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7. USERS' EVALUATION OF WORLDCAT IN COMPLETING FRBR TASKS

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ABSTRACT

This study investigated users' perceptions of a FRBRised online catalogue, namely the Worldcat. Selected students from the Department of Library and Information Science, Umm al-Qura University, Saudi Arabia were selected for the study. They were first given tutorial on how to use the Worldcat, a prototype of FRBRised online catalogue. After the tutorial, they were asked to find, identify, select, and obtain works on Islam.

7.1 Introduction

The study investigated nine statements which state students' perception regarding Worldcat online catalogue after task completion. The tasks have enabled students to experience new OPAC features and helped them to be familiar with the new Worldcat.

7.1.1 Usefulness of World cat Online Catalogue

A number of 28 (46.7%) students strongly agreed and 20 (33.3%) agreed that the Worldcat was useful. 7 (11.7%) students were not sure about their answers. Five (8.3%) students disagreed that the Worldcat online catalogue was useful.