Investigating the Use of Electronic Publications of Web Databases in Imam Sadiq University

Abbas Rajabi
Information administrator, Imam Sadiq University
rajabi@isu.ac.ir

Abstract

With increasing growth of electronic publications due to their potential capabilities and tendency of libraries toward substituting print publications with them, researchers have studied how much and how the clients have taken advantage of this modern capability in previous decade. Imam Sadiq University as well has provided this opportunity for its clients via subscription of databases containing electronic publications. In current study which was carried out by survey method and statistical analysis related to use of electronic resources offered by publishers, it was shown that among the publications of these databases, the publications in management field are of the highest use. Regarding the number of visits, the databases in descending order are Proquest 5000, Gstore, EMERALD, and EBSCO. Regarding the number of downloaded articles, Gstore database has the highest rank. The most important reasons for students to use databases are doing homework and writing articles, while the professors consider education and teaching as well as writing articles as the reasons of highest significance for their use of databases.