

NII Library and Documentation Services

Research activities in NII are supported by a modern Knowledge Resource Centre, which comprises a fully computerized library with a rich collection of relevant books and periodicals, on-line subscription of a large number of databases and current protocols, and an Information Centre which provides many value added services such as Current Awareness Services (CAS), Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI), inter-library loan facilities, besides providing the usual services of a traditional library.

The inception of this centre dates back to 1982. The NII library was set up primarily to meet the information needs of the scientific staff and students of the Institute. With the passage of time, the library grew at a fast pace, and in order to cater to the ever-increasing information needs of the scientists, it systematically and gradually grew as a collection of specialized reading materials such as e-books, e-journals, online-reference sources, serials and various macro- and micro-documents in the various areas of biomedical research. Now the physical space required for the library is relatively small, while computer and server memory has grown with advanced technology to store the information wealth of this highly specialized library.

The NII Library and Documentation Services (LDS) are responsible for acquiring, collecting, processing, storing and distributing all printed and electronic scientific literature needed by the Institute's scientists, students, project staff and trainees. As a support service unit, the LDS strive to create a dynamic e-information environment that fosters research, learning and innovation. The library's goals are:

- Develop and maintain high quality collections with an emphasis on digital content management for timely access to information resources.
- Provide services and tools that support research and education.

The NII library is equipped with Koha- Open source ILS- Integrated Library System for its automation/housekeeping operations and Web-OPAC for online searches of library resources. The Library is a member of DELNET (Developing Library Network) and a core member of DeLCON (DBT-Electronic Library Consortium), which provides access to full-text nine hundred e-journals to the Institute; apart from that, the Library has huge collections of e-journals from different publishers like Annual Reviews, American Chemical Society & Current Protocols- Wiley Online Library. The LDS also has an Institutional Repository (IR), which collects, stores and preserves the Institute's research output for long-term digital preservation purposes.

Opening hours: The NII library is open from 9.30.a.m. until 6.00 p.m. on all working days.