

The Quality Study of Provincial Websites of Iranian Public Libraries Foundation with WQET and Suggestions to Improve

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Abstract

Purpose: The aim of this study is to evaluate the quality of provincial websites of Iran Public Libraries Foundation (IPLF) by WQET evaluation tool.

Methodology: Survey method was used for implementation of this research. Data were collected from 31 provincial websites, through a WQET checklist. Validity of the checklist was approved by applying viewpoints of experts and specialists, and Cronbach's alpha factor was used as reliability score of the tool. The score of the mentioned factor estimated as 92 percent that showed good reliability.

Findings: The results showed that the quality of the website of Isfahan (56%) is better than others, and the website of Kurdistan (23%) had earned lower point. In parameters such as performance, graphics, scope and structure, all of sites are under average range, and in other parameters, most of websites were lower than ever before.

Originality/Value: WQEST tool is newly used for the assessment of the quality of Iran Public Libraries Provincial branches websites. Awareness of strengths and weaknesses of websites can help to more effective presence on cyber media.

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