



EMPOWERING LIBRARIES: AI-DRIVEN TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES FOR DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION

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Abstract:

There is no doubt about the revolutionary effects of artificial intelligence (AI) on a variety of sectors, most notably research and education. The incorporation of AI into library procedures has become an unavoidable step, given its significance and the requirement of maintaining global competitiveness. In order to give a thorough overview of this dynamic field, the paper primarily focuses on explaining how AI-driven tools and techniques are used in various aspects of library operations. Creating machines that can perform cognitive tasks similar to those of the human brain is the main goal of artificial intelligence.

Libraries can overcome physical limitations and become more intelligent and accessible by integrating artificial intelligence in a seamless manner. This article explores how the various concepts like Natural Language Processing (NLP), Large Language Model (LLM), Expert System (ES), AI-Powered Indexing Tools, Chatbots and other AI tools and techniques may change library infrastructure and services in the future, with the potential to improve outcomes for students, teachers, researchers, and readers alike. An in-depth analysis of the benefits, drawbacks, and creative uses of AI tools and technology in libraries advances a comprehensive knowledge of the field and opens the door to wise decision-making in the dynamic field of library sciences.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence (AI), Natural Language Processing (NLP), Large Language Model, Expert Systems, AI-driven Tools

Introduction :

Libraries frequently take a long time to implement new technologies, which results in poor training, delayed services, and trouble keeping up with emerging technologies like AI. The latest generation of AI tools is making libraries frantically adjust throughout their establishments. Librarians will take the lead in teaching the public how to use artificial intelligence (AI) tools, which they can use to do tasks including analyzing digital collections, finding subjects, adding metadata, and improving search accuracy and retrieval. Throughout the institution's existence, library administration systems have changed in step with advances in technology. Artificial intelligence is now integrated with rule-based software. In response to consumer requests for text-based interactions and 24/7 availability, chatbots driven by artificial intelligence are being deployed in libraries across the globe to acquaint customers with AI resources and encourage secure and appropriate usage.

In particular, the creation of intelligent computer programs is a component of artificial

intelligence (AI). The area of study and creation in this field is centered on computer systems that exhibit a variety of intelligence, including the ability to learn new ideas and tasks, a reason to make meaningful inferences about the world, comprehend natural language, perceive visual scenes and carry out tasks that generally require higher-order cognitive functions.

When it comes to carrying out a variety of library operations and activities, offering a range of services, and producing output products, the use of computers and computer-based goods and services is essential. When a machine does regular, repeated tasks or processes with little to no human intervention, it is said to be automated. The less human interaction required, the higher the automation level. The function of people is not eliminated by automation; rather, it frees them up from repetitive duties, giving them more time to engage in activities that call for human intelligence.

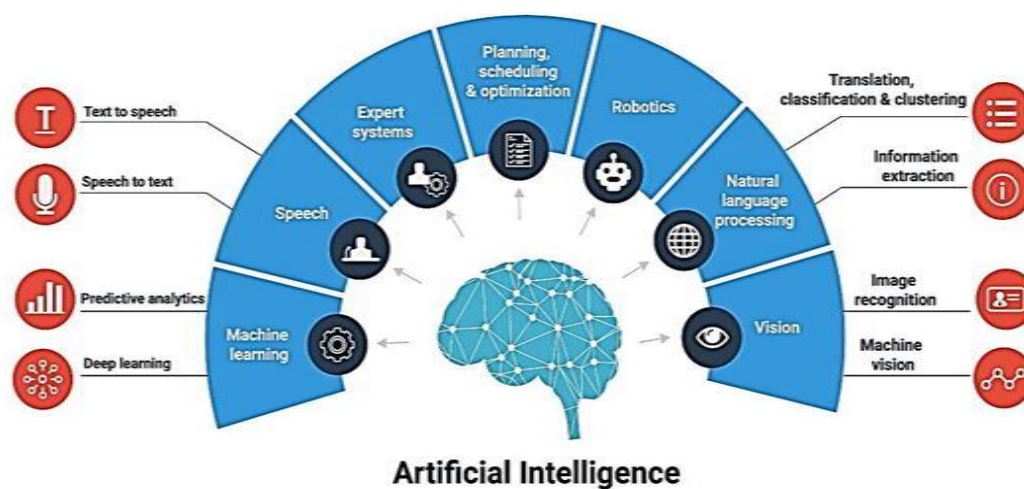


Figure 1. AI Components

Objectives:

1. To Study and evaluate the usability of AI Technology in Library workflow.
2. Explore innovative techniques and strategies enabled by AI to ensure sustainability in library operations.
3. To Study the effectiveness of AI in optimizing collection management and meeting diverse information needs.
4. To Study the benefits and challenges associated with the implementation of AI technology in library workflow.

Integration of Artificial Intelligence in Library Workflow :

1. Expert System :

Human decision-making processes are simulated by computer-based systems known as expert systems (ESs). They typically engage with people by asking questions, taking user answers as input, and then justifying the decisions made. First, relevant knowledge, frequently heuristic, must be extracted from human specialists to build an ES. Effective solutions for a

wide range of issues have been demonstrated by ESs in several fields, such as commerce, law, education, computer science, geology, medicine, mathematics, engineering, and more. The existence of an expert on the issue, the availability of expert time for the project, the viability of developing an expert system, the ability of experts to explain their processes, the fact that the issue is not extremely complex or poorly understood, the requirement for only cognitive skills, and the measurability of results with consensus among experts are some of the prerequisites for the development of expert systems.

Expert Systems (ES) in Technical Services:

Using technology to improve tasks that already exist is the primary goal of developing Expert Systems (ES) for technical services. The body of research also points to a stronger emphasis on the creation of ES applications for technical services, especially in the areas of classification and cataloging. Expert systems in the technical services industry have developed as a result of the complexities involved in each of these activities and the existence of guidelines for doing them.

1. Expert Systems (ES) in the Indexing Process:

Certain properties make cataloging an attractive topic for Expert Systems (ES) applications. These are the following: the task is mostly cognitive, taking an expert a few minutes to many hours, there are established experts who clearly outperform novices, and beginners are routinely taught the skill. The evolving ES and knowledge-based systems in the cataloging sub domain had a notable upsurge in popularity throughout the 1980s, which coincided with a huge spike in activity.

2. Natural Language Processing:

Natural Language Processing (NLP) makes it possible for computers to understand the basic linguistic ideas found in queries and answers. The goal is to build and develop computers that can naturally analyze, comprehend, and produce language used by people. Libraries today use sophisticated information retrieval technologies to enable quick and creative information access. These resources include web search engines, electronic databases, the Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC), and specially designed robotic devices for book distribution and retrieval. Speech recognition is now a feature of many modern web search engines, including Google. With the use of this function, users can speak out loud the words or phrases they want to search for, and search engines will use Natural Language Processing (NLP) to input and process the data before showing the results.

3. Collection Development:

The processes of resource development and collection augmentation in libraries can be managed by artificial intelligence systems. Selection, acquisition, and improvement of library materials are all included in collection improvement. This ensures that library users' information needs are met effectively and economically, mainly through purchases or contributions from affiliated organizations and other entities.

Following the selection of the desired books, a library would usually transmit a list to book dealers and vendors, who will then supply pricing details based on quality and format (digital or print, paper or hardcover binding). Taking into consideration the past performance

of book dealers or vendors, an intelligent system can generate a list of things for procurement by utilizing insights from past transactions.

4. Robotics :

As a branch of artificial intelligence, robotics is the study and practice of manipulating perception and movement. It includes the conception, building, use and deploying of robots. A robot is a device that uses artificial intelligence techniques to carry out automated activities and complex procedures under human supervision, or autonomously (independently) following a pre-defined program. The word "robot" was first used to describe artificial humans or androids in a science fiction play written in Czech in 1921. Since then, this idea has developed, inspiring a number of tales, including Isaac Asimov's robot trilogy, impacting later books and movies, and affecting how the general public views robots.

One innovative way that artificial intelligence is being used in libraries nowadays is through the use of robots for operations. A significant quantity of knowledge is still found in printed books, even if the digital age offers access to a wealth of online material. It might be difficult and time-consuming to find these works in libraries. Robotic bookshelves and retrieval systems are examples of innovations that try to solve this problem.

Initiating a sequence of actions that direct the robot to retrieve the desired object, the user first selects the content they want to read or retrieve. After that, a different robotic system uses optical character recognition, scanners, and automated indexing software to open the item and automatically turn pages. The full-text produced from scanned photos can now be browsed, searched for, and analyzed by users. BookBot technology is a robotic book retrieval device that has been utilized in industry for a while and is currently being employed in libraries. Using the library's automated catalogue, the bookBot is an automated book-transport system that brings up books for patrons upon request. A robotic crane from bookBot retrieves the desired item and delivers it to the assigned unit, either inside or outside the library, in a matter of minutes after receiving a request. This expedites the borrowing process for the user.

After fifty years of research into AI programming techniques and the invention of the computer, the goal of smart libraries is now coming true. Scientists are developing systems that can think and act like librarians, something that was never before feasible. As artificial intelligence becomes more complex and difficult to detect, the debates around its application in academic work will probably just going to get bigger.

The reality that AI has many useful uses in university libraries, along with related technologies like machine learning and natural language processing, is less contentious. The academic librarianship could be improved by using these technologies.

Integration of Artificial Intelligence in Library Services :

Academic libraries can enhance their operational efficiency, improve the efficacy of their services, and eventually lower operating costs with sustainable libraries by implementing cutting-edge library service platforms that can automate procedures and optimize collection management.

1. User Services: Providing dependable and customized services to a wide range of user groups has long been the main objective of libraries and library professionals. Even though they may seem static, services like programming, interlibrary loans, circulation, development of

collections, and reference are actually quite flexible in response to changing circumstances like user requests and evolving technologies.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is being adopted by libraries worldwide to address these dynamics. Artificial intelligence (AI)-powered chatbots are showing promise in providing consumers with efficient and personalized information. Consumers now want text message conversations and round-the-clock support. AI is also being used by libraries to create programming that teaches users how to properly and safely use new AI capabilities.

With AI's growing impact on user communities, libraries are actively preparing to fulfill changing needs. By incorporating AI technologies into circulation services, for example, libraries can enhance accessibility to born-digital items while protecting sensitive data by providing users with personalized recommendations based on their past searches and borrowing habits.

2. AI and Data Literacy: Libraries and academic institutions have placed a strong emphasis on information literacy—the critical abilities needed to find and use information—since the 1970s. The idea has grown to encompass computer literacy, research literacy, and resource literacy. Libraries are focusing on data and AI literacy these days. Data literacy is thinking critically about data, while AI literacy includes comprehending the logic, constraints, potential effects, and purpose of AI.

Libraries provide people with the capabilities to comfortably interact with a society that is becoming more and more dependent on AI tools and procedures by helping its patrons become AI literate.

3. Analytics for Libraries: Static data obtained from circulation and usage records has always been the basis for data analysis in libraries. However, this approach is time-consuming, unproductive, and yields irrelevant and out-of-date data. By recognizing trends in situations that occur almost instantly, the incorporation of artificial intelligence into library analytics presents a sensible answer. This makes it possible for librarians to transform data into efficient planning and administration techniques, which eventually enhances services.

Benefits of Artificial Intelligence in the Library Sector:

The way that artificial intelligence (AI) is changing libraries will likely change the responsibilities that librarians play in those spaces. Several noteworthy effects on librarianship are seen as AI becomes more common in libraries:

1. Content Indexing:

- AI tools improve consistency and quality by identifying concepts and assigning pertinent keywords.
- Automation helps discover new literature across disciplines, surpassing human capabilities and supporting librarians in their roles.
- Traditional manual indexing is time-consuming and lacks interdisciplinary depth.

2. Document Matching:

AI is faster and more accurate at processing documents than humans are.

- Finding similarities and differences between papers is made possible by proper

indexing.

- Content-based document matching makes comparisons efficient and speeds up knowledge retrieval for researchers and libraries.

3. **Termination of Citation:**

- The citation system presents a skewed picture of researcher networks since it is seen as a popularity contest. Compared to conventional citation systems,
- AI algorithms provide better research landscape mapping and literature evaluations since they concentrate on the actual substance of papers.

4. **Content Summarization:**

AI technologies support both extractive and abstractive summarization, increasing information accessibility and gaining traction. Automatic content summarization reduces papers without human intervention.

5. **Quality of Services:**

AI-powered chatbots improve customer experience by providing resources and clear answers to queries. By automating repetitive requests, librarians can concentrate on more difficult jobs, which could lead to an extension of library service hours.

6. **The Impact Factor of the Future:**

By dissecting scientific research into arguments and cross-referencing it with other studies, future algorithms may evaluate the caliber of that research. Rephrased and validated research becomes more important than readership figures, highlighting the significance of reliable and validated conclusions.

7. **Increased Operational Efficiency:**

AI can help libraries increase operational efficiency, which lowers expenses and boosts service efficacy. Advanced library service platforms add to overall operational efficiency, while machine learning optimizes collection analysis, visualization, and preservation.

Incorporating artificial intelligence (AI) into library operations essentially improves the quality and accessibility of library services in the digital age by streamlining procedures and freeing up librarians to work on more difficult assignments. The field of librarianship is expected to have a dynamic future due to the collaborative link between human competence and AI capabilities.

Difficulties Associated with Artificial Intelligence Integration in Libraries :

The widespread deployment of artificial intelligence (AI) frameworks in library operations is impeded by various obstacles. Major obstacles consist of:

1. **Lack of Technical Proficiency:** It is common for library employees to be under qualified to use and oversee AI technologies.
2. **Inadequate Funding:** One major obstacle to creating or purchasing AI systems for libraries is a lack of funding. The library's options for systems are limited by limited funds for both software and hardware.

3. High Development and Maintenance Costs: One difficulty is the significant financial outlay needed to build and maintain AI systems in libraries.
4. Unreliable Power Source: The dependable operation of AI systems in libraries is hampered by the inconsistent supply of electricity, particularly in poor nations.
5. Implementation is difficult since professional AI system development is hard and requires a lot of work.
6. Limited Natural Language Capabilities: AI systems in libraries often have constrained natural language processing abilities, limiting their range of functions.
7. Absence of Common Human Understanding: Intelligent systems are limited in their ability to execute a variety of tasks by the absence of a universal foundation of human understanding.
8. The construction of intelligent library systems requires a significant amount of work and investment in highly skilled personnel and state-of-the-art development technologies. AI development requires a higher level of specialized knowledge than standard library automation systems, so hiring new staff members with AI experience is necessary.

To successfully integrate AI into libraries, these issues must be resolved, necessitating calculated expenditures in technology, finance, and training.

Conclusions :

In conclusion, there is no debating that artificial intelligence will have a profound impact on libraries in the years to come. To better meet the changing demands of the next generation, librarians must not only adapt to AI but also take the initiative to drive its integration. While worries about losing one's work are natural, it's important to remember that cutting-edge technology like artificial intelligence (AI) can open up new doors and positions for librarians.

The research process has evolved from conventional techniques to internet search engines and now artificial intelligence (AI), indicating a logical progression toward broader boundaries. AI, in particular, improves reference services by allowing librarians to quickly and effectively deliver customized results that incorporate both digital and physical sources. This transition aligns with the changing landscape of information retrieval, as demonstrated by platforms like Microsoft's AI-powered Bing search.

Librarians must negotiate the incorporation of AI models into conventional research methodologies as the area of library research experiences a paradigm shift. Librarians with experience and a human-first attitude are vital defenders against misinformation, even in the face of the widespread use of AI applications for illicit objectives. In a time where artificial intelligence is pervasive, the importance of reliable information and fact-checking are more than ever.

At this point, libraries are essentially at a crossroads where adopting AI is essential to their relevance and inventiveness rather than just a choice. In order to maintain their status as important resources for their communities, librarians, as custodians of information, must use AI to improve their services. The road ahead may present challenges, but by embracing advanced technologies, librarians can shape a future where the convergence of human expertise

and AI capabilities creates a dynamic and responsive information ecosystem.

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