

## **Is there disconnect between Research in Science Laboratories and the Libraries?**

The twenty first (21<sup>st</sup>) century is known for global connectivity. The availability of online access in the 21<sup>st</sup> century has been the game changing phenomenon within libraries. Today people and organisations remain connected and updated through various forms of online networks and we are surrounded by social media Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, blogs and micro-blogs to mention only a few. This has been enabled by the number of internet users having grown from millions to recently billions. The libraries are no exception to it. The libraries are now increasingly rely on the online access and started providing online access to various subscribed databases as well as journal collections. This is mainly because, the access to a printed book or journal issue is not scalable; not more than one or two readers can use any physical document at any one time. Access to an e-book or e-journal, however, is almost infinitely scalable. This has resulted in empowering library users to access most of the e-resources from their desk tops and need not require visiting the library for that purpose. This has resulted in steep decrease in number of the visitors to the library. It can be apparently look like that, disconnect exists between 'research in science laboratories and the libraries'. While some common ground exists, the present collection of books, back volumes, documents and like, do not address the needs of the scientific community properly. When the scholarly information world moved dramatically out of the realm of physical objects into that of e-resources digital network, it made possible changes in perspective and the way information is to be accessed, collected and used. It is interesting fact that, most of the e-resources are made available by the library itself and also makes provision for IP based access for the institutional users. The provision and making available subscribed e-resources accessible online way is a vital part of the library activity. Each of our libraries is now in a position technologically, to address the needs of the scientific community on a global stage as well as a local one, which resulted in the increased usage of library resources as indicated by the usage statistics. There is definitely connectivity exist between Research in Science Laboratories and the Libraries, but it may be invisible to some like Wi-Fi. Think on it. -----Editor.