

A Study on the Open source Integrated Library Management Software: special reference to NewGenLib

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ABSTRACT

Open source software is, software that users have the ability to run, copy, distribute, study, change, share and improve for any purpose. Open source library software's does not need the initial cost of commercial software and enables libraries to have greater control over their working environment. Library professionals should be aware of the advantages of open source software and should involve in their development. Discusses the issues like selection criteria of library management software and why open source software is to be opted in this respect. Highlights the features of NewGenLib open source software, the first of its kind developed in India to evaluate it in the line of advantages and disadvantages of open source software. Presents a comparative study of features and functional aspects of NewGenLib open source software with Koha, PMB, PhpMyLibrary and OpenBiblio