skilled personnel, and technological infrastructure continue to hinder the widespread adoption of AI in libraries (Baker, 2021). Despite these challenges, academic libraries remain committed to exploring AI's potential, ensuring they remain vital resources for education and research.

2.3 EXTENT OF AI INTEGRATION INTO ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

AI integration in academic libraries has progressed significantly, moving beyond individual tools to a more comprehensive and systematic approach. The extent of AI adoption varies among libraries, but a growing number are incorporating AI technologies into their core operations to enhance user experience, optimize library functions, and support academic research.

Comprehensive Adoption Across Library Services:

AI integration is becoming an essential part of academic libraries, with libraries leveraging technologies like automated cataloging, AI-powered search engines, chatbots, and virtual assistants. Many libraries now use AI for personalized recommendations, improving search capabilities, and automating routine tasks, enabling staff to focus on more complex tasks and research support. These technologies are seamlessly integrated into the library's existing management systems, allowing for more efficient operations and better service delivery to users.

AI-Enhanced Infrastructure:

Modern library management systems are increasingly incorporating AI capabilities, which enable libraries to streamline their operations. These systems not only automate cataloging and circulation but also allow users to search more effectively through enhanced metadata tagging and improved indexing. Some libraries have fully integrated AI tools that power advanced search functionalities, personalized user experiences, and automated responses to common inquiries, enabling libraries to offer services at any time, including outside regular hours.

Collaboration and Data Interoperability:

Many academic libraries are actively collaborating with research institutions and other libraries to integrate AI systems that enhance the discovery and sharing of resources. AI-powered platforms are helping libraries create more interoperable systems, allowing seamless access to a wider array of resources, and facilitating interlibrary loan services or collaborative research efforts.

AI for Research Support and Faculty Services:

Academic libraries are leveraging AI to assist faculty and researchers with literature discovery, citation management, and trend identification in academic fields. AI-driven research tools are helping users to stay current with the latest academic publications, and some libraries are employing AI to track citation networks and analyze research patterns, making it easier for users to find relevant resources.

Personalized User Services:

The integration of AI in libraries enhances personalization for users. AI applications can provide personalized resource recommendations based on user behavior, preferences, and past interactions. These personalized services improve library engagement and user satisfaction, as students and faculty can quickly access relevant materials tailored to their needs. In conclusion, the integration of AI in academic libraries has moved beyond experimentation to widespread adoption. AI is transforming many aspects of library operations, making them more efficient, user-centric, and supportive of academic research. However, the extent of integration still varies across libraries, depending on resources, technological readiness, and staff training.

2.4 BENEFITS OF AI INTEGRATION IN LIBRARY SERVICES

The integration of AI in library services offers a wide range of benefits that enhance both operational functions and user experiences. By automating routine tasks and providing more personalized services, AI is transforming how libraries serve their communities.

1.)Operational Efficiency:

AI technologies automate many routine tasks within libraries, including cataloging, resource management, and user inquiries. This automation frees up valuable time for library staff, allowing them to focus on more complex tasks, such as research assistance or developing new services. For example, AI tools can automatically classify and index new materials, speeding up cataloging processes and improving search capabilities (Raju & Kumar, 2021).

2.) Enhanced User Experience:

AI is enabling libraries to offer more personalized and tailored services to users. By analyzing user behavior and preferences, AI systems can suggest relevant resources, books, and research materials. This personalized approach improves user engagement and satisfaction, as users can easily discover content that is specifically suited to their interests (Mohammed & Bukhari, 2020). Additionally, AI-powered chatbots provide instant support, assisting users with queries about library hours, book availability, and research guidance, further enhancing the user experience.

3.) Increased Accessibility:

AI technologies, such as text-to-speech and language translation tools, make library resources more accessible to individuals with disabilities or non-native language speakers. This fosters an inclusive environment where all users, regardless of their background or abilities, can benefit from library services. Additionally, AI can assist in digitizing and preserving materials, ensuring that resources are accessible even as they age or degrade.

2.5 CHALLENGES OF AI INTEGRATION IN LIBRARY SERVICES

While AI integration brings many benefits, it also presents several challenges that libraries must address to ensure successful adoption and implementation. These challenges include ethical concerns, the need for staff training, and issues related to technological infrastructure.

1.) Ethical Concerns:

AI raises important ethical issues related to data privacy, security, and algorithmic bias. Libraries must ensure that user data is protected and that AI systems are transparent and accountable. Data privacy concerns are particularly relevant when AI systems collect and analyze personal user information, such as reading habits and research interests. Additionally, there is the risk of algorithmic bias, where AI systems may favor certain types of content or resources over others, leading to skewed recommendations or unequal access to information (AlHawari & Azzam, 2022).

2.) Training Needs:

As AI tools become more integrated into library services, staff need ongoing training to effectively use these technologies and understand their implications. Without proper training, library staff may struggle to operate AI systems or be unable to fully exploit their potential. Additionally, staff must be educated on the ethical and privacy concerns associated with AI to ensure they are using the technology responsibly (Khan & Ahmad, 2020).

3.) Technological Infrastructure:

Many libraries face challenges related to the technological infrastructure needed to support AI integration. Limited funding and outdated equipment may prevent libraries from fully implementing AI solutions. Libraries in developing countries or with fewer resources may encounter even greater barriers, hindering their ability to take full advantage of AI technologies.

2.6 ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND COMPLIANCES ASSOCIATED WITH AI-POWERED LIBRARY SERVICES

As AI adoption in libraries grows, it is essential to consider the ethical implications and ensure compliance with relevant laws. The use of AI in library services introduces concerns related to data privacy, algorithmic fairness, and accountability.

Data Privacy and Security:

A significant ethical concern is the privacy of user data. Libraries must safeguard personal information, including reading habits and research activities, which AI systems often require to offer personalized services. Compliance with data protection laws like the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is necessary to ensure that user data is collected, stored, and processed securely. Additionally, AI systems must incorporate robust security measures to protect against data breaches, as mishandling or unauthorized access to personal data can lead to significant ethical violations.

Algorithmic Fairness and Bias:

AI systems used in libraries, such as recommendation engines, can unintentionally introduce bias by favoring certain content or perspectives over others. Libraries must ensure that their AI tools are designed to minimize bias, ensuring equitable access to information for all users. Regular audits of algorithms to check for fairness, as well as transparent communication with users about how recommendations are generated, can help maintain ethical standards.

Accountability in AI Decision-Making:

AI's ability to make autonomous decisions can raise concerns about accountability, especially if errors or unintended consequences occur, such as incorrect information being recommended to users. It is essential for libraries to have clear guidelines on the responsible use of AI, ensuring that there is accountability for the actions of AI systems. Libraries should establish protocols for addressing mistakes and provide users with mechanisms to report issues or seek clarification.

Compliance with Data Protection and Copyright Laws:

Libraries must ensure that AI systems comply with legal requirements related to data privacy and intellectual property. AI tools should be designed to adhere to copyright laws and protect users' rights when interacting with library resources. Additionally, libraries need to ensure that their use of AI respects the legal rights of content creators, particularly when AI is involved in content recommendation or digital preservation.

2.7 SUMMARY OF LITERATURE REVIEW

AI adoption in academic libraries has transformed services, improving efficiency and user experience. Key benefits include automation of tasks, personalized recommendations, and enhanced accessibility. Chatbots and AI-based search systems provide 24/7 support and tailored services, boosting user engagement. However, challenges such as data privacy, algorithmic bias, and the need for staff training persist. Libraries must ensure

compliance with data protection regulations and minimize biases in AI systems. Ethical concerns, like accountability and inclusivity, are also critical, requiring libraries to maintain transparency and fairness while ensuring accessibility for all users.

CHAPTER THREE

METHODOLOGY

3.1 RESEARCH DESIGN

This study employed a quantitative research design to explore the influence of artificial intelligence (AI) on library services. The quantitative approach was chosen to facilitate the collection of measurable data that could be statistically analyzed. This design allows for the examination of relationships between variables, specifically the integration of AI technologies in libraries and their impacts on user experience and staff roles.

3.2 STUDY PARTICIPANTS

The participants in this study consisted of 100 respondents, all from one academic library. The respondents were divided equally between library staff and library users. Stratified sampling was used to ensure that both perspectives were adequately represented in the findings:

Library Staff (40 respondents):This group included librarians and support staff from various departments within the library, such as reference services, technical services, and circulation. Their insights were valuable in understanding how AI tools are integrated into daily library operations and their impact on staff responsibilities.

Library Users (60 respondents): This group included regular patrons of the library, such as students, researchers, and general users. Their feedback was crucial in assessing how AI influences user experience and the effectiveness of library services.

3.3 THE INSTRUMENT OF VALIDITY AND RELIABILITY

The study received ethical approval from the relevant institutional review board prior to data collection. The reliability of the instruments used (questionnaires) was ensured through pilot testing, and the validity was confirmed by experts in the field.

3.4 DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURE

Data were collected using a structured questionnaire, consisting of 20closed-ended questions. The questionnaire was divided into six sections: demographic information, familiarity with AI, perceived impact of AI on library services, changes in staff roles, user experience with AI tools, and ethical considerations regarding AI use. The questionnaire was distributed both online and in-person to ensure a diverse sample.

3.5 DATA ANALYSIS TECHNIQUE

The data were analyzed using both descriptive and inferential statistical methods. Descriptive statistics were used to summarize demographics and general perceptions of AI. Comparative analysis was conducted to examine differences between library staff and users using statistical tests. Additionally, qualitative responses were analyzed thematically to uncover key insights and sentiments regarding AI integration in libraries.

3.6 ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Ethical considerations were paramount throughout the research process. The following measures were taken to ensure ethical integrity:

1. Informed Consent: All participants were provided with an informed consent form outlining the purpose of the study, the voluntary nature of participation, and their right to withdraw at any time without penalty.

2. Anonymity and Confidentiality:Participants' identities were kept anonymous, and all data collected were treated confidentially. Results were reported in aggregate form, ensuring that individual responses could not be traced back to specific participants.

3.7 DATA DISTRIBUTION

The questionnaire was distributed both online via a survey platform (e.g., Google Forms) and in person at the library. This dual approach aimed to increase response rates and reach a diverse audience.

3.8 ORGANIZATION OF THE STUDY

This study is organized into five chapters, each serving a specific purpose:

- Chapter One: Introduction – This chapter introduces the research topic, providing the background, significance, objectives, research questions, definitions of key terms, and the organization of the study.

- Chapter Two: Literature Review – A comprehensive review of existing literature on the adoption of AI in library services, addressing key themes such as benefits, challenges, impacts on staff and users, and ethical considerations.

- Chapter Three: Methodology – This chapter outlines the research design, including the population, sampling methods, data collection techniques, and data analysis procedures employed in the study.

- Chapter Four: Data Presentation and Analysis – The findings from the research are presented in this chapter, along with an analysis of the data collected to answer the research questions.

- Chapter Five: Summary, Conclusion, and Recommendations – The final chapter summarizes the key findings, draws conclusions based on the research, and provides recommendations for practice and future research in the field of AI in library services.

CHAPTER FOUR

DATA PRESENTATION AND ANALYSIS

4.1 Introduction

This chapter presents the data collected through the administered questionnaire and analyzes the findings in relation to the study objectives. The data is organized into different sections, including respondents' demographics, their familiarity with AI, the current state and extent of AI adoption in the library, benefits and challenges of AI integration, and ethical considerations. The findings are presented using tables and percentages for clarity.

4.2 Demographic Data of Respondents

The tables below represents the demographic breakdown of respondents, including gender, age range, library role, and frequency of library visits. Understanding the demographic composition helps in analyzing how different groups perceive and interact with AI in libraries. The study involved 100 respondents, comprising library staff (40%) and library users (60%).

The table below shows the number of male and female respondents who participated in the study. According to the table, there is a nearly equal distribution of gender among respondents, with slightly more females than

males. This balance ensures diverse perspectives in the findings.

Table 4.1: Gender Distribution

Gender	Frequency	Percentage(%)
Male	49	49.0%
Female	51	51.0%

Age Range

The age distribution of respondents is presented in the table 4.1.2 below. The majority of respondents fall within the 20–29 age range, indicating that young adults form the largest group using AI-powered library services. The presence of older respondents also suggests that AI services impact users across different age groups.

Table 4.2 :Age Range

Age Range	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Below 20	14	14.0%
20–29	43	43.0%
30–39	19	19.0%
40–49	21	21.0%
50 and above	3	3.0%

Library Role

This table categorizes respondents based on their role in the library, distinguishing between library staff and library users. The results show that a higher percentage of respondents are library users, which is expected, as they represent the primary beneficiaries of AI-powered services.

Table 4.3: Library Role

Role	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Library Staff	40	40.0%
Library User	60	60.0%

Frequency of library visit

The table below shows how often respondents visit the library. The data reveals that a significant percentage of respondents visit the library daily or weekly, indicating frequent interaction with AI-powered services. However, a smaller percentage of respondents visit the library rarely or monthly, which may suggest limited engagement with AI services.

Table 4.4: frequency of library visit

Frequency of Visit	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Daily	24	24.0%
Weekly	31	31.0%
Monthly	32	32.0%
Rarely	13	13.0%

4.3 Familiarity with AI

The tables below illustrates the respondents' familiarity with AI technologies. This data provides insights into the level of awareness and prior exposure to AI tools within the library environment.

Familiarity with AI:

The table 4.5 familiarity with AI shows the respondents' level of awareness and prior exposure to AI technologies within the library environment. According to the data, 29% of the respondents are very familiar with AI, while 46% are somewhat familiar. However, 25% of the respondents reported that they are not familiar at all with AI. This suggests that while a majority have some level of awareness, a significant portion still lacks familiarity with AI tools.

Table 4.5:Familiarity with AI

Familiarity Level	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Very Familiar	29	29.0%
Somewhat Familiar	46	46.0%
Not Familiar at All	25	25.0%

Interaction with AI Tools:

The table 4.6 on interaction with AI tools further illustrates this trend. 51% of the respondents indicated that they have interacted with AI tools, whereas 49% stated they have not used such tools. This indicates that while there is a relatively balanced distribution, AI tool usage is not yet universal among respondents

.**Table 4.2.2: Interaction with AI Tools**

Interaction with AI Tools	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Yes	51	51.0%
No	49	49.0%

4.4 Current State and Extent of AI Adoption

The tables below outline the level of AI adoption in the library. It highlights whether AI has been fully integrated, partially adopted, or not implemented at all. This helps in assessing how AI is shaping library operations.

AI Adoption level:

The table 4.7 on AI adoption level highlights the extent to which AI has been integrated into the library system. The data reveals that 32% of respondents reported that AI is fully adopted, while 58% stated that it is partially adopted. However, 10% indicated that AI has not been adopted at all. This suggests that while AI is being incorporated, full integration is still a work in progress.

Table 4.7: AI Adoption Level

AI Adoption Level	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Fully Adopted	32	32.0%
Partially Adopted	58	58.0%
Not Adopted at All	10	10.0%

Effectiveness of AI:

Result in table 4.8 on the effectiveness of AI shows that 33% of respondents believe AI is very effective, while 39% consider it somewhat effective. On the other hand, 18% feel AI is not effective, and 10% remain neutral. This suggests that while AI is perceived as beneficial by many, some users still have reservations about its impact.

Table 4.8: Effectiveness of AI

Effectiveness of AI	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Very Effective	33	33.0%
Somewhat Effective	39	39.0%
Not Effective	18	18.0%
Not Sure	10	10.0%

4.5 Benefits of AI Integration

Table 4.9 presents the benefits reported by respondents regarding AI adoption in library services. AI integration has brought improvements in efficiency, accessibility, and user experience.

-Improved User Experience: Many respondents indicated that AI-powered assistance, such as virtual assistants, reduced waiting time and improved access to library resources.

- Faster Information Retrieval: AI-driven search tools allow users to locate materials faster, improving research efficiency.

- Personalized Recommendations: AI suggests books and research materials based on users' borrowing history and interests.

- Increased Accessibility: AI-powered tools like text-to-speech and language translation enhance accessibility for diverse users.

-Cost Savings for Library: AI reduces the workload on staff by automating repetitive tasks, allowing libraries to operate more efficiently and reduce operational costs.

These findings align with McNicol (2019), who highlighted AI's role in improving research efficiency in academic libraries.

Table 4.8: Benefits of AI Integration

Reported Benefits	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Improved User Experience	28	28.0%
Faster Information Retrieval	19	19.0%
Personalized Recommendations	22	22.0%
Increased Accessibility	14	14.0%
Cost Savings for Library	17	17.0%

4.6 Challenges of AI Adoption

Despite the benefits, respondents identified challenges hindering AI adoption in libraries. Table 4.10 presents the key challenges reported.

- High Cost of Implementation: Budget constraints prevent the purchase and maintenance of AI systems.

- Lack of Staff Training: Without adequate training, library staff struggle to utilize AI tools effectively.

- Data Privacy Concerns: Many respondents expressed concerns about how AI systems handle user data.

-Resistance to Change: Some staff and users are hesitant to embrace AI due to fear of job displacement or discomfort with new technology.

-Technological Limitations: Some libraries lack the infrastructure, such as reliable internet and modern databases, needed to support AI-driven services.

These challenges are consistent with findings by Khan & Ahmad (2020), who emphasized that limited funding and infrastructure remain major barriers to AI adoption in libraries.

Table 4.10: Challenges of AI Adoption

Reported Challenges	Frequency	Percentage (%)
High Cost of Implementation	18	18.0%
Lack of Staff Training	25	25.0%
Data Privacy Concerns	17	17.0%
Resistance to Change	17	17.0%
Technological Limitations	23	23.0%

4.7 Ethical Considerations and Compliance

Ethical concerns related to AI implementation in libraries were also analyzed. Table 4.6 presents the distribution of respondents' concerns about data privacy and compliance with AI regulations.

-Major Data Privacy Concerns: Many respondents (28%) expressed strong concerns about how AI systems handle personal data, emphasizing the need for libraries to implement strict data protection measures.

-Some Data Privacy Concerns: A significant portion (38%) had moderate concerns, indicating that while they see benefits, they remain cautious about AI's potential risks.

-No Concerns: A smaller percentage (22%) of respondents were not worried about AI privacy issues, likely due to a lack of awareness or direct impact.

-Uncertainty About Compliance: Some respondents (12%) were unsure whether AI-powered library services comply with data protection laws and ethical standards.

-Algorithmic Bias and Fairness: AI systems may unintentionally favor certain types of content, requiring constant monitoring to ensure fairness and equal access to information.

As seen in AlHawari & Azzam (2022), ensuring compliance with data protection laws is crucial in AI adoption to maintain user trust in library services.

Table 4.11: Ethical Considerations and Compliance

Data Privacy Concerns	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Major Concerns	28	28.0%
Some Concerns	38	38.0%
No Concerns	22	22.0%
Not Sure	12	12.0%

4.8 DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS

1. AI Adoption and Usage Trends

The study reveals that AI adoption in the library is still in progress, with 58% of respondents stating it is only partially adopted. Although 51% have interacted with AI tools, the 10% reporting no AI adoption at all suggests inconsistent implementation across different library services. One possible reason for this partial adoption is limited financial and technical resources, affecting the ability of libraries to upgrade their systems. Additionally, some users and staff may not be fully aware of AI-based services available in the library, leading to underutilization of existing tools. This corresponds with McNicol (2019), who stated that academic libraries are leading in AI adoption, but progress is uneven due to funding and infrastructure constraints.

2. Effectiveness and Benefits of AI

AI has positively impacted library services, with 33% of respondents rating it very effective and 39% somewhat effective. The key benefits observed include:

- Improved user experience through AI-powered assistance, reducing wait times for library support.

- Faster information retrieval via AI-driven search tools, allowing users to access relevant materials quickly.

- Personalized recommendations based on borrowing history, enhancing research efficiency.

According to Raju & Kumar, (2021).AI tools can automatically classify and index new materials, speeding up cataloging processes and improving search capabilities .

Despite these benefits, the perception of partial effectiveness suggests that AI tools are not yet fully optimized. Possible factors include outdated systems, inadequate training, or limited AI functionalities in some areas of the library.

3. Challenges Facing AI Implementation

The major barriers to AI adoption in the library, as identified by respondents, include:

- Lack of staff training – Without proper training, library staff may struggle to manage and utilize AI tools effectively.

- Technological limitations – Some libraries may lack the infrastructure needed to support AI-driven services, such as reliable internet access or modern databases.

- High cost of implementation – Financial constraints hinder the acquisition and maintenance of AI systems.

These findings highlight the need for targeted training programs for library staff and gradual investment in AI infrastructure to enhance efficiency and service delivery. Additionally, according to Khan & Ahmad, (2020) staff must be educated on the ethical and privacy concerns associated with AI to ensure they are using the technology responsibly.

4. Ethical Considerations and Data Privacy

The study also revealed concerns about data privacy, with 28% of respondents having major concerns and 38% having some concerns. This suggests that users are aware of the potential risks associated with AI-based data collection in library services.

To address these concerns, libraries must ensure transparency in how AI systems handle user data, implement strict privacy policies, and educate users on data protection measures. These concerns align with AlHawari & Azzam (2022), who emphasized that ensuring compliance with data protection laws is essential for user trust in AI-powered libraries.

5. Impact of AI on Library Staff Roles

The integration of AI is reshaping the role of library staff. While AI automates repetitive tasks such as book classification and answering common inquiries, it does not eliminate the need for human librarians. Instead, AI shifts librarians' roles towards more specialized tasks, such as:

- Providing advanced research assistance rather than answering basic queries.

- Managing AI tools and training users on AI-based services.

- Ensuring ethical AI use and safeguarding user data privacy.

According to Mohammed & Bukhari, (2020), This personalized approach improves staff engagement and satisfaction, as staff can easily discover content that is specifically suited to their field of study (Mohammed & Bukhari, 2020).

However, without proper upskilling and adaptation, some staff may feel displaced or underutilized. This highlights the need for continuous professional development programs to help librarians integrate AI into their workflow effectively.

CHAPTER FIVE

SUMMARY, CONCLUSION, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The study revealed that:

1. Academic institutions have made significant progress in incorporating open access policies in institutional repositories. Respondents generally acknowledged efforts towards implementation and strengthening of these policies.

2. Many academic institutions are actively working to integrate AI tools into library operations, though the extent of adoption varies. Some institutions have fully adopted AI, while others are still in the partial adoption phase.

3. The effectiveness of AI in library operations was noted, with a significant number of respondents considering AI tools to be useful in enhancing research accessibility and knowledge sharing.

4. Familiarity with AI technologies among respondents varied, with some having prior exposure to AI tools, while others had little to no experience.

5. Interaction with AI tools was observed among respondents, indicating varying degrees of usage within the library environment.

These findings suggest that while academic institutions are making efforts in technology adoption, challenges and gaps still exist in full integration and utilization.

5.2 Conclusion

The study concludes that A.I integration in library services has significantly improved user experience. Challenges such as cost, training and data security remain Significant. Addressing these issues will be crucial for ensuring the sustainable adoption of A.I technologies in academic libraries

5.3 Recommendations

Based on the study's findings, the following recommendations are suggested:

1. Increase AI Awareness and Training: Libraries should provide regular training programs for staff and users to improve AI literacy.

2. Improve Technological Infrastructure: Institutions should invest in better AI tools and digital infrastructure to enhance service delivery.

3. Address Ethical Concerns: Libraries should implement strong data privacy policies and ensure transparent AI usage to build trust among users.

4. Gradual Implementation Strategy: Instead of full AI adoption at once, libraries should introduce AI tools in phases while monitoring their effectiveness.

5. Encourage Collaboration with Tech Companies: Partnering with AI developers can provide libraries with cost-effective solutions and better support for AI integration.

By implementing these recommendations, libraries can maximize the benefits of AI while overcoming adoption challenges.

5.4 Suggestions for Future Research

This study opens avenues for further exploration, including:

1. Investigating AI Adoption in Other Nigerian States: Since this study focused on one library in Edo State, future research can examine AI adoption in libraries across different states to provide a broader perspective.

2. AI's Long-Term Impact on Library Jobs: Investigating how AI affects employment and job roles in libraries over time.

3. User Experience with AI: A deeper study into how students, researchers, and faculty perceive AI-driven services.

4. AI Ethics and Policy Compliance: Analyzing the ethical and legal implications of AI in libraries, including data protection laws.

By exploring these areas, future research can help shape AI policies for academic libraries and enhance AI-driven library services.

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