

APPENDIX 8: Comments on library web-based services

Category 1: University law school libraries

<p>A reference librarian is responsible for all aspects of our institutional repository and a second reference librarian is responsible for the maintenance of the library web page. Several librarians contribute to content to the library web page.</p>
<p>A template is supplied by the main library IT department. Law library staff populate and edit the pages.</p>
<p>All these activities are usually done in cooperation with the University library and the faculty of law.</p>
<p>Although I deliver the content of our webpages, the format is decided centrally.</p>
<p>For most of these activities, the library both manages and contributes.</p>
<p>Have own custom web portal - Lawbore. All content created by law librarian.</p>
<p>IT does it all with little input from us.</p>
<p>Law library staff update the library web page which is part of the Law web page. We also manage Facebook and Twitter pages.</p>
<p>LMS run by a library consortium, VLE by faculty.</p>
<p>Most of the activities are done by the library IT department.</p>
<p>See http://libguides.sun.ac.za/law.</p>
<p>Several members of staff are actively engaged in provision of web-based services to patrons.</p>
<p>Since the LMS is commercial, training has been provided by the vendors. Staff contribute in creating and updating the law library webpages.</p>
<p>The library is in charge of technology - both computer and audio visual - for the law school.</p>
<p>The school will be implementing a new institutional repository which the law library will manage.</p>
<p>We manage our own webpages, and provide all content for those pages through the law school website and LibGuides. We also manage the institutional repository, to which some staff members also submit content. University provides a VLE in which teaching library faculty manage their course content.</p>
<p>We will begin our institutional repository this year.</p>

Category 2: Research institute libraries

No comments.

Category 3: Court libraries

Law library management software was created in-house in open source by IT personnel of the High Court with the assistance of the library. Also trying to create (in the library) an e-library for judges at <http://bombayhighcourt.nic.in/libweb/judlibwebindex.html>

We have advisory roles.

We use sharepoint, generally self-managed but with some help from IT. We will be using this platform for the cataloguing and storage of photos and this is being investigated with IT.

Category 4: Government department libraries

Library has a full management team with full administrative responsibilities, its own information architecture and IT teams, and a budget that is independent from the larger institutions (the House and the Senate)

Category 5: Law firm libraries

As a commercial firm, by web pages we mean intranet pages. We also manage the LMS (make changes to the form, customise reports etc.). Also responsible for KM projects and tenders portal.

Run intranet and knowledge system for the firm globally.

Categories 6 and 7: Bar / Law society libraries and Public libraries

No comments

Category 8: Other libraries

I am probably the only person in the library who would consider themselves to be law library staff. I will often contribute by adjusting records or overseeing data collection and investigations aimed at data quality review of older records. Some members of staff with responsibility for maintenance of small open shelf collections with law elements also contribute however, e.g. social science reference services staff, and operational support staff directly linked to patent law collections will adjust holding records etc. Law library web pages = web pages explicitly focussed on legal researchers, traditional legal materials, and materials understood to be useful to varied types of "legal researcher". These include web pages contributed by many curators in different areas, none of whom would describe themselves as law library staff. Management of web pages is performed by an over-arching web management small team, e-services staff who will manage access to subscription resources etc, and developers working on digitisation and discovery initiatives etc.