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11. SEARCHING FOR ISLAMIC WORKS USING OPAC

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ABSTRACT

The OPAC of the International Islamic University (IIUM) library was studied in terms of how it supports subject search for works in Islam. Though an earlier study using questionnaires indicated positive OPAC use pattern among term, this research specifically looks at their actual OPAC competency in using one feature of the OPAC, i.e. subject search. A total of one hundred (100) students with Islamic subjects background participated in this study. Based on the tasks given to them, respondents were asked to indicate the terminologies/keywords they used in searching for selected works on Islamic topics. Findings suggest variances in the terminologies assigned. In addition, analysis of MARC records was also done to assess the matchness between users' vocabulary and system's vocabulary.

11.1 USER EXPERIENCE IN USING OPAC

11.1.1 Frequency of Using IIUM Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC)

Subject search form was used to examine to what extent the accuracy of the users' vocabulary and system vocabulary in assigning the subject for the