Consolidate Military Libraries with Strategic Information Resources for National Security in Nigeria.

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Abstract

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Military libraries in the northern states, a case study of army records Lokoja are not sufficiently provided with adequate and strategic information resources to carry out their prime assignment. It is on this note that this research work is carried out to examine information resources in consolidating military libraries for promoting national security. The study focuses mainly on how military libraries will be consolidated with strategic information resources so that soldiers can have access to adequate security information to prevent insecurity in Nigeria. Empirical method which involved documentary evidence is employed to evaluate qualitative and quantitative information resources in the military libraries of the military command and training, namely Army Record, Lokoja. The method is also going to involve observations and direct-oral interview in appraising the military library through gathering information from some highly placed commandants and from their intelligent officers as per useful security information resources needed in discharging their duties. There will be a brief teaching on the use of library as per how to acquire and organize the information resources for better access to information in the institution. The study revealed that information is security and if it is adequately provided as a tool it will help to manage, plan, control and make decision. To this end, the paper recommended that strategic information resources, e-resources and all it takes to facilitates provision of information to the military libraries be provided to assist military personnel combat insecurity through improving on the means to information not only via radio, TV, social media, platforms like what's up, instagram, face book, twitters and telegram but e- security resources (ICT resources) that can generate and transfer current news to the soldiers at the right time.

Introduction

Military personnel are given the sole responsibility to curtail insecurity in Nigeria constitutionally and to this importance, information will aid them in doing the job. A ready access to adequate information at the right time to the right soldier at the right place is indispensable to promote National security.

Security as it were, is the prevention of crime by means of strategy and philosophy of denying criminals the opportunity to succeed. Security management is therefore necessary as a measures put in place to plan, organize, direct and control to ensure effective and efficient protection of lives and properties of a nation. (Charles, 2007). It is true that security in all facets should be the primary concern of both the government and the people of that nation. This fact is given legal strength by the Nigerian constitution which states that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government and on this note the government entrusted the security of lives and properties of people into the hands of military agencies and so this could be done through equipping them with adequate information resources which in turn can be provided with a well furnished military libraries encompassing hard and digital resources.

Military libraries are designed place to house printed books/ non-printed information resources which have the power to make better soldiers and better citizens. According to Katherine (1989) Libraries are center areas which radiate right ideas of the military personnel. It is noted that Military cannot achieve in securing lives and properties without adequate provision of strategic information that are necessary for victory as are guns and ammunition to secure. Thus the importance of information to enhance national security and economic development cannot be overemphasized, considering the fact that information is power.

The imperative and the ability to have accurate and timely information will enable the military personnel to efficiently and increasingly combat insurgency. For example, in some developed countries, there are reports of books being provided to soldier in the revolutionary war and books sent through the mail to officers and to strategic libraries on naval vessels that have been an important to those who went to sea for the purpose of navigation and service to fighting forces at home and abroad. In the past, it has been glaring with the American Library Association in providing books and reading materials to the troops overseas during the World War I. To this end, this research work is justified by the provision of reading materials to the military personnel of the Arm Forces and which have been the primary mission of Armed forces libraries. The provision of leisure reading and entertainment for the active-duty of military officer is made possible and almost all military libraries have been actively engaged in supporting the educational pursuit of the individuals and the command they served. It is on this note that the researchers postulate that if information resources are provided to this command centers; armed forces officers will have access to information that would make them to be competent soldiers to combat in-security. It is on this note that this research project empirically observed that military libraries are necessary agent that updates and enriching the minds of our military intelligent officers, helping them to head war stones and teach them on how battles are won.

The valuable contributions that the military libraries have been making to the military community are largely unknown. Naval personnel could improve their navigation skills, location of places geographically on the maps that are housed in the military libraries, peace keeping maintenance through much acquisition of information acquired from the libraries; emphasis on the development of aircraft, air power and knowledge acquired through reading on how to make aircraft and air power etc. It has been observed that military libraries must be provided with strategic information resources for the military personnel to perform the job of security in Nigeria creditably, it is also noted that poor

provision and outdated information resources are in some of these war colleges especially the Army records, Lokoja Kogi State, war college Abuja FCT and also Nigerian Defense Academy NDA Jaji Kaduna State, hence the need for provision of information Technology resources in these affected areas. However the studies shall be limited to the Army records, Lokoja Kogi States but generalize on the military schools mentioned here above.

Statement of the Problem

Information have received a widespread acceptance in all field of study and it is imperative and needful if problem of insecurity must be solved believing that an informed man is a better soldier, a better individual and subsequently a better citizen. It is unfortunate that military libraries in Nigeria especially Army record in Lokoja Kogi State needs to be reinvigorated and be responsible for the provision of current stocks for the military officers to assist them in the training and learning and also to combat insecurity in our society which were seen to be inadequate. There were no standard libraries to generate security information, offices where documents are kept were not informative and the few information resources existed are obsolete. Besides the information communication technology (ICT) resources are not adequately provided. It is on this note that this research is conducted to examine if military libraries could be consolidated with the information resources that will assist the users (military personnel) access to accurate information on the subject matter. Most importantly to evaluate the quantitative and qualitative of information resources provision in the army records in Lokoja, Kogi State.

Objectives of the study

The general objective of this research is to consolidate military libraries with strategic information resources for National security, while the specific objectives are:-

(i) To re-invigorating information resources of the military libraries in Nigeria.
(ii) To identify e-resources needed for quick access to accurate security information and services.
(iii) To analyze how in-security can be curtailed through adequate provision of library and information resources.
(iv) To teach and to counsel military staff on how to use library in army records Lokoja in question.

Research questions

i) Is information resources for security purposes available and adequate?
ii) To what extent is an information resource relevant to security purpose?
iii) Can e-resources improve the strategies of curbing insecurity?
iv) Will Consolidating military library with adequate information resources helps in National security?

Significance of the study.

This research work is going to consolidate and strengthening the provision of information resources to the military library in army records Lokoja. The project will help to facilitate institutional provision of e-resources, data and information services for the military personnel. The finding of this research will help the government to plan and take useful decision on the provision of information for military officers to have access to security information thereby combating crime. This study will be of important to the military personnel; this is because the adequate information and current news will be made available into the library that will help them in discharging their duties. Government will also be assisted in the awareness of security information and hence plan for the insecurity. It is going to be significant for the users to have current and regular information for teaching and learning in educational sector of the military institution. Also the study will be helpful in the availability of ICT and e-resources in the military library for use at all levels.

Research Methodology

The research proposal will employed empirical method which involved documentary method to evaluate qualitatively and quantitatively information resources in the military libraries of the military command and training, namely Army Record, Lokoja. The method is also going to involve observations and direct primary-oral interview and appraisal of the military library through gathering of information from some highly placed commandants and from their intelligent officers (10) as per useful security information resources. There will be brief for practical teaching on the use of library as per how to acquire and organize the information resources for better access to information in the institution. And to achieve this, the researchers shall visit army record Lokoja to assess the adequate military information resources available that will serve for the purpose of preventing insecurity in Nigeria.

Finally, Researchers will also consult other relevant journals, books relating to the research work, Checklist, Evaluation, analysis and Report writing will be used

Literature Review

Theoretical framework on Military libraries.

Military Libraries are typical libraries that offer information resources to aids teaching and learning in any training centres especially in the army records Lokoja to provide military information needs that can help the personnel, enable them to combat security in all forms for better Nigeria. Government through her constitution entrusted the security of lives and properties of people into the hands of military agencies but unfortunately military libraries were not adequately provided with strategic information resources. The roles and importance of the military library cannot be over-emphasized; this is because military personal have realized that studying military, aviation and wireless telegraphy will be necessary to win war. They will read anything that will assist them in becoming more proficient in diversified activities of War (Katherine, 1989). Adequate provision of strategic information is necessary for victory as guns and ammunition to secure. Thus the importance of information wills aids quick decision for national development through enhance security and economic development considering the fact that information is power. To this end accurate and timely information will enable the military personnel to increasingly combat insurgency. Military libraries are designed to support the needs of a nation's armed forces and other personnel attached to the unit or base that the library is a part of (*https.//en.m.wikipedia.org.wiki*). Armed forces libraries support a worldwide network of soldiers, families, veterans, and civilians. Military libraries have something for everyone, story hours, book discussion groups, gaming nights, movie nights, teen programmes, internet access, computer labs with word processing and access to readiness training. The information resources of military libraries and air force respectively are information resources like any other libraries, e.g electronic books, audio books, magazine, music, movies, and much more etc

Information Resources

Information resources are the vital materials, print and non print materials housed in all types of libraries especially in military libraries the focus of this study. According to Mbashir, Ehoniyotan, Audu & Adebisi (2010) defined information resources as those materials kept in the libraries to give answers to questions such like books, all reference materials and networking materials or ICT infrastructures. The users of the Military libraries believed that every individual should have their resources to keep on learning throughout life and to be given education. This is because e-resources are fast in given information for security consciousness as cited by Abioye (2020).
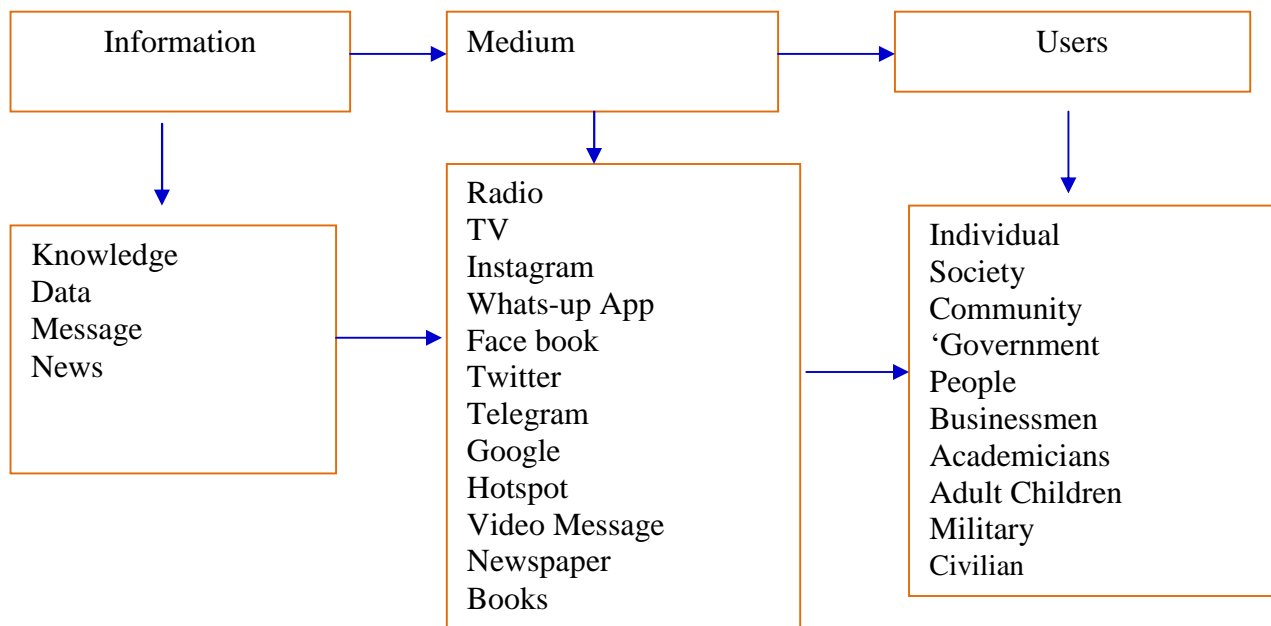
Armed forces have always placed on education in team programme with the help of their libraries, the library service and sources of the arm forces- Army, Navy and Marine cost guards have been varied with that of other libraries of its type. In their own contribution Jude (2006); Maidabino (2010) & Piyush (2014) the value of military library is the reading material which holds an important place in a soldier's daily life and not only in a war time, the armed forces libraries aided service personnel and team dependents. Today there are practically library services in every military post, base and ship with much needed books, journal, audio and video tape, microfiche and microfilm resources. (Katherine, 1989).

Books offer a summary of the recreational, educational and learner support services that libraries have provided to military patrons. The history revealed that library provides reading materials with the top team service in the post, base and or naval station, this effort of the military is to increase reading and literacy skills in the life of the military men and women. This is because they have realized that studying aviation and wireless telegraph was necessary to win war. They will read anything that will assist them in

becoming more proficiency in their diversified activities of war.

Morgan (1918) opined that Reading materials holds an important place in a soldier's life to enrich their minds, updates their brain, keep them practically fits in discharging their security roles. There are library services practically on the provision of much needed books, journals, audio and video tapes, microfiche and microfilm resources, computer database searches for education of Army, Air force, Naval officers in order to keep track and secure the nation's lives and properties which is the work they were charged for which have not been provided to unravels and reduce the evils of perpetrators. Information can be generated and disseminated through radio, television, newspapers and some social media such like tweeters, what's up app; Face book, Google, hotspot, Instagram, video message, voice mail across to the people; the activities of the perpetrators are curtailed and their criminalities are truncated in order to sustain life and property for National development. Some of these channels are used and many others to interact, contact, research and to teach or enlightening to prevent insecurity.

The chart below show information resources useful to access information for security purposes.

Source: Adapted from Ehikhamenor, F.A (2006) by Adebisi, M.K (2020).

Concept of National Security

Security simply means the prevention of crime by denying criminals the opportunity to succeed, this can be done through information services; keeping people at alert, creating awareness of those criminals' hide out and expose them. Information therefore needed as a measure to be put in place to plan, strategize, organize, direct and control threats of criminals to ensure effective and efficient protection of lives and properties of a nation; Insecurity is a bad symptom to development as it retards growth and development. According to the chambers' Dictionary, Security is a word use to mean secure, which means safe, confident, assure, providing safety, stable life. In the cause of describing security, it can be seen as preventing war, having state of rest, peaceful events or society and free from problems or crises. It is true that security in all facets should be the primary concern of both the government and the people especially military personnel that were charge with this sole responsibility of securing lives and property for the purpose of National Development. (Mahmud, 2012)

A nation that is free of crime, war and disease can be described as advanced society which may not be achieved without adequate provision of information services. Be that as it may, a ready access to information is important to individual's growth, advancement and National Development; but it is observed that adequate provision of basic information is lacking in Nigeria to prevent insecurity menace;

Adebisi (2016) asserted that information is popularly used to create awareness, sensitizing and teaching people about issues and matters arising and affecting their individual lives. Nothing renews the minds like information; it enlarges the capacity of the mind and enhances qualitative and effective reasoning. Etim (2007) also maintain that information is one that adds to awareness or understanding, He further perceived it to be a facts, intelligence, data, news or knowledge necessary for decision making and with the impact of information on security,

information is a critical resource to nation if adequately provided to inform and enlighten people about the threats of criminals and more so to highlight the use of information as a tool in securing life and property for national security.

National Security is seen as crime-free nation and to the other side insecurity which is all about the threats in the society that is inimical to the wellbeing of a man in such society. Therefore, includes arson, burglary and willful damage to property, (vandalization) deliberate bush burning, armed robbery attacks, violence (ethno-political and religious), drug and human trafficking to illegal/manufacture of chemical/biological weapons of mass destruction. Be that as it may, they all constituted threats to the society not only to life but to property, Living condition, the environment, socio-economic and political climates and indeed the growth and development of peoples and nation at large. (Adebisi, 2020).

According to ICPC in Abdulsalam Abubakar (2005) discussed National security as the requirement to maintain the survival of the Nation through the use of economic, military and political power and the exercise of diplomacy. He Further expatiated that military intelligence services is one of the measures taken to ensure national security, to detect, defend and defeat threats with adequate information.

The United Nations Development Programme outlined the scope of National security to include Human security, Economic security, Political Security, Environmental Security, Personal Security, Community Security, Food Security, Health Security; from the above highlights, the type of security highlighted determines individual life and property and it cover the entire national security.

Abdulsalam Abubakar (2005) Grand Commander Federal Republic of Nigeria (GCFR) noted that National security is an assemblage of factors that ensure quality of life, protection, development of the nation, its people and territories are some of the cardinals of fostering peace for National Development.

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The primary objectives of every nation are to ensure that law and order are maintained but this required information to dispense and sensitizing government and individual in achieving the goals. Information will be the critical tools to use and mobilize the nation or society to be free from all these dangers:- political conflict, electioneering war, socio-economic agitations, ethno-religious crises, boundary disputes, cultism, criminality and organized crises like Boko-Haram, Herdsmen, Kidnapping and arm-robbery etc that may negate National development. These problems constitute threats to the peace, security and development of the country having the negative implications for the nation's democracy and economy. It is the duties of armed-forces to curtail this menace in the society since they are charged with securing life and property, therefore to achieve this, the armed-forces, military libraries must be equipped with strategic information resources in order to prevent insecurity for Nigeria. (Lawrence, 2004).

According to Adegbe, Isah & Obaromi (2020) Armed forces of a country are the combination of the Air force, Navy and the Army which are responsible for the defense of the country. They defend the country against any external aggression and fight any internal uprising. The air force relies on the air power while the navy guard the water ways and the army operate on the ground. The Nigeria armed forces have been engaged in the battle against terrorism since the emergence of Boko-Haram in the fourth republic to ensure that they curb this anomie. Morgan (1918) reported that the Armed forces library program today is a worldwide network of all types of libraries in support of the education, recreation and information needs of military personnel and their dependants. The librarians have brought books and reading materials to readers in the military, no matter how isolated or dangerous the circumstances. Over the years, services rendered by the military libraries are; Keeping the library simple, Bringing fee books to the readers, Make Patron feel at home, support the

mission of the armed forces, Books were provided for the reading and enjoyment for military Service, for children, Service to adult, Advisory service, Education and bibliographic.

In World War I, Mission supports services are those library services directly supporting the mission of the particular military community. This mission may be in the areas of: - Artillery, communication, Aeronautics, Administration, to name just a few. Abstracting, Journal, publishing Current Awareness, Library news letter, Routine Journals, Reference, Technical, Automation and technology, now are strategic library materials in many military libraries, Database such as dialog and OCLC, Military libraries access as network such like:- FEDLINK, PACS AND TRALINET, As well as union list and electronic mail all enhances the librarian's capabilities to provide such services, Education of the Armed Forces can only be improved through reading culture and with adequate provision of information resources, that are relevant during the following training:- Training and education of enlisted personnel Officer, training and specialized education, Professional military education, Unit Training, Off –duty Education.

In lieu of these, thousands of military personnel have been exposed to libraries and books for the first time as adults and had come to recognize their value. They constituted a large audience of potential users; the Military libraries believed that every individual should have their resources to keep on earning throughout life and to be given in education.

The value of military library is the reading material they holds as an important place in a soldier's daily life, not only in a war time but has the armed forces libraries aided service personnel and team dependents? Today there are practically library services in every military post, base and ship staffed by some personnel. They provide much needed books, journal, audio and video tape, microfiche and microfilm resources. They are now provided with their patrons with detailed computer data base searches.

Books offer a summary of the recreational educational and leaner support services that libraries have provided to military patrons. The history revealed that library provides reading materials with the top team service in the post, base, or naval station. The effort of the military is to increase reading and literacy skills in the life of the military men and woman, while they have realized that studying creation and wireless telegraph was necessary to win war.

Military Libraries are typical libraries that offer information resources to aids teaching and learning in any training centres especially in the army records Lokoja to provide military information needs that can help the personnel to acquire knowledge that will enable them to combat security in all forms for better Nigeria. Military libraries must be consolidated with resources, the question is; can libraries be consolidated through equipping it with information materials in ensuring effective and efficient protection of lives and properties of a nation. This can be done through provision, re-invigoration of military libraries to effectively enhance the provision of information for national security. Adequate provision of strategic information is necessary for victory as guns and ammunition to secure. Thus the important of information will aids quick decision for national development through enhance security and economic development considering the fact that information is power.

Libraries of all type are an aspect of education, the hub of education that is important for national security; it contributes to the growth of education hence the growth of the nation. It must be strengthened to actually achieve national goals. Maidoki (2018) argued that education is at the center of development and when you develop man, you develop a nation. Be that as it may, library is the nerve center of education; if it develops, invariably you are developing a nation. Therefore, it is indeed important and necessary for libraries of its kinds to be consolidated to achieve National Development. To be precise, Library is a database where information resources are being organized, stored, retrieved and

disseminated. Its expected roles are to provide an effective information services for teaching, learning, research and for decision-making at all levels. A ready access to information when it is needed and where it is needed is indispensable to individual's advancement and national development. Information improves the ability of individual, business, government agencies and organizations to make informed decision. It helps to solve one's immediate practical problems in life and to further one's continuing education and understanding of the arts, sciences, humanities in order to enrich one's personal life. So there is need to consolidate military libraries system as a whole especially in the area of Staff, Materials, Infrastructures, policies and library activities at all levels. Omoniwa and Adebisi (2017) described information as knowledge that one acquired at different situations. It is generally said that information is a critical resource in the hand of individual and a given nation. Statistics have shown that as people, countries and nation need information especially military information needs, its maximum value must be harnessed. On this note Independent Policy Group (2003) IPG suggested that information can be managed at the level of individuals, groups, organizations, institutions, countries, regions or international global levels and at military levels for security purposes. Obasanjo (2000) argued that information is recognized and regarded to as one of the vital and cardinal national economic resource like capital and labor that is required for planning and decision making. Going by the reviews of this paper, it is clear that information increases awareness of individual, groups, military, civilian and organizations. It is important and crucial to the national development and security, in policy – making, planning, controlling and directing strategy that calls for the establishment of standard libraries across the nation.

In the realization of the society goals and objectives; Libraries as the agency of information are not exceptional if only it can be consolidated. The big questions that intellectual must ask is that why must the libraries been strengthened? Libraries are important resources for individual,

communities and organization development in order to achieve their desire goals. It is an inherent obligation to provide information services to support the educational, recreational, cultural, economic and technological advancement. It serves as agency for information dissemination, a tool for the development of intellectual compatibilities and promotion of cultural and social integration. It is on the basis of this importance that Onohwakpor in Adebisi (2010) stress that library is a store house of knowledge; an indispensable tool to any functional education. He posited further that education without the services of libraries is a half-baked education that can only produce narrow minded individual. However, all hopes cannot be lost especially in view of the fact that if libraries can be restructured there is going to be educational growths that will surely improved National security. This call for an examination of consolidating libraries and information centres in Nigeria, this is because society where illiteracy is higher and abject poverty characterized such society, there will be no development at all.

In this 21st century, Nigerian's standard of education is falling because libraries are not adequately improve upon and also the content of libraries; stocks are obsolete and irrelevant, both printed and non-printed formats which must be restructured uniformly with the dreams and aspirations of the society where they are found. Observation shows that current available library resources are inadequate for addressing the long term needs of a sustainable future, inadequate funds, lack of qualified and inadequate staff, poor condition of environment; poor infrastructures calls for rebranding of libraries. With these problems how can libraries support education? It is necessary for the players of educational sector to fill the gaps by updating outdated materials, acquired new tools such as ICT accessories, improves on strategies for searching information; innovative ways that will save the time of users in searching for information resources at the right time is needed.

This can be done through automating library and library equipments (E-library resources) by facilitating the following:-

i. Provision of adequate services to a greater number of patrons.
ii Times of the users are saved when searching.
iii There is need for greater efficiency.
iv. Records held in the computer may be more accurate, more accessible than manual equipment.
v. Faster service and also work flow may be rapid and more systematic
vi. New services and new innovation are formed.
vii. Computer cooperation and centralized services is possible.

Areas to be consolidated in the Military Library are**:-**

1. Personnel.

Staff must be trained and retrained to become expert operators and continuing education is required to developed skills.

2. Materials, in most libraries are not adequate and few ones in existence are outdated, this calls for an improvement by stocking the collection with current and adequate information resources.

3. Infrastructure (equipment): Another area to be improved is the area of infrastructure and equipment that will facilitate the services and the operations of the library to its fullest Making the environment conducive for reading; ICT infrastructure that would ease the work; Equipment, infrastructural facilities, inter-communication system must be acquired for use in the libraries. ICT acquisition will help the users reducing the work load and hence they will be able to access the increasing number of publishing documents or size of the library stocks. To this end, Oketunji (1994) gave reasons for the reviving of libraries through computerization in the 21st century thus;-

i) To efficiently increases technical processing,
ii) To realize financial saving or to curtail cost,
iii) To improve library administration and management,
iv) For the purpose of re-organization,
v) To facilitate sharing resources,
vi) Responsible to breakdown the crisis proportion in the existing manual system.

4. Policies and guidelines for smooth running and management of the libraries.

Other areas noted for re-invigorating of military libraries is the area of library policies, some of the policies of the libraries are not effective for appropriate offence violated; they are outdated as a working tool to prevent plagiarism, pirating, legality of book deposit and compliance of copy right reserved.

Method of Data Analysis

In this research, data analysis would be computed using statistical packages relevant to the data collected. For example the four point Likert rating is used to analyze data that were collected orally from the respondents. All computation will be carried out in line with the objectives of the research, following the research questions on the information needs of military personnel.

Data analysis and Discussion

Firstly, practical teaching to soldiers on how to acquire information, access it at right time to combat problems on insecurity in Nigeria is briefly employed and how and ways to strengthened information or electronic resources for better combat of insecurity were taught.

Secondly, Data were analyzed using four point Likert rating to find the mean statistics of the data at a decision criterion of 2.5 above accepted and 2.5 below rejected.

Response Interpretation

SA= Strongly Agree, A= Agree, D= Disagree, SD= Strongly Disagree.

Given the formula 4n+3n+2n+1n /10= (4 x n) + (3 x n) + (2x n) + (1x n)/ sample size.

Example number 1 below can be analyzed thus: -

$(4x 5) + (5 x 3) + (2x 0) + (1x 0)/ 10$
$= 20+15+0+0 = 35/10 =3.5$

S/N	Description of items	N	SA	A	D	SD	Mean	Rating	Ranking
1	Does your library Need to be consolidated	10	5	5	0	0	3.5	A	1
2	Information resources of the military library is relevant for security purposes	10	2	6	1	1	2.9	A	6
3	e-resources is available in your Library	10	1	2	5	2	1.9	R	13
4	Information print resources are adequate in your library	10	1	2	7	0	2.4	R	11
5	Information is adequately provided	10	1	2	6	1	2.3	R	12
6	Information resources are relevant to information needs of the military library personnel	10	2	5	2	1	2.8	R	10
7	Information resources of the library are obsolete	10	3	3	4	_	2.9	A	6

8	Military library should be consolidated with information resources	10	1	8	0	1	2.9	A	6
9	Consolidated military libraries will assist the military personnel to secure and to combat insecurity	10	3	6	1	_	3.2	A	3
10	Adequate provision of information will help to acquire knowledge on security information	10	2	6	1	1	2.9	A	6
11	Making use of library will help military staff to promote reading culture	10	4	5	0	1	3.2	A	3
12	Military library in army records Lokoja is sub-standard	10	5	4	1	0	3.4	A	2
13	Others equipment and infrastructure are inadequate	10	3	5	1	1	3.0	A	5

Sources: field oral interview 2021.

Report writing and Discussion of analysis

The result found from the table above that military library of army record Lokoja needs to be consolidated with information resources with Mean Statistics of (3.5), this is because the library is still substandard with the mean statistics of (3.4) respondents. Consolidate military libraries will assist the military personnel to secure life and combat insecurity, while making use of library will also help military staff to promote reading culture with a mean statistics of (3.2) respectively. However, others equipment and infrastructure are inadequate as analyzed in the table above with (3.0) Mean Statistics. As noted from the table, information resources of the military library are obsolete and it is noted that adequate provision of information will help to acquired knowledge on security information and so military library should be consolidated with information resources as been analyzed above. This is because information resources of the military libraries are relevant for security purposes with analysis of (2.9) Mean Statics respectively. Rank with respondents of Mean Statistics (2.8) those information resources are relevant to information needs of the military personnel (accepted). Printed information resources as been analyzed in the

army records Lokoja library is not adequate with Mean Statistics. (2.4) rejected and ranked number eleven (11). However, information is not adequately provided because of lack of information materials with M.S (2.3) respondents. To this end, e-resources especially networking for detectives and for controlling in the Military library of army record Lokoja is not available with a Mean score of (1.9) rejected and ranked number 13.

In summary, the Military library of army records Lokoja needs to be consolidated because of inadequacy and non availability of e-resources and information print material in the library. It is therefore noted from the result that information resources is paramount to information needs of the Military personnel to carry out their duties.

Conclusion

Military personnel are charged to defend, protect life and properties of a nation as spelt out in the Nigeria constitution; information will play its fundamental roles to help them achieve these functions through acquisition of knowledge and wisdom. This can only be done through regular use of libraries and information resources and

On the basis of this, this information resources are not adequate and some are not available even those available as noted from the findings are obsolete. However, information is very Paramount to every level of army profession to take decision and be enlighten in all their activities. Unfortunately, the military personnel who need information resources to win war and protect people; were short of information resources, to this end, their library must be consolidated in other to access information at the right time to secure life and properties.

Recommendations

i) Library as an institution that educates and help people to generate adequate information for their living roles should be consolidated with information materials that contain total integration.

ii) Adequate information needs of the armed forces should be provided at all time for creating awareness with the hide out of criminals, especially the use of e-networking.

iii) Staff of armed forces should be given adequate training where standard libraries be promoted.

iv) Areas of personnel especially Military librarian must be adequately promoted. Books, equipment for reading and good policies to run the Military libraries must be enacted to ease the solider to win war.

v) Electronic equipment such as detective machine, CCTV and all the security equipment that can help military staff to combat insecurity or criminalities must be provided.

vi) Finally, standard libraries must be established at the duties post, base or naval point of the armed- forces zone to achieve their primary assignment or goals. Besides, enough funds must be provided to purchase information resources that will be used to consolidate the existing sub standard libraries.

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