Use of Library
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Introduction

The mission of universities generally is to teach, conduct research and provide public services, as well as develop and offer academic and professional programmes leading to the award of diplomas, first degrees, postgraduate research and higher degree etc.

Thus, in furtherance of the ideas contained in these documents, the mission of FUTO Library was formulated without losing sight of the fact that the University is first and foremost, a basic collection, providing access to the entire universe of knowledge while ensuring adequate provision of specialized programmes of the University and the needs of its teachers, students and administrators. To this end libraries have continued to acquire and organise information resources in order to satisfy both present and feature users. Thus, the University Library has come a long way in her acquisition of resources both in print and e-resources. A rundown of these resources are explained as follows;

Print Resources

Print resources are utilized in 3 distinct units namely:

 a. User Services Unit

 b. Serials Unit

 c. Documents and Archives Units

 A. **User Services Unit:** This Unit, houses three categories of books namely:

 i. **Textbooks:-** These are books that are read through because of their educational information.

ii. **Reference materials:-** These are to be referred to or consulted and cannot be borrowed. Encyclopaedia, dictionaries, yearbooks fall under this category.

iii. **Reserve collection:-** These are print resources that can be read through and because by their nature they are rare, either out of print or in high demand and cannot be loaned out. They are usually reserved at the instance of a Professor in that particular field.

B. **Serials Unit:** This is a Unit where periodicals and related publications are acquired and processed. The periodicals include:

i. Journals for all the courses offered in the University.

ii. Newspapers: These are the dailies

iii. Postgraduates thesis and dissertation.

C. **Documents and Archives:**

i. **Documents**: They include publications such as, bulletins, inaugural lectures, annual reports and other publications emanating from government ministries and parastatals.

ii. **Archives:** This is a Unit that preserves certain publications emanating from the University, namely Regulations governing the Appointments of both senior and junior staff, FUTO Strategic Plans, matriculation and convocation speeches and brochures etc.

Light Reading

This Unit houses novels for relaxation

E-Resources

Electronic resources in FUTO Library are classed under three distinct types namely:

A. Fee based e-resources

B. Donor agency based e-resources

C. Open access base e-resources

A. **Fee based e-resources:** These are the resources which are subscribed to by the University through vendors or e-resources database owners. These e-resources databases include the following.

   i. ScienceDirect:- These are databases published by Elsevier. It covers areas such as physical science and engineering, social science and humanities, health science etc. It has well over two thousand journals and up to twenty five thousand books.

   ii. ProQuest:- This is a database that provides a single report for scholarly journals, working papers.

   iii. Ebrary: Has hundreds of books in digitized format. It has a wide range of resources in any academic discipline. All these resources are available and dependent on the URL from the University Library.
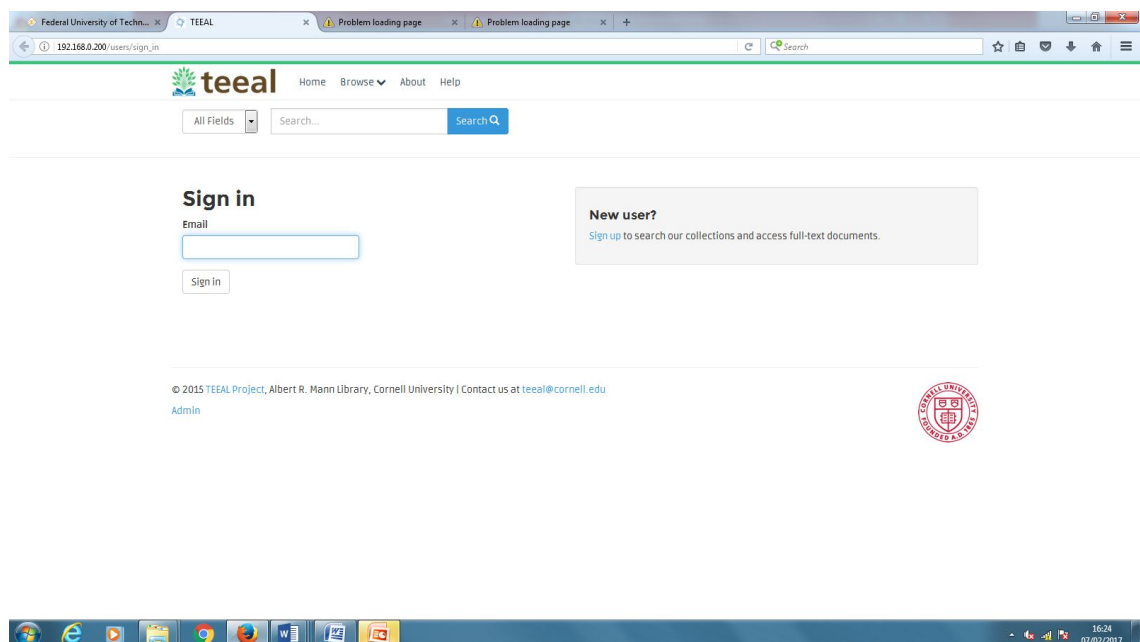
Donor Agency Based E-Resources

These resources to the developed countries as fee based. Nigeria is considered an under developed country, that is why these resources go for free. These donor agency based resources are as follows:

   i. Health Internetwork Access to Research Initiative (HINARI):- It has the largest collections of biomedical and health literature, with about 14,000 journals in (30 different language) and about 46,000 e-books. The user name and password to

all these wealth of knowledge will be made available to a registered user in the University Library.

ii. Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture (AGORA):- This database is designed to enhance the scholarship of students and researchers in agriculture and life sciences. It has a collection of about 6,000 journals and more than 5,000 e-books.

iii. Access to Research in the Environment (OARE):- It provides other information resources in a wide range of disciplines which contributes to our understanding of the natural environment in environmental toxicology, zoology, botany, geography etc.

iv. Access to Research for Development and Innovation (ARDI):- It provides access to scholarly literature from diverse fields of science and technology. Provides access to about 5,000 journals and 19,000 e-books.

v. The Essential Electronic Agricultural Library (TEEAL):- This is a digital collection of research journals for agriculture and other related sciences. TEEAL Database is domicile in the University Library and it is offline. In other words one can access a lot of full text pdf articles without the use of the internet.
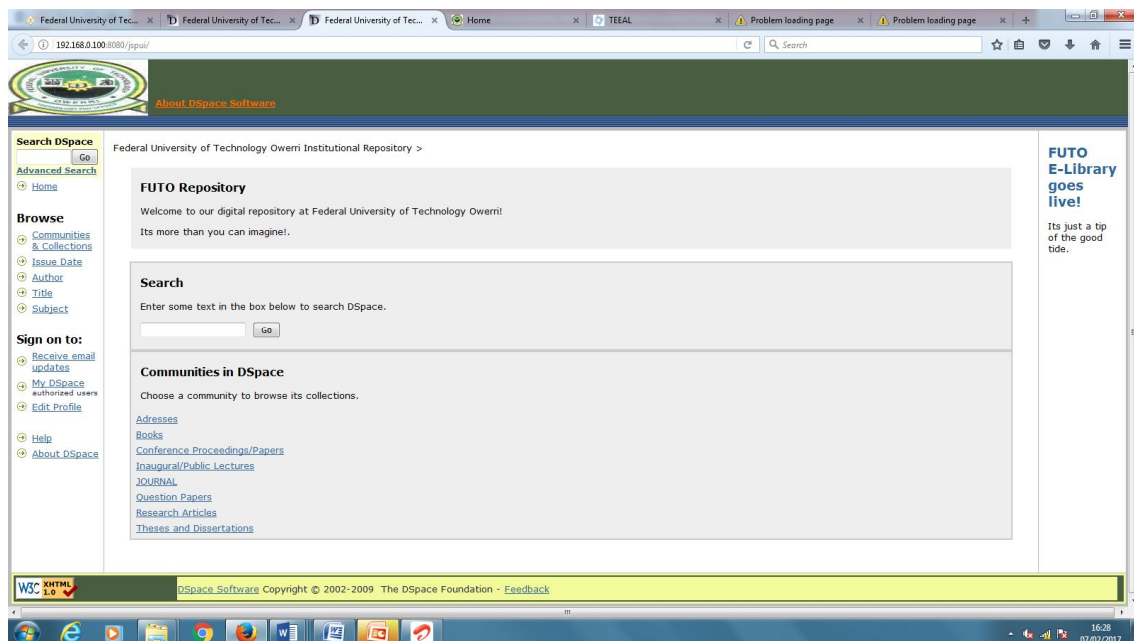

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Open Access E-Resources

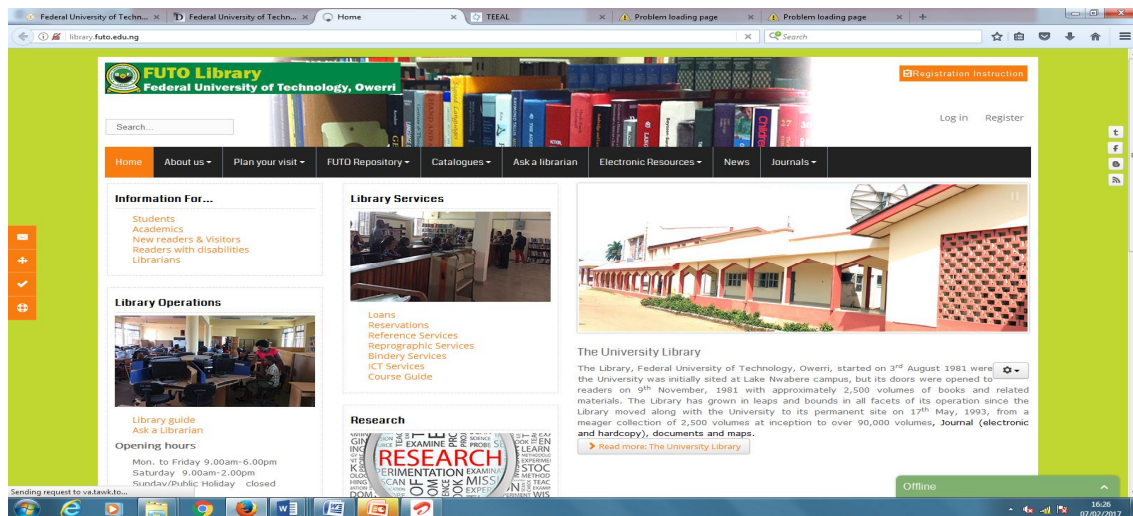The library has a lot of open access databases for free and they include:-

i. Directories of Open Access Journals(DOAJ):- Indexes and provides access to high quality open access peer-reviewed journals

ii. Directories of Open Access Books(DOAB)

iii. Free Medical Journals Online:- Provides unrestricted access to scientific knowledge.

iv. Free Book Centre.net etc.

FUTO Library Website

The University Library is automated using the Alexandria Software. The Alexandria interface serves as the Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) as well as window for accessing other applications and online databases subscribed to by FUTO Library.

However, the FUTO Library website is the official website of the University Library, through which one can access FUTO Repository, theses and dissertations emanating from the University, as well as the e-library resources.

FUTO Library Social Media

It has three social media tools used for information dissemination. You can read out blog, follow us on twitter and like use on Facebook.

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