

Knowledge Sharing Among School Library Personnel in Nigeria: How Do Digital and Media Literacies Interfere?

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ABSTRACT

The study investigated the contributions of digital and media literacies to knowledge sharing among school library personnel in Nigeria. The survey research design was adopted for the study while questionnaire was used to collect data from the 190 respondents that constitute the sample size for the study. Findings from the study revealed a high level of digital and media literacy skills possession by the school library personnel surveyed. Producing information, evaluating digital information, and finding digital were major media and digital information literacy skills that significantly contributed to knowledge sharing among the school library personnel. The study recommended that adequate attention should be given to the development of digital and media literacies of school library personnel in Nigeria to ensure effective and efficient knowledge sharing.

Keywords: Digital literacy, Media literacy, Knowledge sharing, School library personnel, Oyo State, Nigeria

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1. BACKGROUND TO THE STUDY

School library personnel are witnessing changes in methods of discharging their professional and administrative duties as well as other services. This is mostly due to technological advancement which has resulted in the emergence of several web-based platforms as well as the availability of avalanche of knowledge-based information. The sharing of relevant, work related, and important knowledge among school library personnel is a signal of team work in the profession, and which might be considered as the key ingredient for school libraries that seek to remain competitive in information management. Knowledge sharing within the context of this study is the exchange of knowledge acquired among school library personnel and other designated staff in charge of school libraries in order to boost the effective and efficient library service delivery to school library users which include, students, teachers and others within the school community. The sharing of knowledge among school library personnel could be done electronically, interpersonally, at workshops, conferences, seminars, and meetings. This is done in order to improve the quality, safety and effectiveness of library service delivery. Knowledge sharing is a vital component of information management practice that also takes various forms such as interactions, brainstorming, personal relationship, exchanges and dialogue, social networks, meetings and workshops.

Knowledge is a critical organizational resource that provides a sustainable competitive advantage in a dynamic and competitive economy (Aliakbar, Md Yusoff and Nik Mahmood (2012), hence organisations must know how to transfer knowledge and expertise from experts to people who need to it. Consequently, knowledge sharing among individuals has become one of the most important elements of effective knowledge processing. Also, because of the potential benefits of knowledge sharing, many organisations have invested remarkable time and money into the knowledge management system to capture, store, create, and distribute knowledge. According to Cumming (2004) knowledge sharing is strongly related to performance, reduction in production costs, firm innovation capacities, faster completion of new product development projects, and firm performance, including revenue and sales growth from new services and products. The importance of knowledge sharing to business leads to obtain ownership, high commitment, job satisfaction, competitive advantages (Abdul Razaq, Pangil, Md Zin, Yunus and Asnawi, 2014).

In addition, with successful knowledge sharing practices, it is expected that businesses would be able to respond to a changing environment for improve business performance through innovative capacity and faster completion of job. Furthermore, effective practice of knowledge sharing could contribute to increased productivity and profitability including revenue and sales growth through sharing of ideas, knowledge and experience for making decision and solving problem. Peng (2017) highlighted the basic characteristics of knowledge sharing to include major individual behaviour; voluntary, proactive, behavioural awareness; controlled by environmental systems or procedures, such as legal, ethical standards and code of conduct, habits; and jointly occupied by two or more parties.

Knowledge sharing enables subordinates to regulate their efforts to the organisation's prospects, as much as their self-development. It could, therefore, be inferred that a knowledgeable school library personnel would be equipped to use the shared knowledge to have a significant competitive advantage to improve self in decision-making, communication, cost reduction and coordination, among other benefits, and could as well be able to deliver on his/her mandate through the use of appropriate knowledge and skills. In the knowledge-based society, knowledge is a critical organisational resource that provides a sustainable competitive advantage such that knowledge about activities, services, customers/users is an increasingly valuable resource that needs to be shared broadly throughout an organisation (Grant, 2008). Organisations must consider how to transfer knowledge from experts who have it to novices who need to know. The basic goal of knowledge sharing within and outside libraries is to leverage the available knowledge that may help information professionals to carry out their tasks more effectively. As a part of knowledge management (KM), knowledge sharing is believed to be a panacea for knowledge creation, and an important activity to boost innovation, improve productivity, and increase understanding among information professionals.

As a newly emerging business approach, Knowledge Management has been working to address today's organisational challenges to increase efficiency and effectiveness by applying various strategies, techniques and tools in their existing business processes. The key steps in the Knowledge Management process in an organisation are often represented in the form of a Knowledge Management cycle. Dalkir's (2013) integrated Knowledge Management Cycle covers 3 overarching phases which include; knowledge capture and/or creation; knowledge sharing and dissemination and knowledge acquisition and application. With the advancement in technology, knowledge sharing among school library personnel have evolved from the use of traditional method to the use of digital information, hence the need for school library personnel to possess the necessary digital and media literacy skills. With adequate digital and media literacy skill, they should be able create online content, share and distribute contents.

Research on digital literacy often focuses not only on what it means to be digitally literate but also on the impact on human beings of not being digitally literate. Concerns about the lack of digital access have given way to concerns about being 'digitally illiterate', i.e., lacking the skills, understandings and practices required to successfully navigate the ever-changing digital landscape. The evolving and expanding potential of new and emerging information, instructional, and communication technologies and digital tools demand that any definition of digital literacy must be fluid and organic in nature. Furthermore, what was once perceived as 'the school's responsibility' to prepare students to be digitally literate citizens is now the acknowledged responsibility of all learning spaces, formal and informal (including the home and the workplace), to ensure both preparation and continuous updating of digital literacy skills, understandings and practices for everyone from toddlers to seniors.

Digital literacy has been described as a constellation of life skills that are necessary for full participation in our media saturated information-rich society (Hobbs, 2010). It includes those capabilities that mean an individual is fit for living, learning and working in a digital society: the ability to locate, organize, understand, evaluate, analyse and present digital information, but also to appraise the impact of new technologies and manage digital identities (BCS The Chartered Institute for IT, 2013). Therefore, it goes beyond the development of functional IT skills to describe a richer set of digital behaviours, practices and identities" involving critical thinking, reflection and life-long learning, communication, collaboration, and social engagement (JISC, 2014).

Media literacy is the ability to understand how media works and is important for students' success in school and other endeavours. Media literacy as a concept has been defined in different ways by different scholars. The Centre for Media Literacy (2009), defined media literacy as a framework to access, analyse, evaluate, and create messages in variety of forms. Thus, media literacy is the ability to access, analyse, evaluate and create messages across a variety of contexts. A media literate student should be able to decode, evaluate, analyse and produce both print (posters, charts, books, magazines, maps) and electronic media (emails, SMS, CDs, VCDs, Instagram, etc.). The importance of media literacy skills in the life of secondary school students cannot be over-emphasized as it would give room for competitiveness and choice by supporting innovative creativities and lifelong learning. In other words, media literacy is becoming increasingly popular in contemporary learning environment because of rapid technological changes which also requires secondary school students to acquire the necessary media literacy skills.

As a modern librarian's task is to be able to use and distribute information in many formats other than print, he or she must be able to use all media, including digital media and social media. Technologies are changing and there is need for library personnel to embrace them. School library personnel need much more in this digital age to embrace digital literacy skills on their work than ever before. Digital and media literacy helps professionals at all level to develop skills that can add to their economic status and improve their overall job performance and standard of living. There is need for the library personnel to have digital and media literacy skills, so that they can use them to progress on their jobs and on their careers. With these skills, library personnel will be more equipped for resource sharing, social networking, surfing the net, instant messaging and blogging and host of other digital and media-oriented activities. These skills can also help them on their jobs to assist users get desired information and education. Since these are skills that can be learnt, school library personnel should thrive to possess these digital and media literacy skills.

With the advancement in technology, school library personnel' role in this digital age should have evolved from the traditional reading promotion, guidance, curriculum support services to the use of digital and media information to advance learning and research and serve as the best resource for student to learn information literacy. School library personnel should be able to create, search, evaluate, use, and disseminate electronic information on various social media platform. With adequate digital and media literacy skill, they should be able create online content, share and distribute useful educational contents on social media platforms to the students and among teachers. School library personnel should be competent in creating social media profile for the school to share useful media content to students and teachers, link the school with knowledgeable resources from their peers in other climes.

School library personnel would experience professional growth and benefit a great deal when they share knowledge among themselves (Beattie, 2011). This can easily be achieved through platforms such as workshops, seminars, conferences, meetings, among others. Coupled with the growing intrusion of digital and media technologies in libraries, school library personnel can utilise various digital platforms such as Wikis, Blogs, Facebook, LinkedIn etc. for knowledge sharing purposes. The reality, however, is that it seems as if most school library personnel they do not possess the digital and media literacy skills that would help them create, use, access, produce, evaluate, analyse, and share digital and media information. The level of participation of school library personnel in the digital environment for content creation and knowledge sharing is largely affected by their inadequate digital and media competencies. Therefore, this study investigated how digital and media literacies interfere with knowledge sharing among school library in Nigeria using private secondary schools in Ibadan Township as case study.

This scope of this study covers private secondary schools in Ibadan Township which comprises of Ibadan South-West, Ibadan South-East, Ibadan North-East, Ibadan North-West and Ibadan North Local Government Areas of Oyo State. Also, only registered private secondary schools were considered for this study. For the variable scope, the digital literacy skills focussed on (ability to find, create, use and evaluate digital information) while media literacy skills focussed on (ability to access, analyse and produce media information). The scope of knowledge sharing covers available knowledge, types of knowledge being shared, people with whom knowledge is being shared, platform for sharing knowledge and interference. Also, the study considered three digital platforms which include; Facebook, WhatsApp, and Twitter while the respondents' scope focussed on all category of school library personnel working within the school libraries in private secondary schools in Ibadan Township, Oyo State, Nigeria.

Research Questions

The research questions that guided the study were as follows:

1. What is the level of digital literacy possessed by school library personnel in Ibadan Township, Oyo State, Nigeria?
2. What is the level of media literacy possessed by school library personnel in Ibadan Township, Oyo State, Nigeria?
3. What is the level of knowledge sharing among school library personnel in Ibadan Township, Oyo State, Nigeria?
4. To what extent do digital and media literacies jointly contributed to knowledge sharing among school library personnel in Ibadan Township, Oyo State, Nigeria?
5. What is the extent of relative contributions of digital and media literacies to knowledge sharing among school library personnel in Ibadan Township, Oyo State, Nigeria?

2. THEORETICAL UNDERPINNINGS

Several theories and models have been propounded and developed in relation to knowledge sharing. Some of these theories and models include, Theory of Reasoned Action (TRA), Theory of Planned Behaviour (TPB), System Exchange Theory (SET), and Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) are explained. Theory of Reasoned Action (TRA) developed by Ajzen, and Fishbein in 1980 is a social psychology theory which focuses on the elements that determine the intention behaviour reasons. Studies (Ajzen, 1991; Lin and Lee, 2004) have shown that TRA is successful in forecasting intention to knowledge sharing behaviour. Based on TRA, an individual performance of a specific behaviour is defined by her or his behavioural tendency to fulfill the behaviour, and behavioural intention is determined by the individual's attitude and subjective norms.

Some studies have been done by using TRA to explore the role of different variables in knowledge sharing. One of such studies is that of Zheng (2017) which explained that attitude toward knowledge sharing and subjective norms as well as organisational climate have positive effect on knowledge sharing behaviour. The study also highlighted that anticipated reciprocal relationships influence attitude and both sense of self-worth and organizational climate influence subjective norms, while anticipated extrinsic rewards are in negative relation to individual's knowledge sharing attitude.

Another theory relating to knowledge sharing is the Social Exchange Theory (SET). Social Exchange Theory (SET) is one of the most important theory for understanding organisational behaviour and knowledge sharing. Although various approaches of social exchange are being involved in a set of interactions, which produce obligations. These interactions within SET are often looked at as interdependent actions and, in this regard, several studies have been done based on SET to explore the relationship between individual's communication and knowledge sharing behaviour. Wu and Lin (2006) in a study about knowledge sharing in virtual communities based on SET found that three factors have indirect effect on knowledge sharing including, mutual communication, understanding, and trust while, factors including, mutual influence, commitment, and conflict have direct effect on knowledge sharing. In another research Hall and Walff (2008) in a survey to find about motivational knowledge sharing factors in online environment reported that the extent to which information may be exchanged in an online environment depends on the degree to which actors are integrated with other actors.

Furthermore, the New Media Literacy Theory propounded by Lin, Li, Deng and Lee in 2013 present a two-dimensional framework consisting of functional consuming vs. critical consuming, and functional prosuming vs. critical prosuming literacies. Consuming skill has indicators such as critical consuming skills and functional consuming skill. The critical consuming skill involves evaluation, synthesis and analysis while functional consuming skill involves understanding and consuming skills. Generally, the consuming skills refers to a series of technical skills necessary for an individual when an individual consumes media contents. For example, it requires an individual to know how to operate a computer, how to search/locate information, how to use information technology (e.g. Internet), and so on. This indicator bears some resemblance with Buckingham (2017) access, which focuses on the ability to manipulate hardware and software and to gather information. Besides, the indicator also encompasses Chen and Wu's (2011) access, which addresses the ability to use different format/modality of media. The prosuming skills has indicators such as critical prosuming which involves creation and participation as well as functional prosuming skill which involves production, distribution and prosuming skill. In general, the prosuming skill refers to a set of technical skills necessary for an individual to produce/create media contents.

For example, it involves individuals' ability to set up an online communicative account (e.g. MSN, Skype, Blog, Gmail, and Facebook), to use software to generate various digital artifacts (e.g. picture, video clip, and flash), and to do programming (e.g. for computer or hand phone devices).

3. METHODOLOGY

The study adopted a survey research design of the correlational type. The population of the study consist of all the 190 school library personnel spread across the 190 private secondary schools in the five local government areas in Ibadan Township, Oyo State, Nigeria. The total enumeration was adopted for the study. This implies that the total population of the study used for this study is 190. Therefore, all the 190 school library personnel in private secondary schools in Ibadan Township were considered for this study. The instrument for data collection adapted for this study is a structured questionnaire tagged "Digital and Media Literacies on Knowledge Sharing Questionnaire".

The questionnaire is divided into 3 sections with each section designed to elicit information from respondents. The instrument was vetted by experts in librarianship and media technology and administered on 20 school library personnel of private secondary schools in Ibadan Less City, Oyo State, Nigeria which were not part of the respondents for the original study. The reliability coefficients for each of the section of the instrument were as follows: Digital literacy skills = 0.92, Media literacy skills = 0.85 and knowledge sharing = 0.75. Also, the overall reliability coefficient was 0.90.

4. DATA ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS

A total of 193 copies of questionnaire were administered to the respondents out of which only 180 copies were returned with useful and useable data. This represents a response rate of 93.3% which was considered adequate for the study.

Research question 1: What is the level of digital literacy possessed by school library personnel in Ibadan Township, Oyo State, Nigeria?

Table 1: Level of Digital Literacy Skills Possessed by School Library Personnel in Ibadan Township

S/N	Items	SA (%)	A (%)	D	SD	\bar{X}	SD
FINDING INFORMATION							
1	I can determine information I need	71 (39.4)	55 (30.6)	45 (25.0)	9 (5.0)	3.04	.920
2	I have the ability to integrate information into new knowledge when using social media tools/sites	62 (34.4)	73 (40.6)	31 (17.2)	14 (7.8)	3.02	.912
3	I can bookmark a web page	70 (38.9)	48 (26.7)	49 (27.2)	13 (7.2)	2.97	.977
4	I can read document on screen	50 (27.8)	80 (44.4)	41 (22.8)	9 (5.0)	2.95	.841
5	I can identify potential source of information when using social media	63 (35.0)	49 (27.2)	54 (30.0)	14 (7.8)	2.89	.977
Weighted Mean						2.97	

S/N	Items	SA (%)	A (%)	D	SD	\bar{X}	SD
CREATE INFORMATION							
6	I can share audio and or video online confidently	53 (29.4)	62 (34.4)	51 (28.3)	14 (7.8)	2.86	.934
7	I can start and manage online discussion	50 (27.8)	70 (38.9)	41 (22.8)	19 (10.6)	2.84	.952
8	I can add comments to a web page, forum or blog entry	38 (21.1)	66 (36.7)	67 (37.2)	9 (5.0)	2.74	.848
9	I can type and browse confidently using any digital tools to effectively communicate a message	42 (23.3)	67 (37.2)	53 (29.4)	18 (10.0)	2.74	.930
10	I can write document for private use & securely storing it for later use	46 (25.6)	46 (25.6)	74 (41.1)	14 (7.8)	2.69	.941
Weighted mean						2.77	
USE INFORMATION							
11	I can use computer/communication device using office application	132 (73.3)	42 (23.3)	2 (1.1)	4 (2.2)	3.68	.613
12	I can communicate through email using smart phones, Ipad and tablet	111 (61.7)	64 (35.6)	5 (2.8)	0 (0.0)	3.59	.547
13	I can use common mobile communication devices easily	112 (62.2)	58 (32.2)	5 (2.8)	5 (2.8)	3.54	.688
14	I can use internet to find information relevant to my work	69 (38.3)	53 (29.4)	49 (27.2)	9 (5.0)	3.01	.927
15	I use media tools in online participation	45 (25.0)	71 (39.4)	55 (30.6)	9 (5.0)	2.84	.858
16	I use information critically to solve problem	51 (28.3)	79 (43.9)	41 (22.8)	9 (5.0)	2.96	.844
Weighted mean						3.27	
EVALUATION INFORMATION							
17	I am aware of issues on cyber safety	92 (51.1)	60 (33.3)	13 (7.2)	15 (8.3)	3.27	.920
18	I have the ability to apply all skills for internet surfing, searching webpage	92 (51.1)	47 (26.1)	36 (20.0)	5 (2.8)	3.26	.872
19	I can share files legally with others	100 (55.6)	66 (36.7)	9 (5.0)	5 (2.8)	3.45	.719
20	I can assess online information to determine its reliability/trustworthiness	82 (45.6)	61 (33.9)	23 (12.8)	14 (7.8)	3.17	.933
Weighted mean						3.28	

4.1 Discussion of Findings

Digital literacy was considered using 4 indicators of finding information, creating information, using information and evaluating information. Result of the skills relating to finding information possessed by the respondents revealed that ability to determine information they need, ability to integrate information into new knowledge when using social media tools/sites and ability to bookmark a web page topped the list of skills for finding information possessed by majority of the respondents with response rates of 126(70.0%), 135(75.0%) and 118(65.6%) respectively. This implies that abilities to; determine information needed, integrate information into new knowledge when using social media tools/sites and bookmark a web page are major skills of finding information possessed by school library personnel in private secondary schools surveyed in Ibadan Township. In determining the level of skill for finding information possessed by the respondents the weighted mean was set against the criterion mean and it was discovered that the weighted mean of 2.97 is greater than the criterion mean of 2.50 set for high level of information finding skills.

It can therefore be deduced that school library personnel in private secondary schools in Ibadan Township possessed high level of information finding skills. The table further present the result of skills in creating information possessed by the respondents as shown in Table 4.6. The result revealed that majority of the respondents affirmed that they can share audio and or video online (115, 63.8%) and that they can start and manage online discussion (120, 66.7%) as well as add comments to a web, forum or blog (104, 57.8%). This implies that abilities to; share audio and or video online, start and manage online discussion and add comments to a web, forum or blog are major skills of creating information possessed by school library personnel in private secondary schools in Ibadan Township. Also, since the weighted mean of 2.77 calculated for creating information skill is higher than the criterion mean of 2.50 set for high level of information creation skills, it can be deduced that the school library personnel in private secondary schools in Ibadan Township possessed high level of information creation skill.

Result on the use of information by the respondents as shown in Table 1 revealed ability to use computer/communication device using office application, ability to communicate through email using smart phones, IPad and tablet and ability to use common mobile communication devices easily as topping the list of information use skills possessed by the respondents with response rates of 174(96.6%), 175(97.3%) and 170(94.4%) respectively. It can thus be deduced that abilities to; use computer/communication device using office application, communicate through email using smart phones, IPad and tablet and use common mobile communication devices easily are the major information use skills possessed by school library personnel in private secondary schools in Ibadan Township. In determining the level of information use skill possessed by the respondents, the weighted mean calculated was set against the criterion mean of 2.50 set as benchmark for high level of information use skills.

Therefore, since the weighted mean of 3.27 is greater than the criterion mean of 2.50, it can be deduced that the school library personnel in the private secondary schools in Ibadan Township have high level of information use skill. The result on the evaluation of information skills possessed by the respondents revealed that majority of the respondents affirmed ability to share files legally with others with response rate of 166(92.3%), awareness of issues on cyber safety with response rate of 152(84.4%) and ability to apply all skills for internet surfing, searching webpage with response rate of 139(77.2%) as topping the list of information evaluation skills possessed by them. This implies that abilities to; share files legally with others, awareness of issues on cyber safety and apply all skills for internet surfing, searching webpage are major skills possessed by school library personnel in private secondary schools in Ibadan Township.

Also, a high level of information evaluation skills possession was established since the weighted mean calculated is greater than the criterion mean of 2.50 set as benchmark for high level of information evaluation skills possession by the respondents.

Research question 2: What is the level of media literacy possessed by school library personnel in Ibadan Township, Oyo State, Nigeria?

Table 2: Level of Media Literacy Skills Possessed by School Library Personnel in Ibadan Township

S/N		SA (%)	A (%)	D	SD	\bar{X}	SD
1	ACCESS MEDIA INFORMATION						
	I can assess genuine information	109 (60.6)	51 (28.3)	15 (8.3)	5 (2.8)	3.47	.765
2	I am familiar with the operational functions of media	102 (56.7)	64 (35.6)	9 (5.0)	5 (2.8)	3.46	.720
3	I can determine genuine source of information	104 (57.8)	47 (26.1)	24 (13.3)	5 (2.8)	3.39	.821
4	I can use Power Point slides to supplement information	101 (56.1)	48 (26.7)	26 (14.4)	5 (2.8)	3.36	.831
5	Applying media in administrative work is unnecessary	100 (55.6)	56 (31.1)	9 (5.0)	15 (8.3)	3.34	.910
6	I can select media appropriate to the purpose, occasion and audience to develop into a formal presentation	98 (54.4)	53 (29.4)	19 (10.6)	10 (5.6)	3.33	.877
	Weighted mean					3.39	

S/N		SA (%)	A (%)	D	SD	\bar{X}	SD
	ANALYSE MEDIA INFORMATION						
7	I can analyse information in non-print format)	102 (56.7)	67 (37.2)	6 (3.3)	5 (2.8)	3.48	.697
8	I understand how to operate media devices	94 (52.2)	71 (39.4)	15 (8.3)	0 (0.0)	3.44	.644
9	I can analyse information in print format	90 (50.0)	72 (40.0)	9 (5.0)	9 (5.0)	3.35	.794
10	I can select appropriate type of media based on my work	66 (36.7)	82 (45.6)	27 (15.0)	5 (2.8)	3.16	.778
	Weighted mean					3.35	

S/N		SA (%)	A (%)	D	SD	\bar{X}	SD
PRODUCE MEDIA							
11	(I am able to utilise media for my job)	90 (50.0)	66 (36.7)	19 (10.6)	5 (2.8)	3.34	.778
12	I can cite sources from non-print media	89 (49.4)	62 (34.4)	27 (15.0)	2 (1.1)	3.32	.767
13	I can produce information in digital format	87 (48.3)	64 (35.6)	19 (10.6)	10 (5.6)	3.27	.863
14	Using media at work is boring and tedious	81 (45.0)	52 (28.9)	32 (17.8)	15 (8.3)	3.11	.977
Weighted mean						3.26	

Media literacy was considered using 3 indicators of accessing information, analysing information and producing information. The result on accessing media information revealed ability to access genuine media information, familiarity with the operational functions of media and ability to determine genuine source of information as topping the list of accessing media information skills possessed by the respondents with response rates of 160(88.9%), 166(92.3%) and 151(83.9%) as affirmed by the majority of the respondents. This revealed ability to access genuine media information, familiarity with the operational functions of media and ability to determine genuine source of information as major information accessing skills possessed by school library personnel in private secondary schools in Ibadan Township. Also, a high level of accessing information skills was established among the respondents since the weighted mean of 3.39 is greater than the criterion mean of 2.50 set for high level of accessing information skills. Therefore, it can be deduced that school library personnel in private secondary schools in Ibadan Township possessed high level skill of accessing media information. This finding corroborates Park (2012) assertion that media users must be able to determine the genuines and validity of media information available to them.

On the possession of analyzing media information skills, results in showed that majority of the respondents affirmed that they can analyse information in non-print format, understand how to operate media devices and can analyse information in print format with 169(93.9%), 165(91.6%) and 162(90.0%) response rates respectively. It can be deduced from the results that abilities to; analyse information in non-print format, understand how to operate media devices and analyse information in print format are the major skills possessed by school library personnel in private secondary schools in Ibadan Township. The researcher went ahead to determine the level of analysing media access skills possessed by the respondents and established a high level of analysing media information media skills among the respondents since the weighted mean of 3.35 calculated was greater than the criterion mean of 2.50 set for high level skills. This implies that school library personnel in private secondary schools in Ibadan Township possessed high level skills of analyzing media information. This finding corroborates the results of Hobbs (2010) and Elegbede (2015) that to participate effectively in the media saturated environment a digitally literate employee should be able to analyse information in both print and non-print formats.

Moreover, on the production media skills possessed by the respondents, the results revealed that majority of the respondents affirmed that they are able to; utilised media for their job (156, 86.7%), produce information in digital format (151, 83.9%) and cite sources from non-print (15, (83.9%). The implication to be drawn from this is that ability to utilise media for their job, ability to produce information in digital format and ability to cite sources

from non-print are major skills possessed by school library personnel in private secondary schools in Ibadan Township, Oyo State. This finding supported the result from Martison (2009) study which established that media literate person should be able to utilise media for their jobs and produce information in digital format. This finding further substantiates the position of OFCOM (2010) that media literacy empowers people to understand and actively participate in discussions using media to make their voice heard. Governments and individuals across the world have taken cognisance of the fact that media literacy is a prerequisite for effective participation in technological societies and in the 21st century. Abubakar and Adetimirin (2015) corroborated that use of media depend largely on skills.

The result further revealed a high level of media production skills among the respondents since the weighted mean of 3.26 calculated is greater than the criterion mean of 2.50. Therefore, it can be deduced that school library personnel in private secondary schools in Ibadan Township possess high level of media production skills. This finding is in support of Tomaszewicz's (2015) assertion that media literacy skills allow individuals to use, compose and share information and supports the claim that media literacy skill is essential for modern citizens in all fields of human endeavours. On the other hand, the finding of this study is at variance with the position of Chang, Lui, Lee, Chen, Hu and Lin (2011) that individuals have lived long with media but are not conscious of the relevance of media to their tasks though Abioye (2015) pointed out that there is no stark illiterate individual as far as media literacy skills are concerned because literacy level is in stages.

Research question 3: What is the level of knowledge sharing among school library personnel in Ibadan Township, Oyo State, Nigeria?

Table 3: Level of Knowledge Sharing Among School Library Personnel in Ibadan Township

S/N	TYPES OF KNOWLEDGE	Yes (%)	No (%)	\bar{X}	SD
1	I share manuals and other information about my job)	145 (80.6)	35 (19.4)	1.81	.397
2	Useful knowledge relevant to my field	142 (78.9)	38 (21.1)	1.79	.409
3	Professional training, workshop, conferences and other events in my profession	141 (78.3)	39 21.7	1.78	.413
4	I share manuals and other information about my job	140 (77.8)	40 (22.2)	1.78	.417
5	Personal job experience	131 (72.8)	49 (27.2)	1.73	.446
6	Sometimes, I share what I have learned	129 (71.7)	51 (28.3)	1.72	.452
7	Express my opinion when adding relevant issues	126 (70.0)	54 (30.0)	1.70	.460
8	I share professional information from newspapers, magazines and television	124 (68.9)	56 (31.1)	1.69	.464
Weighted mean				1.75	

The result on the level of knowledge sharing among the respondents showed that majority of the respondents attested to sharing of manuals and other job related information (145, 80.6%), knowledge relevant to their field (142, 78.9%), Professional training, workshop, conferences and other professional events (141, 78.3%) and sharing manuals and other information about job schedules (140, 77.8%) by them. The implication to be drawn from this is that school library personnel in private secondary schools in Ibadan Township share knowledge about manuals and other information about their job, knowledge relevant to their field, Professional training, workshop, conferences and other events in their profession and sharing manuals and other information about their job among themselves. On the level of knowledge sharing the result established a high level of knowledge sharing among the respondents since the weighted mean of 1.75 is higher than the criterion mean of 1.50 set for high level of knowledge sharing. This implies that there is high level of knowledge sharing among school library personnel in private secondary schools in Ibadan Township, Oyo State.

Research question 4: To what extent do digital and media literacies jointly contributed to knowledge sharing among school library personnel in Ibadan Township, Oyo State, Nigeria?

Table 4: Summary of Multiple regression analysis on joint contribution of digital and media literacy skills to knowledge sharing among school library personnel in Ibadan Township, Oyo State, Nigeria

Sources of Variance	Sum of Squares	Df	Mean Square	F	Significant
Regression	11436.309	7	1633.758	26.187	0.000*
Residual	21586.112	173	62.388		
Total	33022.421	180			

R = 0.588
R Square = 0.346
Adjusted R Square = 0.333
Std. Error of the Estimate = 7.89858

The joint contribution of digital literacy skill (finding digital information, create digital information, use of digital information and evaluate digital information) and media literacy skill (access of media information, analyse media information and produce media information) to knowledge sharing was significant ($F_{(7,173)} = 26.187$; $p < 0.05$). Results further revealed a multiple regression coefficient ($R = 0.588$) and multiple regression adjusted ($R^2 = 0.333$). This implies that digital and media literacy skills accounted for 33.3% of the variation in knowledge sharing among school library personnel in private secondary schools in Ibadan Township, Oyo State, Nigeria. This finding negates the result of Helsper and Gerner (2009) study which reported that combination of digital and media literacy skills does not have significant contribution to knowledge sharing among school librarians. On the other hand, the result of this study is consistent with the assertion of Ward (2006) that digital and media literacy skills are inseparable and powerful combination that enhances the quality and efficiency of communication and collaboration and the result of MacArthur Institute (2010) that reported digital and media literacy as fundamental for understanding information communicated through the social media.

Research question 5: What is the extent of relative contributions of digital and media literacies to knowledge sharing among school library personnel in Ibadan Township, Oyo State, Nigeria

Table 5: Summary of Multiple Regression showing relative contribution of digital literacy and media literacy skills to knowledge sharing among school library personnel in Ibadan Township, Oyo State, Nigeria

Model	Under standardised Coefficients	Standardised Coefficient		Rank	T	Sig.
	Beta	Std. Error	Beta (β)			
(Constant)	28.228	3.067			9.203	.000
Find digital information	0.508	0.179	0.145	3rd	2.834	0.005*
Create digital information	0.256	0.189	-0.076	5th	1.360	0.175
Use digital information	0.271	0.183	-0.116	4th	1.476	0.141
Evaluate digital information	0.992	0.187	0.319	2nd	5.291	0.000*
Access to media information	0.142	0.172	0.065	7th	.826	0.410
Analyse media information	0.343	0.306	-0.067	6th	1.120	0.263
Produce media information	1.573	0.183	0.506	1 st	8.587	0.000*

Results on the relative contributions of digital literacy and media literacy skills to the knowledge sharing as expressed as beta weights among school library personnel in private secondary schools in Ibadan Township, Oyo State, Nigeria revealed that finding digital information ($\beta = 0.145$; $t = 2.834$; $p < 0.05$), evaluating digital information ($\beta = 0.319$; $t = 5.291$; $p < 0.05$) and producing media information ($\beta = 0.506$; $t = 8.587$; $p < 0.05$) have significant relative contributions to knowledge sharing among school library personnel in private secondary schools in Oyo State, Nigeria. The extent of contributions of digital and media literacy skills to knowledge sharing among school library personnel in private secondary schools in Ibadan metropolis revealed producing information as the leading contributor with 50.6%, followed by evaluating digital information with 31.9% and finding digital information with a contribution of 14.5%. The finding supports the position of Eshet and Soffer (2012) ability to create media information and handling digital information are competencies required by students for effective knowledge sharing among students. This suggests that the more digital literate the greater the ability to use and share online service and resources.

5. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

This study was carried out to investigate how digital and media literacy skills interfere with knowledge sharing among school library personnel in private secondary schools in Ibadan Township, Oyo State, Nigeria. School library personnel in private secondary schools in Ibadan Township, Oyo State, Nigeria possessed high level of digital literacy skills. Abilities to find, create, use and evaluate information were the major digital literacy skills possessed by the school library personnel. Possession of high level of media literacy skills was also established among the school library personnel while abilities to access, analyse and produce media information were found to be the major media literacy skills possessed by the school library personnel in private secondary schools in Ibadan Township, Oyo State, Nigeria. School library personnel in private secondary schools in Ibadan Township, Oyo State, Nigeria have high level of knowledge sharing. Knowledge about manuals and other information about their job, knowledge relevant to their field, professional training, workshop, conferences and other events in their profession and sharing manuals and other information about their job are major knowledge being shared among the school library personnel.

Digital and media literacy skills jointly contributed to knowledge sharing among school library personnel in private secondary schools in Ibadan Township, Oyo State, Nigeria while production of media information, finding digital information and evaluating digital information were the only digital and media literacy skills that relatively contributed significantly to knowledge sharing among school library personnel in Ibadan Township, Oyo State, Nigeria. Therefore, increase in the level of digital and media literacy skills possessed by school library personnel would lead to effective knowledge sharing which in turn would improve call for meetings within and outside school environment, updating knowledge on recent information, supporting project research, disseminate reports, and communicate with school library users. It is pertinent to add that the digital and media literate school library personnel would thrive well in the digital age if the necessary machinery are put in place to support development of digital and media skills and use social media innovation to reach out to students and staff, disseminating information and receiving feedbacks.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

This study recommended that training and retraining of school library personnel on digital and media literacy skills should be given adequate attention to enable them function effectively in the digital environment. Specific efforts should be made to ensure the acquisition of relevant media literacy skills by the school library personnel to enable them produce and make use of appropriate media in providing qualitative service to the library users. Management of schools should develop institutional ICT policy needed to upgrade digital and media literacy skills of staff.

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