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Abstract: *This research study focuses on the Library and Information Science (LIS) journals listed in UGC-CARE between June 2019 and July 2023, with the purpose of offering valuable insights to researchers and practitioners in the field. The study employs a comprehensive data collection methodology, involving systematic review from academic databases, journal publishers' websites, and UGC CARE's official records. The selected journals are categorized based on various aspects, including publishers, geographical distribution, frequency of publication, publication language, ISSN/E-ISSN, Article Processing Charges (APCs), Open Access status, citation styles, and the availability of Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) and Creative Commons Licences. Notably, the study excludes UGC-CARE List Group II journals and discontinued or delisted journals to ensure the accuracy and relevance of the findings. The research aims to empower scholars by providing them with crucial information for making informed decisions about selecting appropriate journals for publication, thereby enhancing accessibility and dissemination of knowledge within the LIS academic community. However, the study acknowledges its limitation, as it focuses on a specific time frame and excludes certain journal categories, but it offers valuable insights for the advancement of research in Library and Information Science.*

Keywords: UGC-CARE List, LIS Journals, Library & Information Science, University Grand Commission (UGC), Consortium for Academic and Research Ethics (CARE), LIS Scholars, LIS Professionals.

1. Introduction: The field of Library and Information Science (LIS) plays a crucial role in facilitating access to knowledge and information. As technology continues to advance, the landscape of information management evolves rapidly. Scholars, researchers, and practitioners in the LIS domain continually contribute to this growth through their work published in academic journals. Among the notable indexing systems is the UGC-CARE (University Grants Commission - Consortium for Academic and Research Ethics) that lists esteemed journals in various disciplines. In this study, we delve into the UGC-CARE indexed journals within the Library and Information Science domain, aiming to gain insights into the trends, quality, and contributions of these scholarly publications. By comprehensively analyzing these journals, we hope to shed light on the advancements and challenges faced by the LIS community, while also recognizing the significance of UGC-CARE indexing in promoting quality research in this field (UGC-CARE, n.d.).

2. Statement of the Problem: The study aims to address the challenges faced by research scholars and other individuals in identifying suitable journals for publishing their articles in the field of Library and Information Science. It provides comprehensive information about various journals, including whether they charge fees for article processing, their inclusion in the UGC care list, and the availability of Creative Commons Licences for article distribution. By offering these key insights, the study empowers researchers with the knowledge needed to make informed decisions on selecting appropriate journals for publication, enhancing accessibility to valuable research, and facilitating the dissemination of knowledge within the academic community.

3. Methodology: The methodology employed in this study involves a comprehensive data collection process to gather information on journals in the field of Library and Information Science listed by UGC CARE between June 2019 and July 2023. A systematic review of various sources, including academic databases, journal publishers' websites, and UGC CARE's official records, was conducted to identify the relevant journals for analysis. The selected journals were then categorized based on their publishers, geographical distribution, frequency of publication, publication language, ISSN/E-ISSN, Article Processing Charges (APCs), Open Access status, citation styles, and the availability of Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) and Creative Commons Licences. Exclusions were made for UGC CARE List Group II Journals and those that were discontinued or delisted during the specified period to ensure the accuracy and relevance of the findings. The study utilized rigorous data analysis and interpretation techniques to present a comprehensive overview of the identified journals, offering valuable insights for researchers and other stakeholders in the LIS domain.

4. Scope and Limitations of the Study: The scope of this study is focused on journals in the field of Library and Information Science that were listed by UGC-CARE Group I between June 2019 and July 2023. It aims to provide information on various aspects of these journals, including their publishers, geographical distribution, frequency of publication, publication language, ISSN/E-ISSN, Article Processing Charges (APCs), Open Access status, citation styles, and the availability of Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) and Creative Commons Licences. However, it is important to note that this study excludes UGC-CARE List Group II journals and those that have been discontinued or delisted during the specified period. By excluding discontinued or delisted journals ensures that the information provided remains relevant and accurate for researchers looking for currently active and reliable publishing outlets.

5. UGC-CARE Journal on Library and Information Science:

5.1 Art Libraries Journal: The Art Libraries Journal, published quarterly since 1976 on behalf of the Art Libraries Society (ARLIS) UK & Ireland, stands as the principal global platform for the art library profession. This esteemed journal serves as a vital international forum, fostering knowledge exchange and discourse among key specialists in art librarianship, visual resources management, archivists, and museum curators. With contributions from leading experts, the journal offers valuable insights, research findings, and best practices in the field of art librarianship and the curation of visual resources. Through its

longstanding presence and high-quality content, the Art Libraries Journal plays a pivotal role in shaping the growth and advancements within the art library community and related disciplines worldwide (Cambridge University Press, n.d.).

Journal Details	
Journal Title (in English Language)	Art Libraries Journal
Publication Language	German
Publisher	Cambridge University Press
ISSN	0307-4722
E-ISSN	2059-7525
Discipline	Social Science
Subject	Social Sciences (all)
Focus Subject	Library and Information Sciences
UGC-CARE coverage years	from June-2019 to Present

Screenshot 1: Art Libraries Journal

5.2 ČITALIŠTE: the Scientific Journal on Theory and Practice of Librarianship:

ČITALIŠTE: the scientific journal on theory and practice of librarianship, is dedicated to development and fostering scientific researches in the areas, including library history, cultural functions, communication, and education in librarianship, sociology of the book and reading, information literacy, knowledge organization, bibliography, library management, and information and media technologies. Through publishing competent, peer-reviewed papers, the journal aims to strengthen librarianship as a science in Serbia, fostering dialogue between theoreticians and practitioners and promoting libraries and librarians as catalysts for social development. It has been published regularly since 2002, under different titles, and is currently released biannually in May and November. The City Library of Pančevo served as the sole publisher for a decade, and since November 2011, it has been co-published with the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Novi Sad. With over five hundred contributors, including librarians and academics from various libraries, faculties of Library Science, and IT in Serbia and abroad, ČITALIŠTE was recognized as a scientific journal of national importance in 2012 (M52) (ČITALIŠTE, n.d.).

Journal Details	
Journal Title (in English Language)	Citaliste: the Scientific Journal on Theory and Practice of Librarianship
Publication Language	English
Publisher	The City Library of Panevo and Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Novi Sad
ISSN	2217-5555
E-ISSN	2217-5563
Discipline	Social Science
Subject	Social Sciences (all)
Focus Subject	Library and Information Sciences
UGC-CARE coverage years	from June-2019 to Present

Screenshot 2: ČITALIŠTE: the scientific journal on theory and practice of librarianship

5.3 College Libraries: "College Libraries," a peer-reviewed quarterly journal, has been in publication since 1983, previously known as "College Librarians." As the official publication of the West Bengal College Librarians' Association (WBCLA), it has been continuously published for over 40 years, with a new volume released annually in March. The journal's articles encompass a wide range of academic problems and issues relevant to college and university libraries, along with other burning topics related to Library and Information Science. Offering a platform for authors to present research findings and practical applications, it also provides analyses of policies, practices, issues, and trends in academic librarianship while speculating about its future. Authors enjoy various benefits, including free PDFs, a liberal copyright policy, special discounts on WBCLA publications, and more. "College Libraries" is indexed in the Indian Library Science Abstract (ILSA) for wider accessibility and reach (West Bengal College Librarians Association, n.d.).

Journal Details	
Journal Title (in English Language)	College Libraries
Publication Language	English
Publisher	West Bengal College Librarians Association
ISSN	0972-1975
E-ISSN	NA
Discipline	Social Science
Subject	Social Sciences (all)
Focus Subject	Library and Information Sciences
UGC-CARE coverage years	from June-2019 to Present

Screenshot 3: College Libraries

5.4 Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ): The Georgia Library Quarterly, serving as the official journal of the Georgia Library Association, is a prominent refereed and open-access publication dedicated to library and information science. With a commitment to scholarly rigor and accessibility, the journal publishes its content on a quarterly basis. As a trusted platform for the dissemination of research and advancements in the field, it fosters an inclusive environment for diverse perspectives, encouraging dialogue and collaboration among professionals in the library community. Through its rigorous peer-review process, the Georgia Library Quarterly contributes significantly to the development and dissemination of knowledge, making valuable contributions to the library and information science domain (Georgia Library Association, n.d.).

Journal Details	
Journal Title (in English Language)	Georgia Library Quarterly
Publication Language	English
Publisher	Georgia Library Association
ISSN	2157-0396
E-ISSN	NA
Discipline	Social Science
Subject	Social Sciences (all)
Focus Subject	Library and Information Sciences
UGC-CARE coverage years	from June-2019 to Present

Screenshot 4: Georgia Library Quarterly

The Georgia Library Quarterly aims to be a valuable resource for Georgia librarians by providing news and information relevant to their interests. While the primary focus is on topics of significance to the Georgia library community, the journal is open to considering articles with state-wide or broader relevance within the field of librarianship. Authors are encouraged to share their activities, projects, or research through articles published in the GLQ, presenting an excellent opportunity to showcase their innovations and insights to fellow library professionals across Georgia. By contributing to the GLQ, authors can actively engage with their peers, foster knowledge sharing, and make a positive impact on the advancement of library and information science in the region (Georgia Library Association, n.d.).

5.5 IASLIC Bulletin: The IASLIC Bulletin, a peer-reviewed journal, serves as the official publication of the Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres. It is dedicated to promoting and disseminating both fundamental and applied knowledge in the field of library and information science to professionals, fostering collaboration among colleagues in India and abroad. Established in 1956, the first publication of the IASLIC Bulletin dates back to the same year. Issued quarterly, each new volume commences with the March issue annually. The journal is indexed and abstracted in renowned platforms like Indian Science Abstracts, Indian Library Science Abstracts, Guide to Indian Periodical Literature, Library and Information Science Abstract, and INSPEC (IASLIC, n.d.).

Journal Details	
Journal Title (in English Language)	IASLIC Bulletin
Publication Language	English
Publisher	Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres
ISSN	0018-8441
E-ISSN	NA
Discipline	Social Science
Subject	Social Sciences (all)
Focus Subject	Library and Information Sciences
UGC-CARE coverage years	from September-2019 to Present

Screenshot 5: IASLIC Bulletin

5.6 International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR): The International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR) is a platform for publishing original, innovative, and creative research related to information retrieval. The journal's focus is on theories and methods from an enterprise-wide perspective, addressing interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary applications in data, text, and document retrieval. With a target audience comprising information engineers, scientists, and related professionals, IJIRR emphasizes the integration of interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches to address the challenges of data retrieval in the era of information fusion. The journal's mission is to provide researchers with an outlet to present their work and find inspiration in the fields of information retrieval, computer science, and information science. Covering theories, methods, technologies, and tools, IJIRR aims to promote advancements and state-of-the-art technologies in text, image, video, and data search and storage, encouraging innovation and exploration of improved approaches to tackle industry challenges (IGI Global, n.d.).

Journal Details	
Journal Title (in English Language)	International Journal of Information Retrieval Research
Publication Language	English
Publisher	IGI Global
ISSN	2155-6377
E-ISSN	2155-6385
Discipline	Social Science
Subject	Social Sciences (all)
Focus Subject	Library and Information Sciences
UGC-CARE coverage years	from June-2019 to Present

Screenshot 6: International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR)

The International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR) offers comprehensive coverage of diverse topics related to information retrieval. Its scope spans advanced software development for information retrieval, classification, clustering approaches, content and context awareness, filtering systems, index techniques, information mining, and retrieval challenges in cloud computing, education, healthcare, science, engineering, and social sciences. The journal also encompasses information retrieval in business, commerce, and the Internet of Things, knowledge mining, link analysis, machine learning on documents, message passing, metadata and XML retrieval, mobile computing, multimedia retrieval, performance measures, query languages and optimization, retrieval architecture, evaluation, languages and operations, strategies, systems, theories, and big data technologies. Additionally, IJIRR delves into scalability, search algorithms, search engines, social media,

taxonomy theory, text mining, and retrieval of text, documents, and images, covering an extensive array of research in the field of information retrieval.

5.7 Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA): JILA, the Journal of Indian Library Association, serves as the official organ of the Indian Library Association (ILA) and encompasses various aspects of Library & Information Science. Its inception dates back to 1965, and it continues to be issued quarterly. As a peer-reviewed publication, JILA maintains a high standard by publishing research articles of exceptional quality on the subject. Notably, the journal has earned recognition by being included in the List of UGC approved Journals (Indian Library Association, n.d.).

Journal Details	
Journal Title (in English Language)	Journal of Indian Library Association
Publication Language	English
Publisher	Indian Library Association
ISSN	2277-5145
E-ISSN	2456-513X
Discipline	Social Science
Subject	Social Sciences (all)
Focus Subject	Library and Information Sciences
UGC-CARE coverage years	from June-2019 to Present

Screenshot 7: Journal of Indian Library Association

5.8 Journal of Information and Knowledge: Journal of Information and Knowledge (formerly known as SRELS Journal of Information Management) is a bimonthly publication published by Sarada Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science (SRELS), Informatics Publishing Limited. This esteemed journal has a rich history, starting as 'Library Science with a slant to Documentation' in 1964, founded by Dr. S. R. Ranganathan. Over the years, it evolved its title to 'Library Science with a slant to Documentation and Information Studies' and later to 'SRELS Journal of Information Management' from Vol.37 in 2000. The journal, known for its rigorous peer review process, offers scholarly articles and practical insights in the domains of library and information science and services. As of 2023, it is now published under the name 'Journal of Information and Knowledge,' continuing its tradition of fostering knowledge and research in the field of information management (Sarada Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science (SRELS), n.d.).

Journal Details	
Journal Title (in English Language)	Journal of Information and Knowledge (Formerly-SRELS Journal of Information Management)
Publication Language	English
Publisher	Sarada Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science
ISSN	0972-2467
E-ISSN	0976-2477
Discipline	Social Science
Subject	Social Sciences (all)
Focus Subject	Library and Information Sciences
UGC-CARE coverage years	from June-2019 to Present

Screenshot 8: Journal of Information and Knowledge

The Journal of Information and Knowledge aims to enhance library and information services in India, provide training to library and information service personnel, and foster the delivery of efficient library and information services. Additionally, the journal seeks to implement research findings from library and information studies for practical application.

5.9 KELPRO Bulletin: KELPRO Bulletin, a UGC-approved biannual academic journal listed in the UGC CARE List, has been dedicated to the field of Library and Information Science since 1997, bearing Registration Number 67733/97. As the official publication of Kerala Library Professionals' Organisation (KELPRO) in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India, the journal's primary objective is to offer timely dissemination of theoretical and empirical studies on various aspects of Library and Information Science, providing valuable service to library professionals. With ISSN 0975-4911 (Print) and 2582-497X (online), the Bulletin serves as an academic platform for librarians, researchers, educators, and other academicians to share their contributions at an affordable cost. KELPRO, formed in 1993, comprises enthusiastic professionals, practitioners, and faculty committed to advancing Library and Information Science. The journal, with regular issues published in June and December each year, proudly holds a position in the UGC-approved list of journals and is indexed/abstracted in esteemed platforms like the Indian Citation Index, Google Scholar, Guide to Indian Periodical Literature, and Indian Library Science Abstract (ILSA). Having reached its 25th volume in 2021, the journal continues to grow, with Volume 26, Issue number 1, June 2022, already available to readers (KELPRO, n.d.).

Journal Details	
Journal Title (in English Language)	KELPRO Bulletin
Publication Language	English
Publisher	Kerala Library Professionals Organisation
ISSN	0975-4911
E-ISSN	2582-497X
Discipline	Social Science
Subject	Social Sciences (all)
Focus Subject	Library and Information Sciences
UGC-CARE coverage years	from April-2022 to Present

Screenshot 9: KELPRO Bulletin

5.10 Knowledge Quest (KQ): Knowledge Quest (KQ) is the official journal of the American Association of School Librarians, a division of the American Library Association. KQ offers substantive information to assist building-level school librarians, supervisors, library educators, and other decision makers concerned with the development of school library programs and services. Authors include building-level school librarians, school library administrators and educators, school administrators, university personnel, and students in master's programs in school library science (AASL Knowledge Quest, n.d.).

Journal Details	
Journal Title (in English Language)	Knowledge Quest
Publication Language	English
Publisher	American Library Association
ISSN	1094-9046
E-ISSN	NA
Discipline	Social Science
Subject	Social Sciences (all)
Focus Subject	Library and Information Sciences
UGC-CARE coverage years	from June-2019 to Present

Screenshot 10: Knowledge Quest

5.11 Library Herald: Library Herald is a quarterly publication that features peer-reviewed original contributions within the realm of Library and Information Science. Alongside research reports and reviews of significant Indian and foreign publications, the journal periodically releases special issues focusing on various aspects of the field. With publications scheduled for March, June, September, and December each year, Library Herald provides a comprehensive platform for scholarly discussions and contributions in the dynamic domain of Library and Information Science (DLA, n.d.).

Journal Details	
Journal Title (in English Language)	Library Herald
Publication Language	English
Publisher	Delhi Library Association
ISSN	0024-2292
E-ISSN	0976-2469
Discipline	Social Science
Subject	Social Sciences (all)
Focus Subject	Library and Information Sciences
UGC-CARE coverage years	from January-2021 to Present

Screenshot 11: Library Herald

5.12 New Review of Children’s Literature and Librarianship: New Review of Children's Literature & Librarianship is a highly regarded journal indexed and abstracted in various reputable databases and platforms, including EBSCOhost Online Research Databases, H.W. Wilson, Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts (LISTA) with full text, Gale, MLA International Bibliography, OCLC, ArticleFirst, ProQuest, MLA International Bibliography, Periodicals Index Online, and Taylor & Francis. All Library & Information Science journals, including this one, adhere to the Zero Embargo Green OA Policy, empowering authors to retain copyright of their articles and enjoy Green Open Access, enabling them to share their Accepted Manuscripts on repositories, social media, personal webpages, etc. immediately upon publication. However, while Taylor & Francis strives for accuracy, the Content in their publications is not warranted, and any opinions expressed are solely those of the authors and not endorsed by Taylor & Francis. Readers are encouraged to verify information independently with primary sources. Taylor & Francis disclaims liability for any losses or damages arising from the use of the Content (Taylor & Francis Online, n.d.).

Journal Details	
Journal Title (in English Language)	New Review of Children's Literature and Librarianship
Publication Language	English
Publisher	Taylor and Francis
ISSN	1361-4541
E-ISSN	1740-7885
Discipline	Social Science
Subject	Social Sciences (all)
Focus Subject	Library and Information Sciences
UGC-CARE coverage years	from June-2019 to Present

Screenshot 12: New Review of Children’s Literature and Librarianship

5.13 RBU Journal of Library & Information Science: The RBU Journal of Library & Information Science serves as a scholarly platform dedicated to the advancement of education, research, and development within the Library & Information Science field. With an annual publication schedule since its inception in 1997, the journal obtained its ISSN (0972-2750) in the 5th volume, which was released in 2001. Notably, starting from the 17th Volume published in 2015, the journal underwent a significant transformation, becoming peer-reviewed by distinguished experts from across the country. The journal's recognition continued to grow, and in 2017, it was enlisted in the UGC-approved List of Journals under Serial No. 351 and Journal No. 45237. Subsequently, in 2019, it achieved Group D Journal status and earned a place in the UGC CARE approved list of Journals, further solidifying its significance in the academic and research community (RBU, n.d.).

Journal Details	
Journal Title (in English Language)	RBU Journal of Library and Information Science
Publication Language	English
Publisher	Department of Library and Information Science, Rabindra Bharati University
ISSN	0972-2750
E-ISSN	NA
Discipline	Social Science
Subject	Social Sciences (all)
Focus Subject	Library and Information Sciences
UGC-CARE coverage years	from June-2019 to Present

Screenshot 13: RBU Journal of Library & Information Science

5.14 South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS): The South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS) has been the official research journal of the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) since 2002 (Vol. 68 (1)). LIASA was established in 1997, uniting various LIS associations that represented the South African library and information services sector during the apartheid era. Before SAJLIS, the journal was known as South African Libraries, the quarterly publication of the South African Library Association (SALA) since 1933. In the late 1970s, the profession felt the need to embrace a more research-focused approach, leading to the reconstitution of SALA as the South African Institute for Librarianship and Information Science (SAILIS) in 1979. From 1982 (Vol. 49 (1)), the journal's title changed to the South African Journal for Librarianship and Information Science (SAJLIS), aligning with global developments in "information science" (LIASA, n.d.).

Journal Details	
Journal Title (in English Language)	South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science
Publication Language	English
Publisher	Library and Information Association of South Africa
ISSN	0256-8861
E-ISSN	2304-8263
Discipline	Social Science
Subject	Social Sciences (all)
Focus Subject	Library and Information Sciences
UGC-CARE coverage years	from June-2019 to Present

Screenshot 14: South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS)

The journal's focus and scope encompass a broad array of practical and research aspects, ranging from information and research literacy to information management, children's literature, ethics, globalization, the impact of the digital divide, technology, scholarly

communication, open scholarship, and indigenous knowledge systems, among others. It aims to represent and cater to the diverse interests of the South African LIS community, reflecting its extensive range of activities and research endeavors. Besides formal scholarly articles, the editors actively seek contributions on practical issues and controversial topics as they arise. The journal aims to encourage young writers, researchers, and practitioners to share their experiences and findings, fostering a collaborative environment that brings together all aspects of research, teaching, thinking, and practice. Its primary audience includes the LIS and related research communities, comprising academics, scholars, practising information professionals, and policymakers, both nationally and internationally (LIASA, n.d.).

5.15 World Digital Libraries: An International Journal: World Digital Libraries is a biannual international peer-reviewed journal that actively seeks high-quality research papers presenting original theoretical approaches and experimental case studies in digital library developments, maintenance, and dissemination of digital information, with a special focus on research and knowledge integration at the interface of resources and development. The journal serves to keep its readers informed about the latest developments in the field, offering a rich collection of articles, reviews, current developments, and case studies covering various areas, such as theoretical and methodological aspects concerning electronic resources management, digital preservation, multiple access, multilinguality, copyright issues, and security aspects. It also features theoretical approaches and experimental case studies related to digital library development and maintenance, initiatives towards digitization demonstrated through lucid case studies, global current developments, and engaging dialogues between the scientific community and society at large (TERI Press, n.d.).

Journal Details	
Journal Title (in English Language)	World Digital Libraries: An International Journal
Publication Language	English
Publisher	Energy and Resources Institute
ISSN	0974-567X
E-ISSN	0975-7597
Discipline	Social Science
Subject	Social Sciences (all)
Focus Subject	Library and Information Sciences
UGC-CARE coverage years	from June-2019 to Present

Screenshot 15: World Digital Libraries: An International Journal

6. Data Analysis and Presentations:

6.1 Journal Categories and Publishers:

Sl. No.	Journal	Publisher
1.	Art Libraries Journal	Cambridge University Press on behalf of ARLIS
2.	ČITALIŠTE: the Scientific Journal on Theory and Practice of Librarianship	The City Library of Panevo and Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Novi Sad
3.	College Libraries	West Bengal College Librarians Association (WBCLA)
4.	Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ)	Georgia Library Association
5.	IASLIC Bulletin	Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres
6.	International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR)	IGI Global
7.	Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA)	Indian Library Association (ILA)
8.	Journal of Information and Knowledge	Sarada Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science (SRELS), Informatics Publishing Limited
9.	KELPRO Bulletin	Kerala Library Professionals' Organization (KELPRO)
10.	Knowledge Quest (KQ)	American Association of School Librarians (AASL)
11.	Library Herald	Delhi Library Association
12.	New Review of Children's Literature and Librarianship	Taylor & Francis Online
13.	RBU Journal of Library & Information Science	DLIS, Rabindra Bharati University
14.	South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS)	Library & Information Association of South Africa
15.	World Digital Libraries: An International Journal	TERI Press

Table 1: Journal Categories and Publishers

The table 1 provides information about various journals in the field of Library and Information Science along with their respective publishers. The journals cover a diverse range of topics and interests within the discipline. For instance, the Art Libraries Journal is published by Cambridge University Press on behalf of ARLIS, while the International Journal of Information Retrieval Research is published by IGI Global. These journals serve as valuable platforms for scholarly communication, research dissemination, and the advancement of knowledge in the field. The dataset showcases the variety and significance of these publications, each contributing to the growth and development of Library and Information Science.

6.2 Geographical Distribution of Journals in Library and Information Science:

Sl. No.	Journal	Place of Publication
1.	Art Libraries Journal	UK & Ireland
2.	ČITALIŠTE: the Scientific Journal on Theory and Practice of Librarianship	Serbia
3.	College Libraries	Kolkata, West Bengal
4.	Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ)	Georgia
5.	IASLIC Bulletin	Kolkata, West Bengal
6.	International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR)	Pennsylvania, USA
7.	Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA)	New Delhi, India
8.	Journal of Information and Knowledge	Karnataka, India
9.	KELPRO Bulletin	Thiruvananthapuram, India
10.	Knowledge Quest (KQ)	USA
11.	Library Herald	New Delhi, India
12.	New Review of Children's Literature and Librarianship	Philadelphia, USA
13.	RBU Journal of Library & Information Science	Kolkata, West Bengal
14.	South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS)	South Africa
15.	World Digital Libraries: An International Journal	New Delhi, India

Table 2: Geographical Distribution of Journals in Library and Information Science

The table 2 presents a diverse geographical distribution of journals in the field of Library and Information Science, with publications originating from various regions worldwide. The UK & Ireland host the Art Libraries Journal, while Serbia is the location for ČITALIŠTE: the Scientific Journal on Theory and Practice of Librarianship. Additionally, the College Libraries journal is based in Kolkata, West Bengal, and the IASLIC Bulletin also finds its place in Kolkata, West Bengal. The USA is home to several journals, including the International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR) in Pennsylvania, Knowledge Quest (KQ), and the New Review of Children's Literature and Librarianship in Philadelphia. The Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA) is published in New Delhi, India, while the Journal of Information and Knowledge is based in Karnataka, India. Thiruvananthapuram, India, is the location for KELPRO Bulletin, and the Library Herald is based in New Delhi, India. The RBU Journal of Library & Information Science is situated in Kolkata, West Bengal. South Africa is the place of publication for the South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS). Lastly, the World Digital Libraries: An International Journal is published in New Delhi, India. This geographical diversity highlights the global reach and significance of journals in the Library and Information Science discipline.

6.3 Frequency of Journals in Library and Information Science:

Sl. No.	Journal	Frequency
1.	Art Libraries Journal	Quarterly
2.	ČITALIŠTE: the Scientific Journal on Theory and Practice of Librarianship	Semi-Annually
3.	College Libraries	Quarterly
4.	Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ)	Quarterly
5.	IASLIC Bulletin	Quarterly
6.	International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR)	Quarterly
7.	Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA)	Quarterly
8.	Journal of Information and Knowledge	Bimonthly
9.	KELPRO Bulletin	Biannual
10.	Knowledge Quest (KQ)	Bimonthly
11.	Library Herald	Quarterly
12.	New Review of Children's Literature and Librarianship	Biannual
13.	RBU Journal of Library & Information Science	Annually
14.	South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS)	Biannual
15.	World Digital Libraries: An International Journal	Biannual

Table 3: Frequency of Journals in Library and Information Science

The table 3 reveals the frequency of publication for various journals in the field of Library and Information Science. Majority of the journals publish on a quarterly basis, including the Art Libraries Journal, College Libraries, Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ), IASLIC Bulletin, International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR), and the Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA). The Journal of Information and Knowledge is published bimonthly, while the KELPRO Bulletin and Knowledge Quest (KQ) are released biannually. The Library Herald also follows a quarterly publication schedule. The New Review of Children's Literature and Librarianship and the South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS) are both biannual publications. The RBU Journal of Library & Information Science is issued annually, and the World Digital Libraries: An International Journal is also published biannually. This diversity in publication frequency provides readers and researchers with regular access to a wide range of scholarly content and reflects the varied approaches of these journals in disseminating knowledge in the field.

6.4 Publication Language of Journals in Library and Information Science:

Sl. No.	Journal	Publication Language
1.	Art Libraries Journal	English

2.	ČITALIŠTE: the Scientific Journal on Theory and Practice of Librarianship	Serbian and English
3.	College Libraries	English
4.	Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ)	English
5.	IASLIC Bulletin	English
6.	International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR)	English
7.	Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA)	English
8.	Journal of Information and Knowledge	English
9.	KELPRO Bulletin	English
10.	Knowledge Quest (KQ)	English
11.	Library Herald	English
12.	New Review of Children's Literature and Librarianship	English
13.	RBU Journal of Library & Information Science	English
14.	South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS)	English
15.	World Digital Libraries: An International Journal	English

Table 4: Publication Language of Journals in Library and Information Science

The table 4 provides information about the publication language of various journals in the field of Library and Information Science. English serves as the predominant language for most of these journals, including the Art Libraries Journal, College Libraries, Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ), IASLIC Bulletin, International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR), Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA), Journal of Information and Knowledge, KELPRO Bulletin, Knowledge Quest (KQ), Library Herald, New Review of Children's Literature and Librarianship, RBU Journal of Library & Information Science, South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS), and World Digital Libraries: An International Journal. The ČITALIŠTE: the Scientific Journal on Theory and Practice of Librarianship stands out as it is published in both Serbian and English languages, catering to a broader audience and encouraging inclusivity within the scholarly community. This language diversity highlights the global reach and accessibility of knowledge dissemination in Library and Information Science through English as a widely used medium for scholarly communication.

6.5 ISSN and E-ISSN of Journals in Library and Information Science:

Sl. No.	Journal	ISSN/ E-ISSN
1.	Art Libraries Journal	Both
2.	ČITALIŠTE: the Scientific Journal on Theory and Practice of Librarianship	Both
3.	College Libraries	ISSN

4.	Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ)	ISSN
5.	IASLIC Bulletin	ISSN
6.	International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR)	Both
7.	Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA)	Both
8.	Journal of Information and Knowledge	Both
9.	KELPRO Bulletin	Both
10.	Knowledge Quest (KQ)	ISSN
11.	Library Herald	ISSN
12.	New Review of Children's Literature and Librarianship	Both
13.	RBU Journal of Library & Information Science	ISSN
14.	South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS)	Both
15.	World Digital Libraries: An International Journal	Both

Table 5: ISSN and E-ISSN of Journals in Library and Information Science

The table 5 contains information about the International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) and Electronic International Standard Serial Number (E-ISSN) of various journals in the field of Library and Information Science. Several journals are assigned both ISSN and E-ISSN, indicating their availability in both print and electronic formats. These journals include the Art Libraries Journal, ČITALIŠTE: the Scientific Journal on Theory and Practice of Librarianship, International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR), Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA), Journal of Information and Knowledge, KELPRO Bulletin, New Review of Children's Literature and Librarianship, South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS), and World Digital Libraries: An International Journal. On the other hand, College Libraries, Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ), Knowledge Quest (KQ), Library Herald, and RBU Journal of Library & Information Science have been assigned ISSN only. The presence of both ISSN and E-ISSN reflects the journals' adaptation to digital publishing, ensuring wider accessibility to readers through electronic platforms, while ISSN indicates their traditional print presence.

6.6 Article Processing Charges in Journals of Library and Information Science:

Sl. No.	Journal	APCs
1.	Art Libraries Journal	Yes
2.	ČITALIŠTE: the Scientific Journal on Theory and Practice of Librarianship	No
3.	College Libraries	No
4.	Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ)	No
5.	IASLIC Bulletin	No

6.	International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR)	Yes
7.	Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA)	No
8.	Journal of Information and Knowledge	No
9.	KELPRO Bulletin	No
10.	Knowledge Quest (KQ)	No
11.	Library Herald	No
12.	New Review of Children's Literature and Librarianship	No
13.	RBU Journal of Library & Information Science	No
14.	South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS)	Yes
15.	World Digital Libraries: An International Journal	No

Table 6: Article Processing Charges in Journals of Library and Information Science

The table 6 provides information about the presence or absence of Article Processing Charges (APCs) in various journals in the field of Library and Information Science. Several journals, such as the Art Libraries Journal and the International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR), require APCs for processing and publishing articles. On the other hand, several journals, including ČITALIŠTE: the Scientific Journal on Theory and Practice of Librarianship, College Libraries, Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ), IASLIC Bulletin, Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA), Journal of Information and Knowledge, KELPRO Bulletin, Knowledge Quest (KQ), Library Herald, New Review of Children's Literature and Librarianship, RBU Journal of Library & Information Science, and World Digital Libraries: An International Journal, do not have any Article Processing Charges. This disparity in the presence of APCs reflects the varying editorial and financial policies of the journals, ensuring that researchers and authors are aware of the publication costs associated with each journal.

6.7 Open Access Status of Journals in Library and Information Science:

Sl. No.	Journal	Open Access
1.	Art Libraries Journal	Yes
2.	ČITALIŠTE: the Scientific Journal on Theory and Practice of Librarianship	Yes
3.	College Libraries	Yes
4.	Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ)	Yes
5.	IASLIC Bulletin	No
6.	International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR)	Yes
7.	Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA)	Yes
8.	Journal of Information and Knowledge	No
9.	KELPRO Bulletin	Yes

10.	Knowledge Quest (KQ)	Yes
11.	Library Herald	No
12.	New Review of Children's Literature and Librarianship	No
13.	RBU Journal of Library & Information Science	Yes
14.	South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS)	Yes
15.	World Digital Libraries: An International Journal	Yes

Table 7: Open Access Status of Journals in Library and Information Science

The table 7 provides information about the Open Access status of various journals in the field of Library and Information Science. Journals like Art Libraries Journal, ČITALIŠTE: the Scientific Journal on Theory and Practice of Librarianship, College Libraries, Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ), International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJRR), Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA), KELPRO Bulletin, Knowledge Quest (KQ), RBU Journal of Library & Information Science, South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS), and World Digital Libraries: An International Journal have embraced Open Access, making their content freely accessible to readers worldwide. On the other hand, IASLIC Bulletin and Library Herald do not fall under the Open Access category, possibly due to different publishing policies or financial considerations. This diversity in Open Access status allows researchers, practitioners, and readers to choose from a wide range of journals with varying accessibility options, contributing to the dissemination and accessibility of knowledge in the field of Library and Information Science.

6.8 Citation Styles Used in Journals of Library and Information Science:

Sl. No.	Journal	Citation Style
1.	Art Libraries Journal	Chicago Manual of Style
2.	ČITALIŠTE: the Scientific Journal on Theory and Practice of Librarianship	Chicago Manual of Style
3.	College Libraries	APA Style
4.	Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ)	APA Style
5.	IASLIC Bulletin	IASLIC Authorship Manual
6.	International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJRR)	APA Style
7.	Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA)	APA Style
8.	Journal of Information and Knowledge	APA Style
9.	KELPRO Bulletin	APA Style
10.	Knowledge Quest (KQ)	MLA Style
11.	Library Herald	APA Style

12.	New Review of Children’s Literature and Librarianship	MLA Style
13.	RBU Journal of Library & Information Science	APA Style
14.	South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS)	Harvard Style
15.	World Digital Libraries: An International Journal	APA Style

Table 8: Citation Styles Used in Journals of Library and Information Science

The Table 8 provides information about the citation styles used in various journals in the field of Library and Information Science. Many journals, such as Art Libraries Journal, ČITALIŠTE: the Scientific Journal on Theory and Practice of Librarianship, International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR), Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA), Journal of Information and Knowledge, KELPRO Bulletin, and RBU Journal of Library & Information Science, follow the American Psychological Association (APA) Style for citations. College Libraries and Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ) use the APA Style as well, ensuring uniformity and consistency in citation practices. IASLIC Bulletin adopts its own IASLIC Authorship Manual for citations. Knowledge Quest (KQ) and New Review of Children’s Literature and Librarianship employ the Modern Language Association (MLA) Style for citations, while the South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS) uses the Harvard Style. This diverse use of citation styles allows authors and researchers to adapt to the specific requirements of each journal when preparing and submitting their manuscripts.

6.9 Availability of Digital Object Identifier (DOI) in Journals of Library and Information Science:

Sl. No.	Journal	Digital Object Identifier (DOI)
1.	Art Libraries Journal	Yes
2.	ČITALIŠTE: the Scientific Journal on Theory and Practice of Librarianship	No
3.	College Libraries	No
4.	Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ)	No
5.	IASLIC Bulletin	No
6.	International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR)	Yes
7.	Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA)	No
8.	Journal of Information and Knowledge	Yes
9.	KELPRO Bulletin	No
10.	Knowledge Quest (KQ)	No
11.	Library Herald	No
12.	New Review of Children’s Literature and Librarianship	Yes

13.	RBU Journal of Library & Information Science	No
14.	South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS)	Yes
15.	World Digital Libraries: An International Journal	Yes

Table 9: Availability of Digital Object Identifier (DOI) in Journals of Library and Information Science

The Table 9 presents information on the availability of Digital Object Identifier (DOI) in various journals within the field of Library and Information Science. Journals like Art Libraries Journal, International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR), Journal of Information and Knowledge, New Review of Children’s Literature and Librarianship, South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS), and World Digital Libraries: An International Journal have implemented DOIs, providing a unique and persistent identifier for their published articles. This facilitates easy and reliable access to the articles, enhancing their discoverability and citation tracking. However, ČITALIŠTE: the Scientific Journal on Theory and Practice of Librarianship, College Libraries, Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ), IASLIC Bulletin, Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA), KELPRO Bulletin, Knowledge Quest (KQ), Library Herald, and RBU Journal of Library & Information Science currently do not use DOIs, which may impact their article visibility and tracking in scholarly databases and bibliographic systems.

6.10 Status of Article Distribution Under Creative Commons Licences in Library and Information Science Journals

Sl. No.	Journal	Creative Commons Licence
1.	Art Libraries Journal	Yes
2.	ČITALIŠTE: the Scientific Journal on Theory and Practice of Librarianship	Yes
3.	College Libraries	No
4.	Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ)	Yes
5.	IASLIC Bulletin	No
6.	International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR)	Yes
7.	Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA)	Yes
8.	Journal of Information and Knowledge	Yes
9.	KELPRO Bulletin	No
10.	Knowledge Quest (KQ)	No
11.	Library Herald	No
12.	New Review of Children’s Literature and Librarianship	No
13.	RBU Journal of Library & Information Science	No

14.	South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS)	Yes
15.	World Digital Libraries: An International Journal	No

Table 10: Status of Article Distribution Under Creative Commons Licences in Library and Information Science Journals

The table 10 provides information on the status of article distribution under Creative Commons Licences in various journals within the field of Library and Information Science. Journals like Art Libraries Journal, ČITALIŠTE: the Scientific Journal on Theory and Practice of Librarianship, Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ), International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR), Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA), and Journal of Information and Knowledge have adopted Creative Commons Licences for their articles. This indicates a commitment to open access and allows readers to reuse, distribute, and build upon the published content with proper attribution. However, College Libraries, IASLIC Bulletin, KELPRO Bulletin, Knowledge Quest (KQ), Library Herald, New Review of Children’s Literature and Librarianship, RBU Journal of Library & Information Science, and World Digital Libraries: An International Journal currently do not offer Creative Commons Licences, which may restrict the level of accessibility and reuse of their published articles.

6.11 Domain Extensions in Library and Information Science Journals

Sl. No.	Journal	Domain
1.	Art Libraries Journal	.org
2.	ČITALIŠTE: the Scientific Journal on Theory and Practice of Librarianship	.rs
3.	College Libraries	.org
4.	Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ)	.edu
5.	IASLIC Bulletin	.org.in
6.	International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR)	.com
7.	Journal of Indian Library Association (JILA)	.net
8.	Journal of Information and Knowledge	.org
9.	KELPRO Bulletin	.in
10.	Knowledge Quest (KQ)	.org
11.	Library Herald	.in
12.	New Review of Children’s Literature and Librarianship	.com
13.	RBU Journal of Library & Information Science	.ac.in
14.	South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS)	.ac.za
15.	World Digital Libraries: An International Journal	.res.in

Table 11: Domain Extensions in Library and Information Science Journals

The table 11 provides information on the domain extensions of various journals within the field of Library and Information Science. Journals such as Art Libraries Journal, College Libraries, International Journal of Information Retrieval Research (IJIRR), Journal of Information and Knowledge, and Knowledge Quest have domain extensions like ".org", indicating their non-profit organizational nature. On the other hand, journals like Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ), New Review of Children's Literature and Librarianship, and South African Journal of Libraries and Information Science (SAJLIS) have domain extensions like ".edu" and ".ac.za", representing educational and academic institutions, respectively. Additionally, ČITALIŠTE: the Scientific Journal on Theory and Practice of Librarianship, IASLIC Bulletin, KELPRO Bulletin, Library Herald, and World Digital Libraries: An International Journal have country-specific domain extensions such as ".rs", ".org.in", ".in", ".in", and ".res.in", respectively, reflecting their affiliation to specific countries. The analysis of domain extensions offers insights into the nature and institutional affiliations of these journals within the Library and Information Science domain.

7. Findings of the Study: The findings of the study reveal that journals in the field of Library and Information Science exhibit diverse characteristics in terms of their publication practices, accessibility, and distribution policies. Some key findings are as follows:

i. Journal Categories and Publishers: The dataset includes journals published by various reputable publishers, such as Cambridge University Press, IGI Global, Taylor & Francis Online, and more, covering a wide range of topics within Library and Information Science.

ii. Geographical Distribution: The journals have a global presence, with publications originating from different regions, including the UK, Serbia, India, South Africa, and the USA, reflecting the international reach of research in the field.

iii. Frequency of Publication: Most journals publish on a quarterly basis, providing readers with regular access to up-to-date scholarly content. However, there are variations, with some journals being published biannually or annually.

iv. Publication Language: English is the predominant language for the majority of the journals, enabling widespread dissemination and accessibility of research findings to an international audience.

v. ISSN and E-ISSN: Several journals have been assigned both ISSN and E-ISSN, indicating their availability in both print and electronic formats, while some journals have only ISSN.

vi. Article Processing Charges (APCs): Some journals require APCs for processing and publishing articles, while others do not have any charges. This reflects the different editorial and financial policies of the journals.

vii. Open Access Status: Many journals have adopted Open Access, making their content freely accessible to readers worldwide, while a few journals do not fall under the Open Access category.

viii. Citation Styles: Various citation styles are used by the journals, such as APA, MLA, Chicago Manual of Style, and Harvard, offering authors flexibility in conforming to specific citation guidelines.

ix. Availability of DOI: Some journals have implemented Digital Object Identifiers (DOI), providing a unique and persistent identifier for their published articles, facilitating easy access and citation tracking.

x. Creative Commons Licences: Some journals have chosen to distribute their articles under Creative Commons Licences, promoting open access and enabling readers to reuse and distribute the content with proper attribution.

Overall, the study highlights the diverse and dynamic landscape of journals in the field of Library and Information Science, contributing to the advancement of knowledge and scholarly communication in the discipline.

8. Conclusion: In conclusion, this research study delves into the Library and Information Science (LIS) journals listed in UGC-CARE between June 2019 and July 2023, aiming to provide valuable insights to researchers and practitioners in the field. The comprehensive data collection process categorizes the selected journals based on various aspects, including publishers, geographical distribution, frequency of publication, publication language, ISSN/E-ISSN, Article Processing Charges (APCs), Open Access status, citation styles, and the availability of Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) and Creative Commons Licences. By excluding UGC-CARE List Group II journals and discontinued or delisted journals, the study ensures the accuracy and relevance of the information presented. This research empowers researchers to make informed decisions when choosing suitable journals for publication, fostering accessibility and dissemination of knowledge within the LIS academic community.

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