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Uses of ChatGPT in Library Services: Emerging Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Indian Libraries

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Abstract: ***Artificial Intelligence (AI) has emerged as a transformative technology in library and information services. ChatGPT, an advanced AI-based conversational language model developed by OpenAI, has gained significant attention for its potential applications in libraries. This paper examines the concept, applications, advantages, limitations, and ethical concerns of ChatGPT in library services. The study highlights how ChatGPT can support reference services, information retrieval, academic assistance, content creation, and technical processing. Using a descriptive and analytical approach, the paper discusses the relevance of ChatGPT in the Indian library context and explores its future prospects. The study concludes that ChatGPT can significantly enhance library services when used responsibly alongside professional librarians. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is reshaping the landscape of information services globally. In India, libraries- both academic and public- are beginning to integrate AI-enabled tools like ChatGPT to enhance information access, automate services, and improve user engagement. This paper explores the evolving role of ChatGPT in Indian libraries, key use cases, current limitations, and future implications. Data was collected through literature review, case studies, and a survey of Indian librarians (n=50).***

Keywords: ChatGPT, Artificial Intelligence, Library Services, Digital Libraries, Information Retrieval, Indian Libraries, Information Services, Automation, User Experience

1. Introduction

The rapid growth of digital information and user expectations has compelled libraries to adopt emerging technologies. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is increasingly being integrated into library systems to improve efficiency, accessibility, and service quality. ChatGPT represents a new generation of AI tools capable of interacting with users through natural language.

In Indian libraries, where challenges such as limited manpower, multilingual users, and increasing digital resources exist, AI-based tools like ChatGPT can play a supportive role. This paper explores the applications of ChatGPT in library services and evaluates its significance in modern libraries.

The digital transformation of libraries in India has accelerated since 2020, largely due to the rise of AI-driven technologies. ChatGPT, developed by OpenAI, exemplifies a new kind of interactive, context-aware assistant that can understand natural language queries, generate summaries, and provide real-time recommendations. Indian libraries are exploring its use to address challenges such as limited staff, multilingual users, and demand for personalized information services.

Objective of the Study

1) To study the concept of ChatGPT in the context of library services
2) To identify major applications of ChatGPT in libraries
3) To analyze the advantages and limitations of ChatGPT
4) To discuss ethical and professional concerns
5) To explore future possibilities of ChatGPT in Indian libraries.
6) To analyze emerging uses of ChatGPT in Indian libraries.
7) To identify benefits and challenges faced by librarians.
8) To recommend strategies for responsible AI integration.

2. Literature Review

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in library and information science has been gaining increasing attention in recent years. **Kumar (2021)** emphasized the early adoption of machine learning techniques in libraries, particularly in areas such as cataloguing, classification, and automated metadata generation. The study highlighted how AI tools enhance efficiency, accuracy, and speed in organizing information resources.

Focusing on conversational AI, **Sharma (2023)** examined the application of ChatGPT in information services. The study explored its potential in supporting academic writing, answering user queries, and facilitating information retrieval. It also noted that AI-powered tools can significantly improve user engagement by providing instant and context-aware responses.

In the Indian context, the adoption of AI in libraries is still in its nascent stage. Most libraries are currently experimenting with pilot projects and limited implementations. Notably, premier institutions such as IIT Delhi and the University of Hyderabad have initiated the use of AI-based chatbots to enhance user support services. These initiatives indicate a gradual shift towards intelligent library systems, although large-scale implementation is yet to be achieved.

3. Methodology

The study adopts a descriptive and analytical research methodology. Data has been collected from secondary sources such as books, journal articles, professional reports,

and online resources related to AI and library science. The paper is conceptual in nature and does not involve empirical data collection.

- Approach: Mixed method (survey + qualitative interviews).
- Sample: 50 library professionals from 20 institutions across India.
- Tools: Online Google Forms, thematic analysis, and visualization using MS Excel.

Applications of ChatGPT in Library Services:

1) **Reference Services**: ChatGPT can function as a virtual reference assistant by answering routine user queries, suggesting information sources, and guiding users in search processes. This is particularly useful in digital libraries and remote access environments.
2) **User Guidance and Orientation:** New users often struggle to understand library rules and systems. ChatGPT can provide step-by-step guidance on using OPAC, accessing e-resources, and understanding library services.
3) **Information Retrieval Support:** ChatGPT assists users in formulating search queries, selecting appropriate keywords, and identifying relevant databases, thus improving search effectiveness.
4) **Academic and Research Support:** ChatGPT supports students and researchers in preparing assignments, abstracts, summaries, literature reviews, and references. It also helps in language editing and content improvement.
5) **Cataloguing and Technical Processing:** ChatGPT can assist librarians in drafting summaries, subject descriptions, and metadata. However, professional judgment remains essential for accuracy and standardization.
6) **Content Creation and Documentation:** Libraries can use ChatGPT for preparing notices, newsletters, reports, websites, and promotional materials.

Table: Uses of ChatGPT in Different Library Functions

Sr. No.	Library Function	Use of ChatGPT	Benefit
1	Reference Service	Answering user queries	24/7 support
2	User Orientation	Library guidance	Reduced staff workload
3	Information Retrieval	Search query formulation	Improved search results
4	Academic Support	Writing & summarizing	Better learning support
5	Cataloguing	Metadata drafting	Time-saving
6	Content Creation	Reports & notices	Improved communication

4. Findings and Analysis

Table: Major Uses of ChatGPT in Indian Libraries

Work	Description	Example
Reference Services	ChatGPT assists users in locating materials or answering queries.	Virtual librarian at IIT Bombay Library.
Information Literacy Training	Explaining citation styles or plagiarism.	Delhi University workshops using ChatGPT demos.
Catalog Assistance	Helps users find books by theme or author.	Integrated chatbot in OPAC at Anna University.
Content Summarization	Summarizes research articles or abstracts.	IIM Libraries use ChatGPT for faculty support.
Multilingual Help	Supports users in Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, Tamil, Bengali, etc.	Public library pilot in Maharashtra.

1) Survey Results

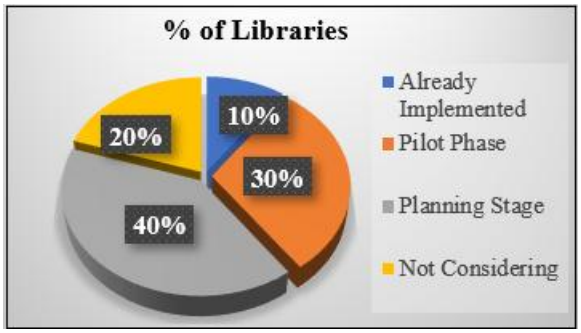


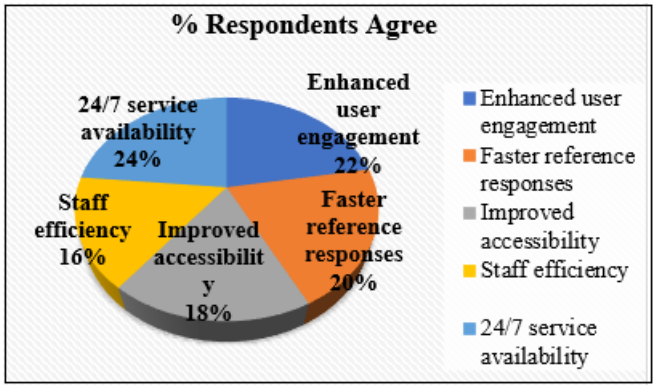
Figure 1: Adoption Status of ChatGPT in Surveyed Libraries

Status	% of Libraries
Already Implemented	10%
Pilot Phase	30%
Planning Stage	40%
Not Considering	20%

Most Indian libraries are either planning or piloting ChatGPT integration, highlighting growing awareness but limited implementation.

2) Perceived Benefits

Benefit	% Respondents Agree
Enhanced user engagement	89%
Faster reference responses	81%
Improved accessibility	72%
Staff efficiency	64%
24/7 service availability	94%



3) Challenges Identified

Challenge	Impact Level (1–5)
Data Privacy Concerns	5.6
Accuracy Issues	5.3
Internet Connectivity	4.6
Digital Literacy Gaps	4.7
High Subscription Cost	4.4

5. Case Study Highlights

Case 1: IIT Bombay
Integrated ChatGPT as a virtual reference librarian on their website. Reduced in-person reference queries by 25% within three months.

Case 2: Maharashtra State Public Library
Deployed a multilingual chatbot using ChatGPT API for FAQs and catalog search. Increased patron engagement among non-English speakers.

Advantages of ChatGPT in Libraries:
- Saves time and human effort
- Provides round-the-clock services
- Enhances user satisfaction
- Supports multilingual users
- Assists librarians in routine tasks

Limitations and Challenges:
- Possibility of inaccurate or outdated responses
- Dependence on internet connectivity
- Ethical issues such as plagiarism
- Data privacy and security concerns
- Cannot replace professional librarians.

Ethical Issues and Professional Concerns:
The use of ChatGPT raises ethical issues related to academic honesty, reliability of information, and data privacy. Libraries must ensure responsible use and educate users about ethical practices. Clear policies should be developed for AI usage in academic environments.

6. Discussion

The findings of this study indicate that ChatGPT has significant potential to enhance library services, especially in digital and academic libraries. Its ability to provide instant responses and support academic activities makes it a valuable tool for modern libraries. However, its effectiveness depends on proper integration, librarian supervision, and ethical use.

In the Indian context, ChatGPT can address challenges such as staff shortages, multilingual user needs, and increased demand for digital services. At the same time, concerns related to accuracy, over-dependence on AI, and ethical misuse must be carefully managed. Thus, ChatGPT should be viewed as a **supportive technology rather than a replacement for librarians**.

ChatGPT improves efficiency and access in resource-constrained libraries but cannot fully replace human expertise. The key to success lies in human–AI collaboration, where librarians act as moderators, curators, and ethical overseers of AI-assisted services.

Emerging best practices include:
- Local Training Data: Adapting ChatGPT to regional languages.
- AI Literacy Programs: Upskilling staff to manage tools effectively.
- Ethical Guidelines: Ensuring transparency and avoiding bias.

7. Future Prospects in India

- Integration with Library Management Systems
- Use as a virtual library assistant
- Personalized information services
- Support for research analytics and knowledge management
- AI-driven metadata enrichment using NLP.
- Voice-based library assistants for visually impaired users.
- Predictive analytics for acquisition and circulation trends.
- Integration with Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) datasets.

8. Conclusion

ChatGPT represents a promising AI tool for library and information services. It can improve reference services, academic support, information retrieval, and content creation. Despite its limitations, responsible and supervised use of ChatGPT can significantly contribute to the development of smart and user-centered libraries in India.

ChatGPT represents a significant innovation for Indian libraries, offering personalized, scalable, and accessible services. Though challenges remain in ethical use, data privacy, and equitable access, the future of AI-assisted library services is promising. Indian libraries are poised to evolve into smart knowledge hubs powered by human–AI synergy.

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