

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this project titled “*Investigating the Accessibility and Use of Periodicals among Postgraduate Students in Adeleke University, Ede*” has been read and approved as meeting the requirements of the Department of Library and Information Science, Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin, for the Award of National Diploma in Library and Information Science.

A. O. Isiaka
(Supervisor)

Date

A. O. Isiaka
(Head of Department)

Date

S. A. Sulyman
(Project Coordinator)

Date

External Examiner

Date

DEDICATION

This research is dedicated to Almighty God.

DECLARATION

I, ABDULKAREEM, Aishat Bidemi an ND student in the Department of Library and Information Science, Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin, hereby declare that this research project titled *“Investigating the Accessibility and Use of Periodicals among Postgraduate Students in Adeleke University, Ede”*, submitted by me is based on my actual and original work. Any materials obtained from other sources or work done by any other persons or institutions have been duly acknowledged.

ABDULKAREEM, Aishat Bidemi
(ND/23/LIS/FT/0138)

Date

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Glory is to God Almighty for He is the author of wisdom, knowledge and understanding that has made it possible for me to obtain this another degree.

I am profoundly grateful to my supervisor and Head of Department, an erudite scholar, Mr A. O. Isiaka, for his intellectual stimulation, valuable suggestions. He will forever be remembered for his contributions towards the successful completion of this programme. My appreciation goes to other lecturers in the Department of Library and Information Science, Kwara State Polytechnic: Mr. B. A. Aremu, Mr. S. A. Sulyman, Mrs. H. K. Abdulrahaman, Mr. M. A. Taiwo, Mr. S. Saba-Jibril, Mr. A. O. Idris, Mr. Y. O. Saadu and Mrs K. O. Abdulwahab for their contributions.

I am greatly indebted to my parents Mr and Mrs Abdulkareem for their moral and financial support throughout the period of my primary and secondary education which led me into intellectual pursuit of my higher education, which is the best legacy. Special thanks to my siblings, other family members, friends and well-wishers for the love shown to me and financial support throughout this programme. I will never forget the rare words of encouragement they have given me.

Finally, my appreciation goes to the entire administrative staff in the department of Library and Information Science as well as academic and administrative staff in the Institute of Information and Communication Technology, their various words of encouragement led to the successful completion of this work and programme.

ABDULKAREEM, A. B.

July, 2025

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Title Page.....	i
Certification.....	ii
Dedication.....	iii
Declaration.....	iv
Acknowledgements.....	v
Table of Contents.....	vi-vii
Abstract.....	viii

CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

Background to the Study.....	1-5
Statement of the Problem.....	6
Research Objectives.....	7
Research Questions.....	7
Scope of the Study.....	8
Significant of the Study.....	8
Definitions of Key Terms.....	9

CHAPTER TWO: REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

Introduction.....	10
Accessibility of Periodicals in Libraries.....	10-14
Use of Periodicals by Postgraduate Students in Libraries.....	14-17
Accessibility and Use of Periodicals in Libraries.....	17-19
Accessibility and Visibility of Periodicals in Libraries.....	19-27
Theoretical Framework.....	28-30
Appraisal of Reviewed Related Literature	30-31

CHAPTER THREE: METHODOLOGY

Introduction.....	32
Research Design.....	32
Population of the Study.....	33
Sample and Sampling Technique.....	33
Research Instrument.....	33
Validity and Reliability of the Instrument.....	34
Method of Data Collection.....	34-35
Method of Data Analysis.....	35
Ethical Considerations.....	35

CHAPTER FOUR: DATA ANALYSIS AND PRESENTATION

Introduction.....	36
Response Rate.....	36
Analyses of the Research Questions.....	36-39
Discussion of Findings.....	40-41

CHAPTER FIVE: SUMMARY, CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Introduction.....	42
Summary.....	42
Conclusion.....	43
Recommendations.....	43
Contributions to Knowledge.....	44
Suggestions for Further Study.....	44
References.....	45-53
Appendix.....	54-57

Abstract

The study investigated the accessibility and use of periodicals among postgraduate students in Adeleke University, Ede. The descriptive survey design was adopted. The population of the study was 411 respondents drawn from all the departments running postgraduate programs in the university. The sample for the study was 411 and total enumeration sampling technique was used because no sampling was done due to the number of postgraduate students involved. Research questions were raised and answered. The instrument used for data collection was the questionnaire and copies of them were collected and analysed using frequency, mean and standard deviation to answer the research questions. The study found that the tools viable for the accessibility of periodicals are: subject, titles and keywords. The study also revealed that postgraduate students use periodicals by searching, downloading and locating them from multiple sources and retrieve them to meet their information needs. The study also revealed that the postgraduate students used periodicals only for academic purposes. The study concluded that accessibility influenced the use of periodicals among postgraduate students in Adeleke University, Ede. The study's contribution to knowledge is that accessibility and visibility were significant for the use of periodicals in university libraries. The study recommended that: Serials librarians should maintain and sustain the methods of accessibility adopted to enhance usage of periodicals, more attention should be paid in the areas of visibility and accessibility tools; and efforts should be made to augment print and electronic periodicals for use by postgraduate students.

Keywords: Periodicals, Postgraduate Students, Investigating, Accessibility, Use, Adeleke University, Ede