

The Place of Cd-Rom Technology in Library Development in Nigeria

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ABSTRACT While the computer market in Nigeria has been flourishing and expanding; its applications in library and information services have not contributed much to that expansion. This paper then tries to identify the problems and eventually stressed the importance and relevance of CD-ROM technology to the development of library services in Nigeria. The paper shows that CD-ROM is a more appropriate technology for Nigeria because of the relatively harsh environment. CD-ROM is found to be a more efficient medium of storage for publishing large amount of information. The qualities and significance of CD-ROM over Online industry are stressed and the paper finally recommends the uses of CD-ROM technology for Nigerian library development. The problems to be faced by the use of CD-ROM in Nigerian libraries are also identified. The paper then advises both the government and other relevant agencies like National Universities Commission to be constantly organizing seminars and workshops on CD-ROM applications to Nigerian libraries.