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## **ABSTRACT**

This study investigated the information seeking behavior of teachers in selected high school in Malaysian. Specifically, it had looked at how teachers located for materials need from the SRC. Traditional method still prevails, i.e. teachers resorted to physical browsing of the collection. This happened as in certain schools, no retrieval tool such as card catalog or online catalogue (OPAC) is in place. The chapter also discusses teachers' pattern of accessing the red-spot collection, which usually houses important reference books and materials that are normally being used extensively in teaching and learning.

## **16.1 INTRODUCTION**

When asked on how they searched materials in SRC, surprisingly majority of the respondents were still using traditional method. More than half of the respondents (57.6%) performed shelf to shelf browsing in their search for the right materials rather than using Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) or catalogue card. About 29.3% of the respondents chose to get assistance from student librarians for the needed materials. Only 9.8% respondents used catalogue card as their searching tool. More surprisingly, only 2.2% respondents stated that they used OPAC. Table 16.1 exhibits the search methods used by respondents.