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## **COURSE GUIDE**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to **LIS 328: Financial Management in Library and Information Services**. This is a two-credit (2-CR) unit course which is an elective course for all the undergraduate students in the department. It is designed to enable you to explore and apply the strategies that applies to financial management in information services. The course examined the ddefinition, concepts and essence of financial management in public and private organisations; sourcing, funding and financing library and information centres; library budget and budgeting; and library incomes and expenditure; risk management in libraries and information centres. This will facilitate excellent successful academic journey and enhance your personal development and social status in the community.

The course guide tells you briefly what to expect from reading the accompanying study material. It provides you with information on how to make the best use of the materials so that you can achieve good success. Make sure you read it carefully and pay attention to the instructions and suggestions.

#### **What You Will Learn in this Course**

This course, LIS 328, titled Financial Management in Library and Information Services, has been specifically designed to help you understand the importance of financial management in library and information science. In this regard, the course will highlight the importance of business information systems and services.

- You will learn about the
- concept of finance
- concept of management
- modern management techniques
- goals of financial management
- challenges in management
- explain financial management and its scope
- define the principles and rules and rules guiding financial management
- definition of public organization
- financial management in public organization
- definition of private organization
- financial management in private organization
- concept of library
- how to identify types of libraries and its functions
- define budget

- itemize the two purposes of budget
- explain the three classifications of budget
- define funding
- identify the different sources of funding
- importance of library budget
- challenges of library budget
- definition of risk
- identification of risk classified according to their consequences
- common risks that affect library and information centers
- effects of risks in library and information science
- techniques to avert risks in library and information science
- techniques to avert risk in library and information science
- concept of enterprise risk management
- enterprise risk management framework
- advantages of enterprise risk management
- disadvantages of enterprise risk management
- factors that affect enterprise risk management

## **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of this course, you should be able to discuss any topic in the area of financial management in library services. Specifically, you will be able to:

- i. Define the concept of Financial Management in library and Information Science.
- ii. Recognise the essence of financial management in public and private organizations.
- iii. Sources of funds in Library and Information Science.
- iv. Identify types of Library Budget and Budgeting
- v. Enumerate the different sources of funding libraries.
- vi. Determine library Income and Expenditure.
- vii. Identify risks generally, and risks in library and information science.
- viii. Understand the concept of Risk Management and Enterprise Risk Management.

## **WORKING THROUGH THIS COURSE**

To successfully complete this course, you are required to participate in both the theoretical and practical parts of the course. You are also to read the study units, listen to the audios and videos, do all assessments, examine the links and read, participate in discussion forums; read the recommended books and other materials provided, prepare your portfolios, and participate in the online facilitation.

Each study unit has introduction, intended learning outcomes, the main content, summary conclusion, and references/further readings. The introduction opens the door to each unit and gives a glimpse of the expectations in the study unit. Read and note the learning outcomes which outlines what you should be able to do at the completion of each study unit. This will help you evaluate your learning at the end of each unit to ensure you have achieved the designed objectives (outcomes). To achieve the intended learning outcomes, the content of each section is presented in modules and units with videos and links to other sources to enhance your study. Click on the links as may be directed but where you are reading the text offline, you may have to copy and paste the link address into a browser. You can download the audios and videos to view offline. You can also print or download the texts and save in your computer or external drive. The unit summaries provide a recapitulation of the essential points in the unit. It's an indispensable brief that garnishes your journey through the unit. The conclusion brings you to the climax of the study and what you should be taking away from the unit.

There are two main forms of assessments – the formative and the summative. The formative assessments will help you monitor your learning. This is presented as in-text questions, discussion forums and Self-Assessment Exercises. The summative assessments would be used by the university to evaluate your academic performance. This will be given as Computer-Based Test (CBT) which serves as continuous assessment and final examinations. A minimum of three computer-based tests will be given with only one final examination at the end of the semester. You are required to take all the computer base tests and the final examination.

## **STUDY UNITS**

There are 11 study units in this course divided into four modules. The modules and units are presented as follows:

### **Modules 1 Concepts and Essence of Financial Management in Libraries**

Unit 1 Concept of Finance and Concept of Management

Unit 2 Financial Management in Libraries, Principles or Rules Guiding Financial Management

Unit 3 Financial Management in Public and Private Organizations

Unit 4 Financial Management in Libraries and Information Science

### **Module 2 Library Funding and Expenditure**

Unit 1 Concept of Libraries and Types of Libraries

Unit 2 Budget and Budgeting

Unit 3 Sources of Funding Libraries

Unit 4 Challenges Associated with Sourcing of Funds for Libraries

### **Module 3 Risk Management in Libraries**

Unit 1 Risk Management in Library and Information Science

- Unit 2 Risks in Library and Information Science
- Unit 3 Risk Enterprise Management

**PRESENTATION SCHEDULE**

The presentation schedule gives you the important dates for the completion of your computer-based tests, participation in forum discussions and at facilitation. Remember, you are to submit all your assignments at the appropriate time. You should guide against delays and plagiarisms in your work. Plagiarism is a criminal offence in academics and liable to heavy penalty.

**ASSESSMENT**

There are two main forms of assessment in this course that will be scored. First is the set of Tutor-Marked Assignment (TMAs). You are advised to be sincere in attending to the exercises. The second is TMAs. This is the continuous assessment component which is graded. It accounts for 30% of the total scores. You are advised to take this with all seriousness, because it will assist you to pass the course. The TMAs will be given in accordance to the University calendar. Endeavor to strictly adhere to the slated calendar

**FINAL EXAMINATION AND GRADING**

At the end of the course, you are required to take an examination which will last for a 2-hour duration. It has a value of 70% of the total course grade. The examination will consist of questions that will reflect the type of self-assessment, practice exercises carefully.

Try to use time between the finishing the last unit and sitting for the examination to revise the entire course. You may find it useful to review your Tutor-Marked Assignment or activities before the examination.

**COURSE MARKING SCHEME**

The following table lays out how the actual course marking is done

Assessment	30% (Undergraduate) 40% (Postgraduate)
Final Examination	70% (Undergraduate) 60% (Postgraduate)
Total	100% of Course work

**COURSE OVERVIEW**

**How to get the Most from the Course**

In Open and Distance Learning (ODL), the study units replace the university lecture. This is one of the advantages of ODL. You can read and work through specially designed study materials at your own pace and at a time and place that is convenient for you. Just as a lecturer may give you classroom exercises, your study units provide exercises for you to do at a particular point in time.

Each of the study units follows a common format. The first item is an introduction to the subject matter of the study unit and how a specific study unit is integrated with the other study and the course as a whole. Following the introduction is the intended learning outcomes which helps you to know what you should be able to do by the time you have completed the study unit. When you are through studying the unit, you should endeavour to go back and check if you have achieved the stated learning outcomes. If you consistently do this, you will improve your chances of passing the course. The main content of the study unit guides you through the required reading from recommended sources.

Tutor-Marked Assignment (TMAs) are found at the end of every study unit. Working through these SAEs will help you to achieve the objectives of the study units and prepare you for the examination.

You should do every SAE as you come to it in the study units. There will also be examples given in the study units. Work through these when you come to them too. The following is a practical strategy for working through the course. If you encounter any problem, telephone your tutor immediately. Remember, that your tutor's job is to help you. When you need help, do not hesitate to call and ask your tutor to provide it.

1. The main body of the unit guides you through the required reading and directs you to other sources, if any.
2. Your first assignment in this course is to read this course guide thoroughly.
3. Organize a study schedule: Refer to the course overview for more details. You should note that it is expected of you to devote at least 2 hours per week for studying this course. Note important information such as details of your tutorials, dates for submission of TMAs, exams etc. and write it down in your diary.
4. Once you have created your own study schedule, do everything to stay faithful to it. The major reason that students fail is that they get behind with their course work. If you get into difficulties with your schedule, please let your tutor know before it is too late to help.
5. Turn to Unit 1, and read the introduction and the objectives for unit 1.
6. Assemble the study materials. You will need your references and the unit you are studying at any point in time.

7. As you work through the unit, you will know the sources to consult for further readings.
8. Visit your study centre whenever you need up to date information
9. Well before the relevant due dates (about 4 weeks before the due dates), visit your study centre for your next required assignment. Keep in mind that you will learn a lot by doing the assignment carefully. They have been designed to help you meet the objectives of the course and, therefore, will help you pass the examination. Submit all assignments not later than the due date.
10. Review the objectives for each study unit to confirm that you have achieved them. If you feel unsure about any of the objectives, review the study materials or consult your tutor. When you are confident that you have achieved a unit's objectives, you can start on the next unit. Proceed unit by unit through the course and try to space your study so that you can keep yourself on schedule.
11. When you have submitted an assignment to your tutor for marking, do not wait for its return before starting on the next unit. Keep to your schedule. When the assignment is returned, pay particular attention to your tutor's comments, both on the tutor-marked assignment form and also the written comments on the ordinary assignments.
12. After completing the last unit, review the course and prepare yourself for the final examination. Check that you have achieved the unit objectives (listed at the beginning of each unit) and the course objectives (listed in the Course Guide).

### **Facilitation**

You will receive online facilitation. The facilitation is learner centred. The mode of facilitation shall be asynchronous and synchronous. For the asynchronous facilitation, your facilitator will:

- Present the theme for the week;
- Direct and summarise forum discussions;
- Coordinate activities in the platform;
- Score and grade activities when needed;
- Upload scores into the university recommended platform;
- Support and help you to learn. In this regard personal mails may be sent;
- Send videos, audio lectures and podcasts to you.

For the synchronous:

- There will be eight hours of online real time contacts in the course. This will be through video conferencing in the Learning Management System. The eight hours shall be of one-hour contact for eight times.
- At the end of each one-hour video conferencing, the video will be uploaded for viewing at your pace.
- The facilitator will concentrate on main themes that are must know in the course.
- The facilitator is to present the online real time video facilitation timetable at the beginning of the course.
- The facilitator will take you through the course guide in the first lecture at the start date of facilitation

Do not hesitate to contact your facilitator. Contact your facilitator if you:

- do not understand any part of the study units or the assignments.
- have difficulty with the self-assessment exercises.
- have any question or problem with an assignment or with your tutor's comments on an assignment.

Also, use the contact provided for technical support.

Read all the comments and notes of your facilitator especially on your assignments; participate in the forums and discussions. This gives you the opportunity to socialise with others in the programme. You can discuss any problem encountered during your study. To gain the maximum benefit from course facilitation, prepare a list of questions before the discussion session. You will learn a lot from participating actively in the discussions.

Finally, respond to the questionnaire. This will help the university to know your areas of challenges and how to improve on them for the review of the course materials and lectures.

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## **MODULE 1 CONCEPTS AND ESSENCE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IN LIBRARIES**

**Unit 1 concept of finance and concept of management**

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### **UNIT 1**

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### **1.1 INTRODUCTION**

Money is essential in all organizations including the library for goals to be achieved. In order for these goals to be achieved, there is need for money to be managed in library and information centers. A basic knowledge of financial management in the library would put an icing on the cake for the smooth running of a library or an information center. This unit therefore exposes you to the basic tenets of finance which can be applied in any library or information center.

## **1.2 LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of this unit, you would be able to:

- Define the concept of finance
- Explain the concept of management
- Modern management techniques
- Explain the goal of financial management
- Explain the concept of finance in library and information science
- Explain the modern management techniques
- Challenges in management

## **1.3 CONCEPT OF FINANCE**

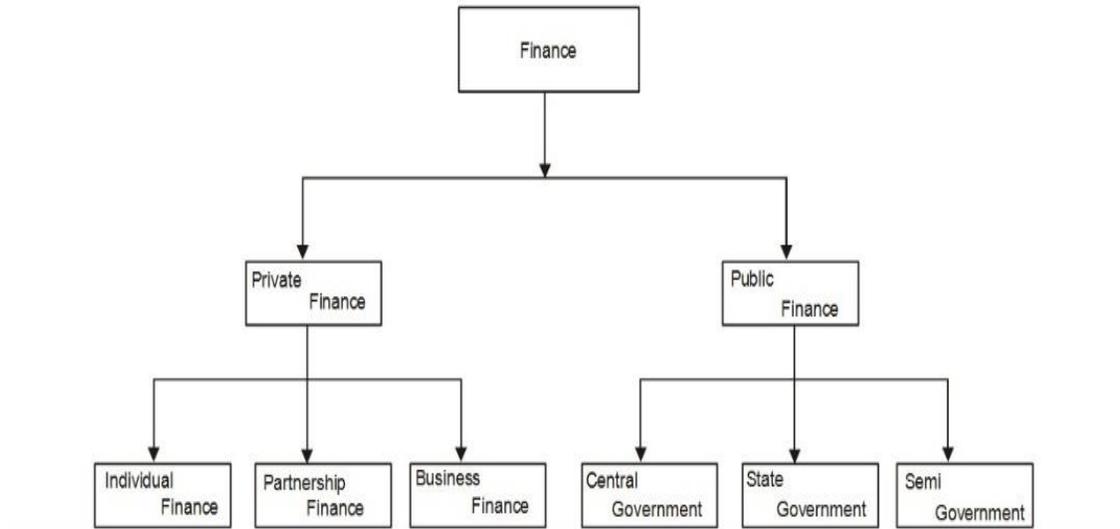
Finance can be defined as the process of managing money that is in one's custody for a particular purpose. This money can be personal money, corporate money or public/government money. The oxford dictionary explains that finance means management of money. Many libraries are not revenue earning institutions i.e., they are not run for financial gain because they are part of academic or other institutional bodies. It is therefore pertinent to manage the fund that is being allocated to it.

Concept of financial management basically means how money is being managed in the library, that is the different areas where money will be spent and managed. Definitely, the library will be run on a budget, usually a tight budget and so financial management is understanding how the money will be managed to cover all expenses. Every financial decision has to undergo an approval before money is disbursed for the item.

Finance is divided into two broad categories namely; Private finance and Public finance.

Private firms include; Individual Finance, Partnership Finance and Business Finance financial activities

Public firms include; Central Government, State Government and Semi Government financial activities



**Figure 1 – Image of Public Finance and Private Finance**

Source <https://managementdemand.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Types-of-Finance.jpg>

### 1.3.1 Private Finance

- Individual Finance is money that an individual brings out for the smooth running of an organization.
- Partnership Finance is when a group of people contribute money for the smooth running of an organization.
- Business Finance is when the money for running the business comes out from the business itself.

### 1.3.2 Public Finance

- Central Government is same as Federal Government. Finance that comes from Central Government is when there is an allocation in the country's budget for running an organization.
- State Government is when the allocation of finance for running a business comes from the state coffers.
- Semi Government is when the finance for running a business is both from the government and from private

## 1.4 Concept of Management

Management is needed when human beings are involved and there is need for organizing them in order to achieve the set mission and vision of the organization. In the library, like other organizations, management is indispensable and cannot be over emphasized. The

productive resources of management which are; man, materials, labour and capital are placed in the hands of leaders who should have administrative, organizing and initiative skill. The success or failure of a library is very much influenced by the management. Management is the process whereby for a goal to be achieved, tasks are administered and coordinated properly. Management is making use of all available services to produce more goods and services.



1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0GyKxRYx1tQ>

Let us take a look at how some scholars defined management.

One of the scholars of management known as Koontz and O'Donnell explained the word management as the care of an inner setting where people work together to achieve same goal in an effective and efficient manner.

Peter. F. Drucker defined management as a structure that carries out a multipurpose task of managing businesses, managers, workers and work.

In Henry Fayol's words; Management is conduct of affairs of business, moving towards its objective through a continuous process of improvement and optimization of resources.

From the definitions above, it is not farfetched to say that management is the process of using resources effectively as well as efficiently in order to achieve a goal in an organization. Management is an essential ingredient in any library or information center. Management involves five (5) key areas which are; planning, organizing, controlling, directing and staffing.

#### **1.4.1 Management Cycle and Functions**

The management cycle starts with writing employee goals from the least important to the most important. The expectations of the employees must be put into perspective and the necessary resources made available. Some of these resources are money, time and people. All employee go through the cycle during the course of the year. Different people are assigned different tasks and the goal of the management cycle is to achieve organizational goals. The management has a huge responsibility of keeping employees focused on tasks and activities geared towards achieving the organizational goals. The management cycle is a blend of planning, organizing, staffing, directing and controlling. They are independent and at the same time, intertwined in order to achieve the goal of the organization like a library. In order to achieve this, a goal status update should be scheduled between the employees and the management. This can be done monthly, quarterly, biannually as the case may be.



**Figure 2 – Image of Management Functions**

Source - <https://www.managementstudyhq.com/functions-of-management.html>

- **Planning**

Planning is having a blueprint about what a manager has in mind. It involves planning what is to be done in advance. Taking steps on what to do, how to do, who has to do and when to do it. All these plans have to be mapped out so that the staff would know where there are headed and also know the milestones to cover at each given period. Planning is about setting performance expectations for the employees. That is, they are being told in advance what is expected of them. Planning is one way or the other being mentioned in the job description of every employee. It is important for all plans to be adjustable to accommodate excesses and shortages, a rigid plan is not adjustable and when the need arises for flexibility, it will be very difficult. When an employee is involved in the planning stage, it makes the employee feel relevant and more willing to carry out his/her duties.



**Figure 3 – Image of Planning**

Source - <https://www.dreamstime.com/photos-images/planning.html>

- **Organizing**

Organizing is an integral part of management that involves outlining different roles for different individuals to fill in the organization. In order to organize an organization such as a library, people and activities need to be grouped and be told what activity to carry out which forms part of the picture. Different sections or departments need to be instructed on what to do in order to achieve the set goals of the organization. A good example is when a library has to organize a book fair at a school. The librarians need to organize what books to take along for the book fair, the tables or shelves that will be use to display the books, the staff that will go to the venue, the mode of transportation and how the sale of books will be accounted for. A lot goes into organizing a book fair to make it a huge success.



### Figure 4 – Image of Organising

Source - [https://www.freepik.com/premium-vector/time-management-organising-planning-office-work-tasks-work-productivity-timing-schedule-office-workers-productivity-illustration-set-time-business-office-management\\_9602133.htm](https://www.freepik.com/premium-vector/time-management-organising-planning-office-work-tasks-work-productivity-timing-schedule-office-workers-productivity-illustration-set-time-business-office-management_9602133.htm)

- i. Determine the activities required to achieve set goals
- ii. Group the activities into departments
- iii. Assign groups activities to managers
- iv. Form delegation of authority
- v. Make provision for coordination of activities.

- **Staffing**

Staffing is necessary as it involves filling up different positions in the organization /library/ information center. The first thing to be done is to identify the available work-force requirement then take the inventory of people that are available on ground and then the last step is to go through the process of recruiting new staff that would work effectively and efficiently. Staffing involves putting square pegs in square holes. Different people have different skills and those skills will be identified by the recruitment team and the right employee placed at the right place. For example someone with good ICT skill will definitely perform well as a Systems librarian. The process of staffing is summarized below: -



Figure 5 – Image of Staffing

Source - <https://www.slideshare.net/katiechin/nature-of-staffing>

- i) Finding the perfect fit for the job
- ii) Selecting the workers
- iii) Placement, training and development.
- iv) Creating new positions
- v) Staff appraisal

- **Directing**

Directing becomes necessary after planning, organizing and staffing. It involves leading the staff towards the laid down objectives. Directing is not a one-off thing, it is a managerial process that is being carried out throughout the lifespan of the organization. There will always be instructions to be given so that people can fall in line and achieve set goals set by the organization. Directing initiates actions and it is a continuous process which is related to subordinates. Superiors directs subordinates on tasks to carry out. There are three (3) sub functions of directing namely:

- i. Communication
- ii. Leadership
- iii. motivation

***Directing is a key  
managerial function***



**Figure 6 – Image of Directing**

Source - <https://qsstudy.com/business-studies/characteristics-of-directing>

### **i. Communication**

Communication happens when an information is passed from one section to another or from person to person so that there can be a level of understanding. Communication is complete when the recipient understands what is being passed across. Different departments in an organization need to exchange ideas, dish out instructions, follow instructions as well hold meetings. All these are only possible if they communicate verbally or non-verbally. As humans it is difficult to live without communicating with each other. Communication entails ideas, information and feelings being exchanged through a medium. In the library, a user communicates before he/she is being attended to. A librarian communicates with his/her users to know how they can be assisted. Colleagues at the office communicate with one another.

### **ii. Leadership**

Leadership happens when a manager is able to properly guide and influence the work of his colleagues and they obey and follow the guidance willingly. In every organization, there must be a leader that will lead them to the promise land. Leadership involves more than being able to influence colleagues but having empathy and the organizations' goal in mind. For one to be a good leader, the person also needs communication skills. A leader is an active listener, manages time, builds trust and is flexible in dealing with colleagues. Leadership as a management cycle is a necessary tool in any organization such as a library that helps to channel the path of the organization depending on the type of leadership skill. There are several types of leadership skills such as autocratic leadership, authoritative leadership, laissez-faire leadership, democratic leadership.

### **iii. Motivation**

Motivation is when a manager is able to arouse the desire of his colleagues to put their best foot forward and carry out their assignment effectively. Sometimes to motivate colleagues one needs to act by example and then people can be convinced to follow suite. Sometimes reward is being given when motivating staff but other times it is not given.

- **Controlling**

Controlling is ensuring that work is done according to plan. It involves measuring and correcting the activities of staff to ensure that their performance does not fall short

against the goals and plans that were initially laid down. For example, in a library the most senior librarian controls the younger librarians by ensuring that they carry out their duties effectively and efficiently and also to ensure that the resources for working are in place. Three things make up controlling and they are: -

- i. Creating standards of performance
- ii. Measuring performance and comparing with established standards
- iii. Doing the needful in order to meet the set standards



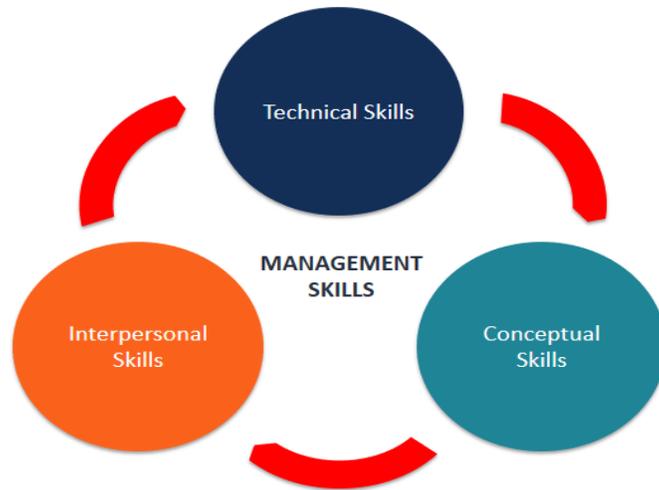
**Figure 6 – Image of Controlling**

Source - <https://www.assignmentpoint.com/business/management/controlling-process.html>



2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EH0K6sAV6ew>

## 1.5 Basic Skills of a Manager



**Figure 7 – Image of Management Skill**

Source - <https://corporatefinanceinstitute.com/resources/careers/soft-skills/management-skills/>

According to Khaz (2021), Having understood what the management cycle is all about, the next thing to look at is the skill of the person overseeing the affairs of the organization or the library. There are three basic skills that a manager must possess in order to carry out his/her duties efficiently and effectively. The three basic includes: - technical skills, interpersonal skill and conceptual skills. All other skills fall under these three categories.

### 1.5.1 Technical Skills



**Figure 8 – Image of Technical Skills**

Source - <https://www.qlik.com/blog/5-technical-skills-every-successful-analyst-needs-to-have>

Technical skills are skills that are developed through the actual practice by doing things over and over again until they have mastered it. Technical skill shows expertise in processes, procedures, methods and techniques which are used in carrying out tasks. Technical skills equip managers with the capability and knowledge to use a variety of techniques to achieve set goals and these skills involves operating machines, production tools and equipment.

### 1.5.2 Interpersonal Skills / Human Skills

Human skills can be seen as the ability one has to work with other colleagues or non-colleagues in the same space without being at each other's throats. This skill avails the manager to interact, work or relate effectively with people. Here, human potential is used to motivate employees in order to achieve better results. It is the ability to build cooperative group relations in order to achieve group objectives which translates to organizational objectives. Interpersonal skills are of various kinds, namely; self-confidence, positive approach to criticism, trouble shooting skills, team bonding, self-confidence and so on. All these skills. Some other interpersonal skills are team play, empathy, time management, good listening and work etiquette.



Figure 9 – Image of Interpersonal Skills

Source - <https://www.oberlo.com/blog/interpersonal-skills>

### 1.5.3 Conceptual Skills

Conceptual Skills can be described as a skill one has which is closely related to the to one's mental perception which are intended to develop new ideas. Conceptual skills are also known as general management skills because the manager can see the full picture at a glance so that one can analyze and diagnose a problem and find creative solutions. This skill helps the manager to effectively predict hurdles the library / organization might have. They have the ability to see hidden situations and understand the relationship among the elements. Conceptual skills are skills that people have which enables them to think out of the box and look for solutions for complex issues. Conceptual skills include ethical judgement, decision making and organizational architect.



Figure 10 – Image of Conceptual Skills

Source - <https://www.dreamstime.com/illustration/conceptual-skills.html>

### 1.5.4 Examples of various management skills

Chow and Rich (2013) came up with managerial skills that a manager can adopt. These skills are planning, communicating, decision making, delegation, problem solving and motivating.

### **a) Planning**

Planning is a vital aspect of managing. A manager must plan how to get to point “B” from point “A”. He/ she must not fail to plan otherwise he/she is planning to fail. Planning means having ability to organize events bearing in mind the limited time, money and resources available to the team. Planning is a key skill for managers in order to move the organization forward. The rest of the staff looks up to the manager who they believe must have a plan because without a plan that looks good, little or nothing can be achieved.

Video



3. <https://courses.lumenlearning.com/wm-principlesofmanagement/chapter/communication-in-the-management-function/>

### **b) Communication**

A manager must communicate with his colleagues in order for set objectives to be achieved. Communication can be verbal, nonverbal and audiovisual. It can also be top – bottom, bottom – top and horizontal. When a manager communicates with his team well, it determines how well-set objectives can be met. Communication cannot be over emphasized in any organization or library. With the advent of the internet, communication can also be done through emails. Distance is no longer a barrier because communication can be done through various channels and set objectives can be achieved.

### **c) Decision making**

Every manager should be able to make decision promptly because there are times when decisions have to be made immediately and there is no time to consult and seek different opinions on the matter. Decision making skill is a key skill of managers especially now that there is information communication technology, distance is not a barrier when a manager needs to make a decision and he/ she is not physically present.

### **d) Delegation**

Delegating here means allowing a subordinate to be in charge of an assigned duty, thereby giving the manager time to face other pressing needs in the organization / library. The manager cannot do it all so he should train and then delegate and take his eyes and mind off so his subordinates can work, make mistakes and learn on the job. Anu manager

who doesn't not delegate will most definitely wear himself or herself out from carrying out all tasks.

#### **e) Coaching / mentoring**

Mentoring is having a guide to look up to and point one in to the right direction, if possible, help the person avoid some pitfalls. In every organization, a guide is highly germane in the sense that a manager can fill in the position and be a guide to his/her subordinates. Being a mentor / coach is a prerequisite skill in management. In the library, a colleague with a higher-level rank can be a mentor to the junior colleagues, the mentor will advise them on the right path to follow. The mentor doesn't have to be in the same organization but the person must possess things that are worth emulating.

#### **f) Problem solving**

Problem solving is an important skill whereby a manager in an organization / library cannot do without because conflict occurs in almost all work places including the library. Accepting this reality and managing conflict effectively is a plus for the leader. A manager should be able to identify a conflict that will move the academic library forward and a conflict that will negatively affect the library and act accordingly. He/she should be able to assist his team to work cordially not necessarily squashing every conflict but bringing out each person's strength and utilizing it to achieve the set objective of the library.

#### **g) Motivating**

Motivating is when a manager/leader in the library gets his subordinates to willingly go about a task. For a leader to successfully encourage his subordinates, he/she must have been a good follower so he is fully aware of what it feels like to be motivated or demotivated. Reddy and Jyothy (2014), described motivation as the realization of a need to be satisfied in as part of the organization / library's goals then necessary steps are taken to realize the accomplishment of the goal. Sometimes for some people to be motivated, they look forward to a reward but other times all they need is some encouragement and appreciation from their boss.

### **1.5.5 Modern Management Techniques**

Modern management techniques are tools or concepts that managers or people in managerial positions use in making decisions that are better off. The managers using these tools do not necessarily have to be experts in different fields like programming and other methodologies, they just need to need to be sound in the knowledge of these tools

necessary for modern management techniques and they are good to go. Prasad, L. M. (2020) highlighted some of the modern management techniques as ; Total Quality Management, Bench Marking, Knowledge Management, Business outsourcing and E-Business.

### **i. Total Quality Management**

Total quality management is a management system that is basically for a customer service-based organization whereby there is constant improvement of the employees. For example, the library is a customer-based organization, they attend to customers/users on a daily basis. Total quality management improves customer experience and ensures that the employees are fully equipped for satisfying users' queries. Total quality management makes use of strategy, data and effective communication in order to mix quality discipline into the culture and activities of the organization.

### **ii. Bench Marking**

Bench Marking is a concept in management that answers questions on how the organization is doing, what areas can be improved upon and how is the organization doing compared to its counterparts in the same industry that are highfliers. Bench marking is about understanding the exact position where an organization is and improving standards as compared to best practices. Bench marking involves four basic steps; understanding one's business, analyzing performance of other competitive businesses, comparing one's organization with others and implementing necessary steps to close the gap if there is any.it follows in that sequence.

### **iii. Knowledge Management**

Knowledge management is a management process whereby knowledge is created, knowledge is shared and knowledge is used. It is a multidisciplinary approach that is used in order to achieve the goals and objectives that the organization set. Every employee's knowledge is important because it makes up the sum total of what the organization is worth. The most valuable knowledge should be trapped, shared in order to give the organization a competitive edge. For example, an organization like a library has different employees from different background that are good in different skills. Such knowledge can be used and shared in order to make the library among the highfliers in that industry. Knowledge management can be Tacit and Explicit. Tacit knowledge is knowledge that that is in one's head and can be transferred through apprenticeship or mentoring. Explicit knowledge is knowledge that is written down or documented like in a hand book for new staff.

#### **iv. E – Business**

E-Business is known as electronic business. This is when business is carried out electronically instead of the conventional way. The effect of globalization brought about e-business. E- business is making use of technology to work with various partners, suppliers and customers via the internet. People in the same industry but separate location can do business together via the internet. Suppliers can be contacted and a supply request can be wrapped up without a physical meeting. E – business has made lots of things easy for organizations including the library. Resources in the library can be purchased locally or internationally through e-business.

#### **v. Business Outsourcing**

Business outsourcing is an advantage of management in the sense that activities that can be done in the organization are contracted out to other individuals or organizations. That time that the organization would have used to carry out the activity is saved and used for something else. Business can be outsourced in the library when a particular activity such as binding. Binding involves rearranging a book or resource that has been badly damaged. Any activity that an organization cannot carry out conveniently and needs to hire people or another organization is known as outsourcing. These activities vary from the most minute activity to the most complex activities.

### **1.5.6 Challenges in Management**

Management has many opportunities and positive sides to it, at the same time, it has some hurdles that must be surmounted and nipped in the bud to avoid loop holes. Prasad (2020), outlined some challenges of management and they consist of: -

#### **i. Embracing Globalization**

Globalization came with a lot of trends when it was first introduced. Some of these trends are good, others are not so positive. These trends keep changing and changing for the better and small organizations are not able to meet up with the everchanging trends, policies and guidelines. Globalization caused some people to lose their jobs, some standards in workplaces have been increased, employees have to trained regularly on diverse activities. Large organizations may be able to meet up but small and medium organizations would not easily cope with the challenges of globalization.

#### **ii. Applying Mergers and Acquisitions**

When an organization such as a library has need to apply merger or acquisition, the employees go through a phase that may be unfavorable to them. A merger occurs when an organization such a library cannot sustain itself alone so it needs the assistance of another so that it will not go under. It's like two organizations joining resources and staff

strength to become a huge one. When this occurs, the employee strength may be too high for the patrons or owners to pay salaries and do other things and so they would lay some employees off. acquisition is when a larger organization buys over a smaller organization along with their employees and assets. Acquisition results in downsizing employees or a slash in salary.

### **iii. Computer Networking**

As important as networking is in a library or any other organization, it can be a challenge sometimes. Computer networking involves an organization or library being able to exchange information between themselves and they are connected together on a network. The challenge here is that a computer network is usually expensive to set up especially in Africa. For a library to be fully automated, it requires a huge amount of money and in areas where the electricity is not constant, it requires a generator or inverter to be on standby.

### **iv. Improving Employee Welfare**

Improving employee welfare means putting making the working conditions for employees very favourable. Employees work better when they are happy with their living and working conditions. An organization that denies its employees favorable welfare packages will pay for it in several ways because the employees would not be happy working there. Improving employee welfare entails considering items like creating a culture that values every employee, educating employees on financial issues, encouraging employees on physical health, supporting employees on mental health, supporting employees on health issues after retirement and so on. The list on welfare packages is endless and can cost the organization a huge amount of money they may not be ready to embark on it.

## **1.6 SUMMARY**

Finance is the process of managing money that is put in one's custody. The management cycle is a blend of planning, organizing, staffing, directing and controlling. The three basic skills of a manager include technical, conceptual and human skills. Other skills of a manager are monitoring, delegating, coaching/ mentoring, problem solving, decision making, communication and planning. This unit also discussed modern management techniques which are tools or concepts managers use in making decisions that are better off and they include total quality management, bench marking, knowledge management, e-business and out sourcing. Challenges in management that the librarian or anyone in an organisation needs to be aware of are; embracing globalization, computer networking,

improving employee welfare and applying mergers and acquisitions. Knowledge of financial management assists the librarian in making sound decisions which will affect the running of the library or information center because there is a direct relationship running the affairs of the library and finance. The librarian needs to understand some things about management which were discussed in this unit such as; management cycle, skills of a manager, modern management techniques and challenges in management.

### **SELF ASSESSMENT EXERCISE**

1. A skill that enables one to work with other colleagues without being in each other's throats is known as .....
2. The art of filling up different positions in the organization/ library or information center is called -----
3. The two types of finance are ----- finance and ----- finance

### **1.7 GLOSSARY**

- Finance – This is the process of managing money that is in one's custody
- Management – this is when humans and things are being organized in order to achieve the set mission and vision of the organization.

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### **1.9 POSSIBLE ANSWERS TO SELF-ASSESSMENT EXERCISE(S) WITHIN THE CONTENT**

1. Human Skill
2. Staffing
3. Public finance and private finance

## **UNIT 2 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IN LIBRARIES, PRINCIPLES OR RULES GUIDING FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

### **UNIT STRUCTURE**

- 2.1 Introduction
- 2.2 Learning Outcomes
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- 2.4 Objectives of Financial Management
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  - 2.5.1 Principles of Financial Management
- 2.6 Summary
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- 2.8 Reference / Further Readings
- 2.9 Possible Answers to Self-Assessment Exercises within the Context

### **2.1 INTRODUCTION**

Having learnt concept of finance and concept of management, it is important to know what financial libraries is all about as well as the principles or rules guiding financial management. Financial management is a step further than just managing funds, it is referred to as the tactical way of planning, organizing, directing and controlling of financial activities in an organization such as a library. It involves applying the principles and practices involved in financial operations.

### **2.2 LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of this unit, you should be able to;

- Explain financial management

- Scope of financial management
- Define the principles and rules guiding financial management

### 2.3 Financial Management

Financial management is when the resources in an organization are being effectively used. Financial management as defined Subramanian and Paramasivia (2009) is that financial management deals with procurement of funds and their effective utilization in the business. Financial management is the mainly concerned with the effective management of funds.

#### Four building blocks of financial management

Financial management is incomplete without these four building blocks, namely: - accounting records, financial monitoring, financial planning and internal control.

#### Four building blocks of financial management



**Figure 11 – Image of the four building blocks of financial management**

Source - <https://www.slideshare.net/PrestonHealthcare/financial-management-essentials>

#### i. Accounting Records

Accounting records are accurate and complete transaction records that must be kept by an organization such as a library. Here, all the transactions that took place during the financial year must be captured. It includes receipts of purchase, invoices of purchase as well as books of account where the transactions were recorded and summarized.

#### ii. Financial planning

Financial planning includes forecasting of receipts and disbursements, building long – term plans such as a financing strategy, short term budgets and daily cash flow forecast. Financial planning literally allocates funds for each project to be carried out no matter how small or big, short term or long-term.

### **iii. Financial monitoring**

Financial monitoring can also be known as financial audit. When a budget is being made for an organization or library, the financial manager ensures that timely and accurate record and monitored as against the annual financial statement which provides external accountability to external stakeholders.

### **iv. Internal control**

Internal control is a system that the manager must put in place for checks and balances. These controls are meant to checkmate activities and ensure there are no loose ends that can encourage theft, fraud, incompetence, errors and omissions in accounting.

## **2.3.1 Scope of Financial Management**

Financial management is directly related with human resource, production management, economics, accounting, mathematics and marketing. All these are called scope of financial management according to Subramanian and Paramasivia (2009).

### **i) Financial management and human resources**

Financial management is associated with human resources in the sense that every requirement for manpower to each section and allocation of finance to human resource department is to disburse wages, remuneration, commission, bonuses, pension and other monetary benefits is always handled by a financial manager.

### **ii) Financial management and production management**

Production management entails that the financial manager must be fully aware of the operational process and finance that is required for each process of production activities. Production management takes care of any operational part of the business that assists in multiplying money into profit. The profit that is made hugely depends on the production performance and that is where finance for materials, wages and all other operational expenses comes in. these expenses are being handled by the finance manager.

### **iii) Financial management and accounting**

Financial management in accounting entails every information that has to do with finance in the organization. Previously financial management and accounting were treated as the same thing and was known as Management Accounting, but now both disciplines are separated but slightly intertwined.

#### iv) Financial management and economics

Financial management in economics which embraces both micro and macroeconomics. The functions here include investment decisions, micro and macro environmental factors, these functions are handled by a finance manager. Financial economics is one of the emerging areas which provides immense opportunities to finance and economical areas.

#### v) Financial management and mathematics

Financial management applies a large number of mathematical and statistical tools and techniques which are also called econometrics. Econometrics is different from economics, it includes economic order quantity, discount factor, time value for money, present value for money, cost of capital and so on. All these are mathematical and statistical tools and techniques in the field of financial management.

#### vi) Financial management and marketing

When goods are produced and sold in the market with modern and innovative approaches, this is done by the marketing department and finance is required to meet these needs. Here, the financial manager is responsible for the allocation of funds so the marketing department can execute their task.

### 2.4 Objectives of Financial Management

For effective and efficient achievement, the objectives of the financial manager are broadly divided into two parts namely:

- a. Profit maximization
- b. Wealth maximization

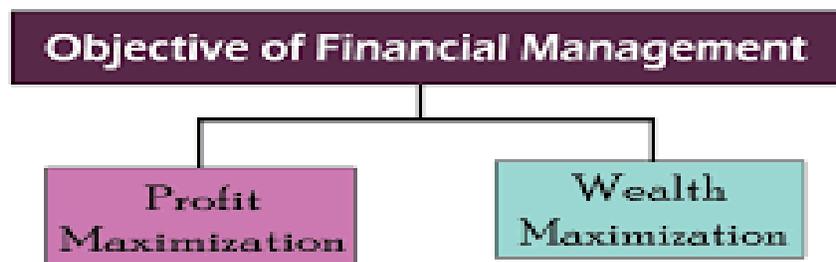


Figure 12 – Image of objective of financial management

Source - <https://apoorvasaxena8282.wixsite.com/website/post/objective-of-finance-management>

### **a. Profit Maximization**

The main aim of every business organization is to make profit, not just profit but maximum profit. Profit maximization is the old-style and straight jacket approach that aims at coordinating things so that there is no form of wastage and profit is being maximized. Profit maximization is a set of activities that helps the organization itself to increase profit. Profit maximization is fulfilling a short-term objective and not necessarily the long term. Profit maximization is a subset of wealth maximization, it helps to facilitate wealth creation.



4. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zym8t71QHZo>

### **b. Wealth Maximization**

Wealth maximization simply means shareholder wealth or the wealth of the persons who are entangled in the business concern. The other name for wealth maximization is value maximization or net present worth maximization. It is important to note that wealth maximization is one of the modern approaches and latest inventions in the field of business concern. Wealth maximization considers the value of stakeholders, shareholders and patrons. Wealth maximization fulfils the long-term objective of an organization in the sense that it may stumble initially but once it masters the ropes, wealth is created to the maximum level and shareholders, patrons and stakeholders are happy. Wealth is maximized when sales are increased and capturing more market share.

#### **2.4.1 Functions of a Finance Manager**

In financial management, deciding the functions of a finance manager is one of the ultimate tasks of an organization. The financial manager is one of the key players and must have the complete knowledge in the area of accounting, economics, finance and management. McGraw Hill (2000) described the position of a finance manager as highly placed personnel who performs the following functions:

- a. Forecasting
- b. Acquisition
- c. Investment
- d. Cash management
- e. Liaising with other departments

#### **a. Forecasting**

The finance manager is supposed to forecast expenses and prepare a budget to that effect. If it is a new organization, he/she should approximate how much to acquire fixed assets and the sum needed to meet the working capital necessities of the future. Forecasting

means using the past expenses or experiences to plan future expenses or experiences. When a financial manager forecasts, the organization can hardly run into troubled waters because it has been properly guided.

#### **b. Acquisition**

The finance manager should be able to estimate what and what would be acquired for the business at the beginning or at intervals. Acquisition involves purchasing items that are needed in the organization. Different organizations acquire different resources depending on the various departments that are in the organization. For example, in the library, the several departments require different things. The binding section needs tools and equipment's for fixing damaged books while the serial section requires mainly journals and shelves to display them.

#### **c. Investment**

A finance manager should be able to guide his/her boss on the finest investment alternative and consider the rational and unchanging return from the investment. He must be well grounded in techniques of capital budgeting in order to determine the effective utilization of investment. The investment that will yield maximum profit should be that area where a finance manager should advise his/her sponsors. A bad investment or an investment gone wrong can set the organization backwards.

#### **d. Cash management**

In recent times, the term cash management explains how effective it is to for a finance manager to be proficient in handling cash or disbursing cash. Cash is supposed to be available for short term projects as well as long term projects. Cash should be properly managed by the financial manager. Cash should not be released or approved without proper authorization and approval. When cash is properly managed, there will always be cash for important issues.

#### **e. Liaising with other departments**

The finance manager deals with various functional departments and sections administrative department, bursary department, ICT department, human resources department and so on. In case of a library the finance manager liaises with the reference section, serial section, binding section, current awareness section and so on. Finance manager should have sound knowledge not only in finance related area but also well versed in other areas. He must maintain a good rapport with all the functional departments of the business organization. For smooth running of the organization, the finance manager must liaise with other departments.

### **2.5 Importance of financial management**

The importance of financial management cannot be over stressed in any organization. It is said to be the lifeblood of a business organization whereby the needs of the organization are met to ensure smooth running and achievement of set goals. Finance is

necessary time and time again, some of the importance of finance according to Holynskyl (2017) includes: - financial planning, acquisition of funds, proper use of funds, financial decision, improved profitability, promotes savings and improves the value of the organization.

**a. Financial Planning**

Financial management assists in determining what the necessities of the organization / library are and this leads to planning financially. Financial planning future expenses and this includes working with a budget so that there will not be any unnecessary expenses. Once financial planning is in place, all other department and units will align properly because they will have all their requirements in order for work to flow properly. If financial management is in anyway defective, it will most definitely affect other departments. For example, if the financial department does not provide fund for purchasing raw materials, diesel and other requirement for the day to day running of the organization, it will affect the sales department and other units connected to finished products and that will reduce the sales of the organization. So also, if the finance department is not able to release fund for fuel or diesel in the library and the power is out, the work for that day will not be smooth; users will not be able to use the systems, employees will not be able to attend to queries remotely or externally.

**b. Acquisition of funds**

Acquisition of funds means sourcing for funds. For any business to kick off, the funds for it has to be available. The required minimum finance has to be on ground before the business can take off. A business idea remains a business idea until it is backed up with funds. Funds kicks of activities in an organization or library. The success or failure of an organization greatly rests on acquisition of funds. Funding is not the duty of employees but rather it is the duty of the patron and the finance department. Without enough fund for major activities in the organization, it is as good as dead-on arrival. A sound plan for acquisition of funds from banks, individuals, family, friends, shares, bonds or investments is vital for the success of the organization.

**c. Proper use of funds**

Appropriate use of funds is pertinent to any organization and this can only be possible when there is an operational efficiency. Once a finance manager uses funds properly, it reduces cost of capital and increases the value of the firm. When funds are used for the purpose which it was given, it helps in moving the organization forward but when it is diverted for other things, the growth of the organization is stunted. The financial manager has to study, analyze and evaluate all the financial needs of the organization and place them in order of priority what needs to be done before the other for smooth running of activities. When this is done, proper decision for use of funds is made without stress.

**d. Financial decision**

When a good financial management is in place, a sound financial decision is made which affects the entire business operation because various departments duties such as production and marketing are intertwined. Financial decision can make or break the organization. It is necessary to consult capable hands before making a financial decision so as not to cripple the business. Here, all facts and figures, budgets financial statements are analyzed using various financial tool so that a proper decision is made which will maximize the profit and value of the organization and reduce the risk that might occur.

**e. Improved Profitability**

Financial management helps to improve the profitability especially when the organization is being run effectively and efficiently and there is proper utilization of funds. Improved profitability is made possible by good financial management. Financial management that is run properly will definitely yield profit which is the main reason why organizations are in existence. Profit is increased when all risk factors are eliminated or reduced to the barest minimum because when a risk occurs, it sets the organization back financially. Funds that would have been invested in the business is used to resolve an issue or replace what has been damaged as a result of risk. When proper financial management is in place, it promotes savings. Financial management helps to promote individual and corporate savings which leads the wealth of the investors as well as the nation. When there is enough profit to pay salaries and settle pending expenses, the left over is left for savings individually and corporately.

**f. Increase the value of the organization**

Financial management is germane in the field of increasing the wealth of the investors and the business organization. Every organization has a sole aim of maximizing wealth of the investors and a nation as a whole. An organization that increases wealth of the organization invariably increases the value of the organization because if it is enlisted in the stock market, its stocks will go high or if it shares dividend at the end of the year, it will surely sell itself and increase the value of the organization. People want to reckon with an organization that is doing well, so if an organization is known to do well, it will attract investors.

### **2.5.1 Principles of Financial Management**

There are some vital information in financial management known as the principles of financial management. The five principles are effective control, simplicity, regularity and farsightedness, economy and flexibility.

**i. Effective control**

There should be an effective control of financial management for work to flow efficiently. Control is vital in order to avoid wastage and to ensure that the financial resources are put to maximum use. A financial manager should be able to control other departments effectively to ensure smooth operation of activities. When money is

disbursed to a department for something, the financial manager should ensure that the item was bought or the need was met. When this kind of monitoring is carried out, there will be no room for waste.

## **ii. Simplicity**

Financial management should be made simple for anyone to handle it. It should not be difficult that only experts can handle the affairs. The simpler it is the more efficient and effective the manager delivers. The rules should be few and not too numerous to remember, the rules should also be plausible and flexible in order to serve its end for both the library staff and its users. A flexible rule is accommodating and comes handy when an urgent decision has to be made.

## **iii. Regularity and farsightedness**

Financial management should be well structured that things are done in sequence like a timetable structure where everyone knows what to do at a certain time. When everyone sticks to a structured timetable, there is tendency for preparation, thinking ahead and future requirements which can be put in view. In financial management, referring to previous budgets is a norm. It helps to maintain regular activities and expenses and also prepares the organization for activities ahead. For example, it is general knowledge that after a certain period of time, the generating set will need to be serviced no matter how gigantic it is. Provision for this activity should be set aside so that activities can continue uninterrupted.

## **iv. Economy**

Another principle of financial management is economy. The economy of the country directly and indirectly affects the organization so precautions should be taken to avoid unnecessary expenditure and wasteful spending. When an economy is flourishing, it automatically means that organizations will do well if properly managed financially and vice versa. In parts of the world like Nigeria, items used in many organizations are being imported and so if the exchange rate is high, it will have a ripple effect on the goods or services that the organization will produce but if the exchange rate is low, it will have a positive ripple effect as well.

## **v. Flexibility**

There should be some level of flexibility in financial management in order to give room for emergencies and crises. Flexibility here should be within the organizations rules, regulations, guidelines and policies. Being that financial management gives room for flexibility, it should not be abused. The rules should be susceptible to change so that it does not become the master. Needless restrictions should be taken away as well as bottlenecks before urgent matters can be attended to.

## 2.6 SUMMARY

In conclusion, this unit discussed the four (4) building blocks of financial management which consists of accounting records, financial planning, financial monitoring, internal control; Scope of financial management which consists of financial management in human resources, financial management in production management, financial management in accounting, financial management in economics, financial management in mathematics, financial management in marketing; Principles of financial management which consists of effective control, simplicity, regularity, farsightedness, flexibility; Importance of financial management which consists of financial planning, acquisition of funds, , proper use of funds, financial decision, improved profitability, promote savings; Objectives of financial management which consists of profit maximization and wealth maximization. Financial management cuts across all ramifications. The principles, components, importance, objectives, scope and building blocks of financial management were all discussed to a great extent in this unit. Finance management involves managing the finance that is available for the organization which includes a library. The importance of financial management in an organization cannot be overemphasized as it is the make or break of an organization.

### SELF ASSESSMENT EXERCISE

1. Name two (2) principles of financial management?
2. Mention two (2) functions of a finance manager.
3. The two main objectives of financial management are ----- and -----

## 2.7 GLOSSARY

- Financial Manager – A person who manages the finances of a company. He disburses funds and gives financial advice to management
- Financial Management – this is the umbrella that houses the activities of profit maximization and wealth maximization.

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## **2.9 POSSIBLE ANSWERS TO SELF-ASSESSMENT EXERCISE(S) WITHIN THE CONTEXT**

- 1) Flexibility and simplicity
- 2) Investment and acquisition
- 3) Profit maximization and wealth maximization

## **UNIT 3 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS**

### **UNJT STRUCTURE**

- 3.1 Introduction**
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- 3.3 Concept of Public Organization**
  - 3.3.1 Financial Management in Public Organization**
- 3.4 Concept of Private Organization**
  - 3.4.1 Financial Management in Private Organization**
- 3.5 Difference between Public Organization and Private Organization**
- 3.6 Summary**
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### **3.1 INTRODUCTION**

Financial management in public and private organizations are organizations that are privately owned by individuals or industries and publicly owned (government). Financial management in public and private organizations are describes how the two sectors of organizations are being run and how their finances are being managed. Bearing in mind that public organizations are being run with the intention of not making profit while on the other hand private organizations are run with the with the sole aim of making profit with the exception of a few.

## 3.2 LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this unit, you should be able to:

- Define public organization
- Discuss financial management in public organization
- Define private organization
- Discuss financial management in private organizations
- Differentiate between private and public organisation

## 3.3 Concept of public organization

Public organizations are known as organizations that carry out governmental services which includes public health, public education, law enforcement and public infrastructures such as public roads, water supplies, roads and bridges. Public organizations are owned by the federal government of the country where it is situated or another country. Raharjo and Eriksson (2017) explained that the fundamental standards of public organizations are basically influenced by legislature, profile-raising in the society and politics.

Some libraries fall under public organizations for example “public libraries’ and ‘national libraries’. These libraries are owned and funded by the federal government. They get their directives from the government and they report to them as well.

According to Supplemental Guidance (2011), the (4) levels of public sector organizations are:

### 1. International level

At the international level, the organizations that are formed by more than one organization and between a minimum of two countries. The kind of organizations found there are multistate entities and partnerships. They are governed by international laws and it possesses its own legal personality such as World Health Organization, NGO’s, United Nations and so on.

### 2. National level

A public organization at the national level are public organizations within a country. It is not as broad as the international level which is between two or more countries. National level public organization is just within one country. For example, a public organization in Nigeria, Dubai or United Kingdom. It does not have any affiliation with foreign countries; they are self-sufficient on their own.

### 3. Regional level

A public organization at the regional level are public organizations in an area, a district or section of a country. In Nigeria for example there are four basic regional areas namely north, south, east and west. Public organizations can be situated in different regions within a country. Some countries base the regions according to the dialects that people speak. Regional level in the United States is divided into the number of states that make up the United States of America. Regional level of government take for instance is the restrictive political activities within the state and they act as a middle person between the State and the President or Federal government.

#### **4. Local level**

A public organization at the local level involves public entities that are established at the grassroots level in a given district or community. Public organizations at this level are closer to villages and suburbs, they may have branches at other grassroots areas as well. Just like the name implies, local level are the people that cannot easily be reached by the government because they are in far interior sides of the town.

##### **3.3.1 Financial management in public organization**

Public organizations are organizations that are established by the federal government basically for political purposes. The success of public organizations depends on social measures, political measures and market measures. Financial management in public organization involves several activities such as managing funds, budgeting and controlling costs. The funding of a public organization is done by the Federal government and not private individuals. Before an expenditure/ budget is approved in the public organizations, it goes through some bottle necks before approval. In financial management the general public expects that the Federal government will be responsible for the use of the taxes and they expect that there should be enough transparency. Transparency as defined by International Monetary Fund (IMF) can be seen as frankness, consistency and clarity.

#### **3.4 Concept of private organization**

A private organization is an organization that is managed, run, owned and controlled by private individuals. According to Raharjo and Eriksson (2017), the main concern of private organization is profit maximization. Eriksson (2016) is of the opinion that private organizations perform a lot better than public organizations when it comes to quality management practices as regards progress management which seems easier for private firms. For example, some libraries are privately owned which means they are managed, run and controlled by private individuals. Private organizations example includes non-governmental organizations, companies and partnerships. The scope of private organization is not limited to small scale, it varies from size to size and it includes

multinational companies and enterprise. Goods and services rendered in primary, secondary and tertiary schools are carried out by private organizations.

### **3.3.1 Financial management in private organization**

Financial management in private organization is a situation whereby the income and expenditure are being spearheaded by private individuals and not the Federal government. Financial management in private organization has a main objective which is to earn a high profit, grow, fulfil the needs of people and to maximize the wealth of shareholders. All these are done without the influence of the federal government. Examples are multinational companies and other big corporations. For example, in the library and information science centers, financial management is done by the administrative officers and supervised by the library management.

### **3.5 Difference between private organizations and public organizations**

Khan and Khandaker (2016), highlighted eight major differences between public and private organizations which are based on certain concepts of organizations which includes several angles such as goods and services, leadership, organization structure, goals, resource ownership, design and organizational culture.

#### **a. Goods and services**

Goods and services here refers to physical items and non-physical items that both public and private organizations render to people. Goods and services of the private organization operates in a competitive market to meet commercial objectives but public organization operates in a dominant position whereby there is no competition whatsoever in whatever they engage in. Goods and services in a private library or institution are run solely for profit making and for the institution but goods and services in a public library or public institution is not run for purpose of profit making but for the services to be readily available.

#### **b. Leadership**

Leadership here means able to carry people along towards achieving set goals of the organization. The leadership of a public organization is solely in the hands of the government who directs the organization and dictates which way they should go; while the leadership of the private organization rests with private individuals who own and manage the affairs. The private organization enjoys less interference from the government and they can reach their leaders easily but this is not so for public organizations.

#### **c. Organization structure**

Organizational structure is basically how information flows within the organization. Here everyone knows who to report to and who is subordinate to him/her. A good organizational structure divides members' duty into distinct tasks which helps to coordinate tasks and accomplish the mission and goals of the organization. Public organizational structure is lengthy and has some bottle necks but private organizational structure has a shorter span and bottle necks are reduced.

#### **d. Goals**

Both public and private organizations have distinctive goals, public goals are more of equity and accountability and are controlled by the forces in the market while public organizations are controlled by forces related to politics. The goal of private organization is profit maximization and to make the business grow while the goal of public organization is to serve the people of the country and make life easier for the citizens.

#### **e. Promotion**

Promotion is desired by people in both public and private organizations. In a public organization promotion is done using the most senior position and then it trickles downwards while in the private sector, promotion is awarded based on how well the individual or team performs. In a public organization, promotion is more organized and transparent compared to the private organization. Promotion in public organizations are almost sure except the person has a query or commits a crime but in the private organization, promotion can be delayed and sat upon for a number of reasons ranging from insufficient money to pay huge salaries to intimidation and denial of promotion

#### **f. Industry focus**

The industry focus here refers to sectors of the economy where their strength lies. For the private organization, their industry focus are industries like technology, banks, manufacturers, financial institutions and real estate while for public organization, their industry focus lies in education, power holding, military, mining, oil and banking amongst others. For public libraries falls under public organization and it is run like a public parastatal but private libraries are run with more care because the bottle necks that public organization possesses is absent.

#### **g. Organizational culture**

The organizational culture explains the shared values and general beliefs of the staff in an organization. These shared values and beliefs are passed to new staff that are employed. In the public organization, there is usually more job security and members of staff cannot be sacked easily. While in private organization, the security of job is solely based on performance, i.e., if one is not performing well, the person can be easily laid off. For example, the culture a public library has is not the culture a private library has in the

sense that a public library takes its instructions from the federal government and so their cultures, beliefs, rules and regulations are quite different from the private library which takes instruction from the parent institution and its rules, regulations, beliefs and values are passed down from their patrons.

### **3.6 SUMMARY**

In this unit, some topics were discussed extensively; concept of public organization, financial management in public organization, concept of private organization, financial management in private organization, difference between public and private organization which includes; goods, leadership, organizational structure, goals, promotion, industry focus and organizational culture. Public organizations are very different from private organizations in all ramifications. Public organizations are owned, run and managed by the Federal government while the public organization is owned, run and managed by private individuals.

### **SELF ASSESSMENT EXERCISE**

1. Mention two differences between private organization and public organization.
2. What are the four levels of public sector organizations?
3. Which organization is proudly owned and managed by the federal government?

### **3.7 GLOSSARY**

- Public organization - It is an organization that is owned by the federal government
- Private organization – It is an organization that is owned by individuals

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### **3.9 POSSIBLE ANSWERS TO SELF ASSESSMENT EXERCISE(S) WITHIN THE CONTENT**

- 1) Leadership and Organisational structure
- 2) International level, National level, Local level and Regional level
- 3) Public organisation

## **MODULE 2 LIBRARY FUNDING AND EXPENDITURE**

- Unit 1 Concept of libraries and types of libraries**
- Unit 2 Budget and Budgeting**
- Unit 3 Sources of funding libraries**
- Unit 4 Challenges associated with sourcing of funds for Libraries**

### **UNIT STRUCTURE**

#### **UNIT 1 CONCEPT OF LIBRARIES AND TYPES OF LIBRARIES**

- 1.1 Introduction**
- 1.2 Learning Outcomes**
- 1.3 Concept of Libraries**
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  - 1.4.2 Public Library**
  - 1.4.3 Academic Library**
  - 1.4.4 Special Library**
  - 1.4.5 School Library**
- 1.5 Summary**
- 1.6 Glossary**

## **1.7 References/ Further Readings**

## **1.8 Possible Answers to Self-Assessment Exercise(s) within the content**

### **1.1 INTRODUCTION**

Libraries are store houses for books and other resources. It is a building that houses both the staff that work there and the resources in it. Ranging from desktops to laptops to scanners, books, journals and any media resource you can think of. The staff in the library are called librarians. There are various sections of the library who handle different duties. There are several types of libraries nationwide. Libraries in one way or the other helps to improve skills and knowledge of people.

### **1.2 LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of this unit, you will be able to;

- Define library
- identify different types of libraries
- Explain the functions of a library

### **1.3 Concept of Library**

A library is established to take care of the information need of its users. Peoples needs differ just like they come from all works of life; some are lecturers, students, civil servants, engineers, architects and so on. Atay and Yilmaz (2018), defined library as a place where knowledge and science are being preserved and transferred to the next generation. He emphasized that libraries are pertinent when it has to do with the cultural, partial and historical aspects of the society. A library directly or indirectly stores our cultural heritage. According to Online Etymology Dictionary, the term “library” is derived from a Latin word “liber” which means literally book, paper or parchment. Saliu (1999), described library as a collection of books as well as collection of records which are in a building, organized and interpreted to meet broad and different queries from users varying from information, knowledge, recreation and esthetic – value.

### **1.4 Types of libraries**

Libraries are of various types all over the world. They vary in types as well as functions. Libraries contributes to knowledge and skill of individuals for positive productivity in different spheres of life. Different libraries came up as a result of the different needs of users. There are five major types of libraries namely; National library, Public library, Academic library, Special library, School library.

#### **1.4.1 National Library**

National library is established by the federal government of a country. This type of library is unlike other libraries in the sense that it preserves the literature of the nation within and outside the country. Every nation has national library which collects and preserves the nation's literature. The National Library is a legal bank for both African Union and United Nations. The main objective of National Library is to identify acquire, organize, store and retrieve the print and the non-print documents that are published within a particular country.

According to Omasor (2015), some of the Functions of National Library are: -

- a. The National Library maintains and develops the National Bibliography services throughout the country.
- b. The National Library is the agency for the International Standard Book Numbering for all publications and libraries nationwide.
- c. The National Library performs the function of preserving and receiving all materials that are published in Nigeria for posterity's sake.
- d. The National Library is saddled with the responsibility of collection of library statistics and uses such information to advise the government and its agencies on national development.
- e. The National Library engages in the international exchange of publication which is vital for research and policy making.
- f. The National Library is a training ground for librarian-trainees from the institute of higher learning for those who are interested in knowing the practical aspect of their career.



**Figure 13 - National Library of Nigeria, China.**

**Source**

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### **1.4.2 Public Library**

A public library is a library that meets the needs of the general public irrespective of age, gender, status and educational background. It is a library that is owned by the state and the federal government. Agbaji and Ukwela 2017 opined that a public library is a library that is established for a particular region or a particular local community and it is sustained by public funds. A public library gathers materials that are very useful to the community. Public libraries have a range of responsibilities ranging from promotion of individual development, commerce, technical progress, social & cultural advancement, recreation and leisure. Public libraries evolved as a result of an intellectual community whereby the need for reading and borrowing books was in high demand. The service fee at a public library is usually free of charge or at a subsidized fee.



**Figure 14 – Public Library, New York**

Source

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Saliu (1999) highlighted the functions of Public Libraries they include: -

### **1. Organization of enlightenment programmes**

Organization of enlightenment programmes are entertainment programmes that involves both young and old in the society. Public libraries are places where anyone in the community can go to listen to stories that are being told by older people and engage in other entertaining activities such as a book club, book services, organized debates, symposia, poetry and drama.

### **2. Provision of economic documents**

Public libraries engage in the provision of economic documents which provides information on goods and services. Public libraries provide local economic capabilities by providing information on income generating projects, credit facilities, employment activities, state assistant schemes and so on. These kinds of information contribute to the economic well-being of the society.

### **3. Researches**

Research is an enquiry that involves the collection of data, documentation of data, analysis of data and interpretation of data. Public libraries assist in individual research which involves developing their skills, resources and library materials. The people in that

community where it is domiciled do not need to travel far because all they need for research is within their reach in the public library. A public library compiles bibliographies on various subjects, authors and titles that are useful to the society.

#### **4. Provision of political information**

Politics involves bringing a gathering of people together and creating a mutual sense of security among them. Public library engages in dissemination information on different political programmes in the society. Being that a public library gets to the grassroots, the government or politicians use it as a medium such as a radio or television to pass across political orientation and culture on government policies.

#### **5. Provision of educational information**

Provision of educational information as a function of public library acquires books and other relevant materials which are in line with the needs as well as the demands of their various users. Being that a public library is non-discriminatory, its resources are available at a minimal cost or no cost at all. A public library is the middle point between the users and the outside world. It adds value to the community by engaging in educational programmes for the society such as supporting continuous education programme like adult education programme.

#### **1.4.3 Academic libraries**

Academic libraries are libraries that can be found in schools, colleges of education, universities and research libraries. This library assists in taking care of the needs of individuals in the academic environment and helps to conserve and disseminate information and knowledge. Academic libraries are usually owned and funded by the institution where they reside. They abide by the set rules of the educational system in which they form part of.

Brown and Swan (2007) in Klain and Shoham (2019) outlined the functions of an Academic Library and they include: -

1. To support students, lecturers, Doctors, Predecessors and other academic staff in their educational pursuit.
2. To let the university be aware of the latest technological and scientific developments.
3. To orientate the new students in how to search for important resources without wasting time and energy.
4. An academic library is a sure place for quiet reading, researching and studying that users can rely on.

5. An academic library houses all essential research and reference resources that will be useful to any researcher such as bibliographies, monographs, dictionaries, encyclopedias and so on.



**Figure 15 - Academic Library in Ethiopia**

Source

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#### **1.4.4 Special library**

Special libraries are libraries that offer its services to users who fall into the category of special people. They are special in the sense that their clientele is limited and they have the same thing in common. A special library is usually owned by an organization and so it serves the needs of the organization by gathering literature solely on that particular area. For example, a library that houses only literature on medical books is called a medical library, other examples are Law Libraries, News Libraries. There are special libraries in all works of life like psychology, military, music and so on. A special library is very similar to the academic library in nature. It covers specific subjects and their users have common concerns and services.



**Figure 16 – Special Library in Naver**

Source

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Functions of a Special Library are: -

1. A special library subscribes to a lot of journals in its area to enrich its collection
2. A special library provides services like filing, indexing abstracting , licensing for its users to save their time.
3. A special library engages in current awareness service (CAS) concerning new resources as well as latest services available.
4. A special library offers translation services to its users who require it.
5. A special library provides selective dissemination of information (SDI) to its users.

#### **1.4.5 School Library**

A school library is a library that is situated in a school and serves the pupils, teachers and entire school population. A school library is run by a librarian. Mokhtar and Majid (2005), opined that for a library to be termed a ‘school library’, it must be well staffed, well stocked and be able to provide a robust programme that is linked to the school curriculum.



**Figure 17 – School Library**

**Source**

– [https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSXPpa45MXml0\\_1\\_tukeDIJXHivKhviFgL\\_GqQ&usqp=CAU](https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSXPpa45MXml0_1_tukeDIJXHivKhviFgL_GqQ&usqp=CAU)

Some of the functions of National library as described by Mokhtar and Majid (2005) are:-

**1. Assist students to learn about books**

A school library creates an environment for students to get really comfortable so that they will be willing to learn about books. Here the students are taught how to cater for the books, find books and fix damaged books. A school library has a variety of books in their possession and they must be eye catchy and in line with the school curriculum.

**2. Support literacy instruction**

A school library should perform the function of supporting literacy instruction in the sense that both books and all the media materials that supports students learning in their daily curriculum subjects such as mathematics, economics, history, geography and other topics should be made available. A collection of fiction or non-fiction should be made available at all levels.

**3. Serves as a location for students to talk and interact with books.**

A school library performs the function of serving as a location for students to talk and interact with the books of simple and meaningful stories. It should be noted that the stories should involve things such as animals, birds and stories that give moral values as well as ethics to children.

#### **4. Provide opportunities for independent reading and extracurricular extensions.**

A school library performs the function of providing a learning space which provides opportunities for independent reading such as using the computers, accessing the internet use equipment and research materials. Extracurricular activities such as quiz are also carried out in the school library and this is of interest to the students.

#### **5. Provides a central location for classroom resources**

The school library serves as a location where most of the resources used in the classroom can be found. Here, resources of informative value that have been used in the classroom or are yet to be used can be readily assessed. The students and the teachers can access the resources anytime they wish as long as it is within the library working hours.

### **1.5 SUMMARY**

This unit discussed the different types of libraries and their characteristics. School library, academic library, special library, national library and public library were discussed. They are different and unique in their own way. The school library is a library that is situated in a primary or secondary school. An academic library is situated in a college or university. A public library is owned by the government and situated in communities. Special library is basically for people with special needs, the library is not open to all. National library is owned by the Federal government, it's a library that serves as a bank for African Union and United Nations. Libraries are a necessity everywhere in primary schools, secondary schools, universities, colleges of education, polytechnics, communities, hospitals, prisons and so on. The libraries are publicly owned or privately owned.

### **SELF ASSESSMENT EXERCISE**

1. What are special libraries?
2. Define academic libraries?
3. What is a school library?

### **1.6 GLOSSARY**

- National Library – This is a library that is established by the government of a country basically for preserving the literature of its country home and abroad.
- Public Library – This is a library that can be accessed by the general public irrespective of age, status, gender or nationality.
- Academic Library – This is a library that is attached to a university, college of education to support curriculum and research.
- Special Library – This is a library that serve special people that have the same thing in common.

- School Library – This is a library that is within a school premises that serves teacher, pupils and parents.

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### **1.8 POSSIBLE ANSWERS TO SELF-ASSESSMENT EXERCISE(S) WITHING THE CONTENT**

- 1) A special library is a library that serves people that have something in common. E.g lawyers have law library
- 2) Academic library is a library that is situated in a higher institution for the students, lecturers and researchers.
- 3) School library is a library situated in a school for the staff and pupils.

## **Unit 2        BUDGET AND BUDGETING**

### **UNIT STRUCTURE**

- 2.1    Introduction**
- 2.2    Intended Learning Outcome**
- 2.3    Budget and Budgeting**
  - 2.3.1   Classification of Budget**
- 2.4    Characteristics of a Budget**
- 2.5    Library Budgeting Methods**
- 2.6    Summary**
- 2.7    Glossary**
- 2.8    References / Further Reading**

### **2.1    INTRODUCTION**

In most institutions libraries are given the lowest priority when it comes to disbursement of funds. Meanwhile; it is actually here that the negotiating skill of the University Librarian has to come to play. The University Librarian has to have a good presentation skill to convince the authority about his demands and he also needs to keep a good income and expenditure record of the library activities.

### **2.2    LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of this unit, you should be able to;

- Define budget
- Explain the two purposes of budget
- Explain the three classifications of budgeting

### **2.3    Budget and Budgeting**

A budget is an estimate of possible income and possible expenditure for the following year. It involves critical estimation of income and expenses which are likely to affect the economy of the organization. There is need to plan a budget so as not to be taking unawares by unforeseen events. Every library no matter how small has to work with a budget which will be scrutinized, vetted and if need be, it would be approved by higher authorities. The librarian should have a working budget so that activities will not be halted in the library. In every family, there is a working budget that the husband or wife works with in running the home (Rajput, 2015).

Budget has dual purposes and they are: -

## **1. To limit expenditures to income**

To limit expenditures to income means that the fund that is being spent in the library must not be more than the income otherwise the library will run into troubled waters. The proper way of things is the expenditure must be less than the income so that there is room for emergencies or unforeseen expenses.

## **2. Ensure wise spending**

Ensure wise spending simply means that only needful expenses should be made. All frivolous and impulse spending should be curbed and brought to a halt. A budget gives an organization a focus and a track to maintain and it can be altered due to change in circumstances. Any expense that won't be beneficial to the library should not be encouraged.

Khan 2016, identified three (3) ways to be adopted in preparing library budget: -

### **i. By comparison with past expenditures**

There is need for library to be compared with the previous one when preparing the present or future budget so that one can remain on track and not introduce anything that is irrelevant. Comparing past expenditures enables the organizations to properly plan ahead. Pitfalls of the past can be avoided when past expenditures are compared.

### **ii. By budgeting in accordance with the work programme**

A library budget for a particular library may be different from another in the sense that although all libraries are libraries, they are different in nature. A school library is very different from a special library. Their programmes and needs may be slightly different so it is important to align budget according to the programme.

### **iii. By using widely accepted standards and norms**

There are some widely accepted norms and accepted standards that all budgets should abide by. Anything outside that means that the library is not conforming to the laid down practices. In accounting, there are widely accepted norms and standards. In librarianship as well, there are widely accepted norms and standards that should be abided by the practitioners.

## **2.3.1 Classification of Budget**

There are some classifications of budget that can be used to identify which section they belong. There are three classifications which consists of:-

- classification by character,
- classification by objects,
- classification by departments. According to Khan (2016), budget can be classified into the following: -

### **i. Classification by Character**

Classification by character means time allotted for the period which the budget was prepared. For example, current year, one year ahead, two years ahead, five years ahead and so on. Items that are included under this category includes; stationery, telephone bills, light bills and postage charges just to mention a few.

**ii. Classification by Object**

Classification by object is the second type of budgetary expenditure based on the services rendered or materials acquired by libraries. Items that are included under this category are; salaries, wages, building, furniture, fittings and so on. Anything that is referred to as an object falls under this category.

**iii. Classification by Departments**

Classification by departments is the third type of expenditure classification which is demarcated according to departments. Some of the departments are as follows: -

**a. Technical department**

The technical department / section of the library handles the processing of newly acquired resources or books. They are the link between acquisition of resources and circulation. The acquisition department plays a very key role in the library because that is the section where library materials are being processed and an inventory is kept before they are found on the shelves by users.

**b. Reference department**

Reference department is that area of the library where there are materials that provide quick and easy to understand information on a topic. For example, bibliographies, atlas, thesauri, encyclopedia or a dictionary; these can provide information or meaning of words that users might need answers to.

**c. Circulation department**

Circulation department is the main public area of the library that is usually very busy. Here, there is a circulation desk/ loans desk where users can borrow a resource and it will be documented. The circulation department is usually found at the main entrance of the library.

**d. Periodicals department**

Periodicals section is the area of the library where there are magazines, scholarly journals, newspapers and newsletters. All these publications are published at regular intervals such as daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly bi-annually and yearly. This section is separated from the other resources on the book shelves.



**Image 18**

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## **2.4 Characteristics of a Budget**

Budget has distinct characteristics that makes one easily identify. These characteristics must be present before the income and expenditure presented must be called a budget. The characteristics includes of clarity, accuracy, consistency and comprehensiveness.

### **a. Clarity**

In presenting the budget, it should be clear enough for a lay man to understand so that the board members, employees and government officials can easily understand it without getting an interpreter or asking all manner of questions. A complex or muddled up budget cannot be understood and will most certainly not be approved. It should be crystal clear and easy to understand by all and sundry.

### **b. Accuracy**

Budget involves figures and so there is need for accuracy to avoid duplication of figures. The figures must be transcribed and reported carefully without variation from the original document. All income and expenditure must be calculated with precision and accuracy. When one zero is added or removed from a number, it has changed the number totally. Accuracy should not be toyed with so that the right amount will be captured.

### **c. Consistency**

Consistency in a budget is necessary in the sense that budget presentations should retain the same format from year to year so that comparisons can easily be made. Every budget should have some comparability and consistency so that expenses and income of the past can be compared with expenses and income in the present and used to budget for the future.

**d. Comprehensiveness**

A comprehensive budget means that budget reports should as much as possible include a complete picture of fiscal activities. When all income and expenditure expenses for library operation are captured in the budget, it is said to be a comprehensive budget. The income and expenditure for all the departments must be captured.

**2.5 Library Budgeting Methods**

Every library whether it is academic or non-academic has to operate with a budget which is supposed to be scrutinized, vetted and approved. There are some methods of budgeting for preparing library budgets which are mixtures of the traditional ones as well as the innovative methods that were established in recent years.

Muhammad, Muhammad and Adamu (2017), identified some library budgetary methods namely:

**i. Line Thing or Incremental or Historical Budgeting**

Line Thing or Incremental or Historical budgeting is a budgetary method that divides items of expenditure line by line into broad categories. Here the budget is prepared with an augmentation of 5% to 10% of each major item compared to the previous year’s budget. The advantage of this is that it gives room for inflation.

**Line Item Budget**

Line Item Budget is the presentation of expenses in columnar form. Expenses in line item budget would be both projected and real from the past year. This helps in comparison process of budgeted expenses of current year and past years. This columnar format help managers to estimate whether budget for current year is in line with previous year’s budget or more.

EXPENSE CATEGORIES	MONTH	ACTUAL EXPENSE 2019	PROJECTED EXPENSE 2020	ACTUAL EXPENSE 2020
Office Supplies	January	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$15,000
Salary	January	\$50,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
Advertising	January	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,000
Canteen Expense	January	\$7,000	\$6,500	\$7,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$72,000</b>	<b>\$68,500</b>	<b>\$74,000</b>

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**ii. Formular Budgeting**

Formular budgeting is based on financial norms and standards whereby formulars are used for financial estimation and budget justification. Using formular saves a lot of time but it does not explain for people who have no idea what it represents.

**iii. Programme Budgeting**

Programme budgeting has three steps namely: -

- Report of agency objectives
- Full considerations of alternative ways
- Logical selection of the best based on effectiveness and efficacy

Programme budgeting is an extension from the ‘line thing way’, it focuses on the programmes or services that the library intends to give. The total cost of the programme or service is estimated and then a budget is made. Programmes and services may also be grouped into departments and then a budget is made to accommodate all.

<b>What is Program Budget?</b>	
Program budget is a budget that is prepared specifically for a project or program. This type of budget includes expenses and revenues related to a specific project only.	
<b>Advantages</b>	<b>Disadvantages</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It helps in determining the priority of the projects.</li> <li>• It helps in planning and managing the delivery of services in the future.</li> <li>• It helps in spotting the areas where higher funds are required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the program budget is incorrect, it can lead to increase in costs.</li> <li>• It requires lot of information so takes ample time to find out exact financial resources required.</li> </ul>

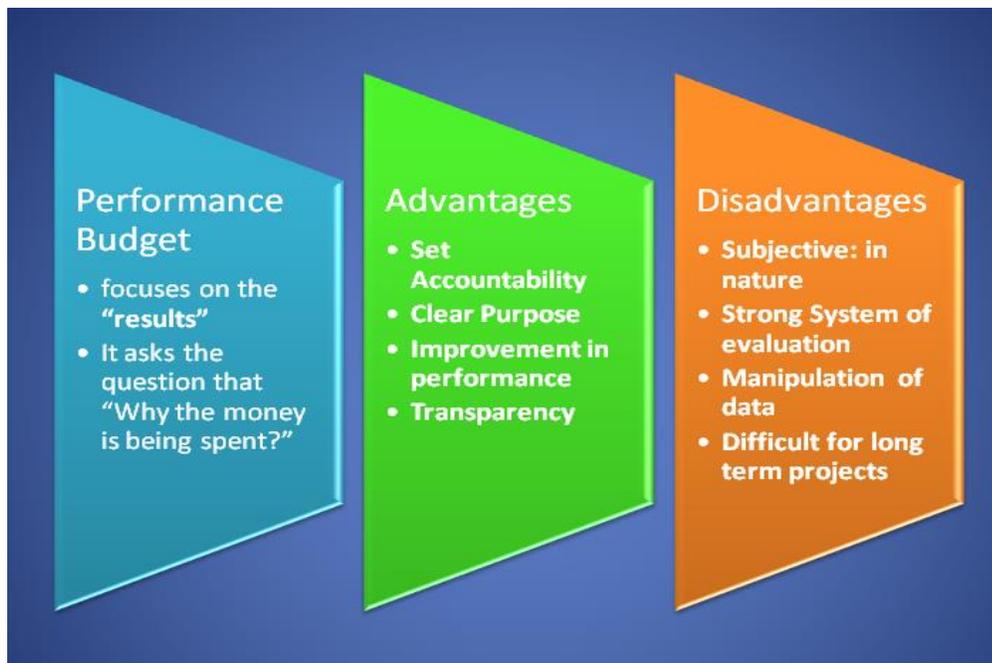
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#### iv. Performance Budgeting

Performance budgeting is almost the same as programme budgeting, the only slight difference is instead of emphasis on programme, emphasis is on performance. It follows the steps as programming budgeting which are report of agency objectives, full consideration of alternative ways, logical selection of the best based on effectiveness and efficacy.

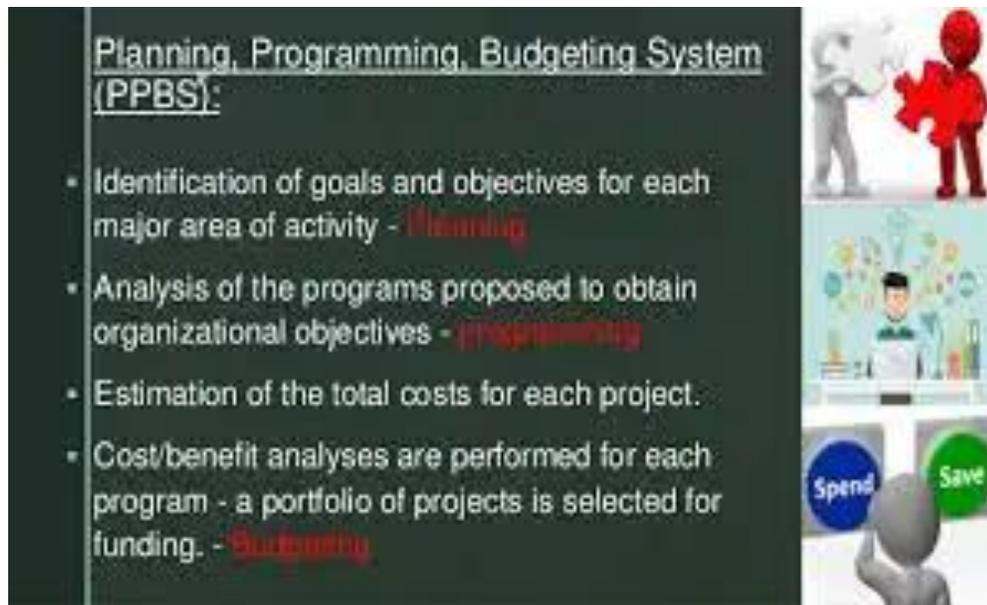


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#### v. Planning Programming Budget System (PPBS)

PPBS is the acronym for planning programming budget system. It is a combination of both programme budgeting and performance budgeting. There are two key units of PPBS which are budgeting and organization analysis. PPBS focuses on scheduling which begins with the establishment of goals and objectives and then ends with the formulation of programmes or services. PPBS puts its concentration on financing projects or activities that will yield great returns and at the same time helps to achieve organizational goals.



**Image 22**

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**vi. Zero Base Budgeting (ZBB)**

Zero budgeting starts the budgeting on a clean slate with zero naira in its coffers until the manager /librarian convinces higher authority of the need to furnish them with a specific amount. Here, no incremental growth is allowed. In ZBB, the manager has to justify every detail that he/she puts down in the budget before a panel. Some steps involved in preparing ZBB are: -

- Programmes are grouped to the lowest entity
- Objectives of each programme are examined
- Programmed are grouped into series of ‘decision packages’ with their report of purpose
- Ranking of ‘decision packages’
- Cut off point corresponds to the total budget allocation

**2.5.1 Budgeting Committee**

A budget committee is a group of people who officially form a group for the purpose of overseeing the best practices and standards which assists in implementing the organizations spending and resource allocation while still maintaining their fiscal responsibility (Hays, 2020). the budget committee is saddled with the responsibility of the make or break of the organization. In other words, they are responsible if the organization succeeds or fails.

## **Functions of Budget Committee**

The budget committee is saddled with some responsibilities that must be adhered to in order to achieve the goal of the organization. Some of the functions are:-

1. The budget committee writes and edits the company budget manual and ensures that the various departments adhere to the clear rules and guidelines to ease the budgeting process.
2. The budget committee is the only section within the organization that is privy to see the entire financial picture of the firm. Other sections see only their part or just a little.
3. The budget committee gives suggestions in areas modification is necessary.
4. The budget committee approves revised budgets.
5. The budget committee co-ordinates the budgetary control programme.

## **2.6 SUMMARY**

In summary, budget reflects expected income and expenditure that will enable the library achieve the set objectives and goals. Budgeting is a planning process for income and expenditure that exceeds a year, probably two years or three years and above. A budget can be altered to suit the demand at that point in time. The characteristics of a budget are; clarity, consistency, comprehensiveness and accuracy. Budgets can be classified into three namely; character, object and department. There are different departments of the library that take part in sharing the budget and they are; reference section, technical section, circulation section and periodical section. In conclusion, budgeting is a continuous process which involves different processes. Budgets are subject to approval by a higher body. And it involves a lot of convincing on the part of the university librarian or library manager. Some of the types of budgets are; formula budget, program budget, planning programming budgeting system (PPBS), zero budgeting and Line thing / Historical budgeting.

### **SELF ASSESSMENT EXERCISE**

- 1 What are the classifications of budgeting?
- 2 Name three characteristics of a budget
- 3 What is a budgeting committee?

## **2.7 GLOSSARY**

- Budget – This is an estimation of income and expenditure proposed for a future time.

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## 2.9 POSSIBLE ANSWERS TO SELF-ASSESSMENT EXERCISE(S) WITHIN THE CONTENT

- 1) Character, Object and Department
- 2) Clarity, Consistency, Accuracy and Comprehensiveness.
- 3) A budgeting committee is an official group that creates and oversees the best practices of an organisations spending and resource allocation plans

## **UNIT 3 SOURCES OF FUNDING IN THE LIBRARY**

- 3.1 Introduction**
- 3.2 Learning Outcomes**
- 3.3 Concept of Funding**
- 3.4 Sources of funding in the library**
- 3.5 Summary**
- 3.6 Glossary**
- 3.7 References/ Further Readings**
- 3.8 Possible Answers to Self-Assessment Exercise(s) within the content**

### **3.1 INTRODUCTION**

Whether libraries are academic or not, they must be on a budget and usually the budget is a very tight one. Most universities especially in Nigeria, West Africa, their libraries are funded by the parent bodies. For libraries to remain in existence there is need to have different sources that can fund the library.

### **3.2 LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of this unit, you should be able to: -

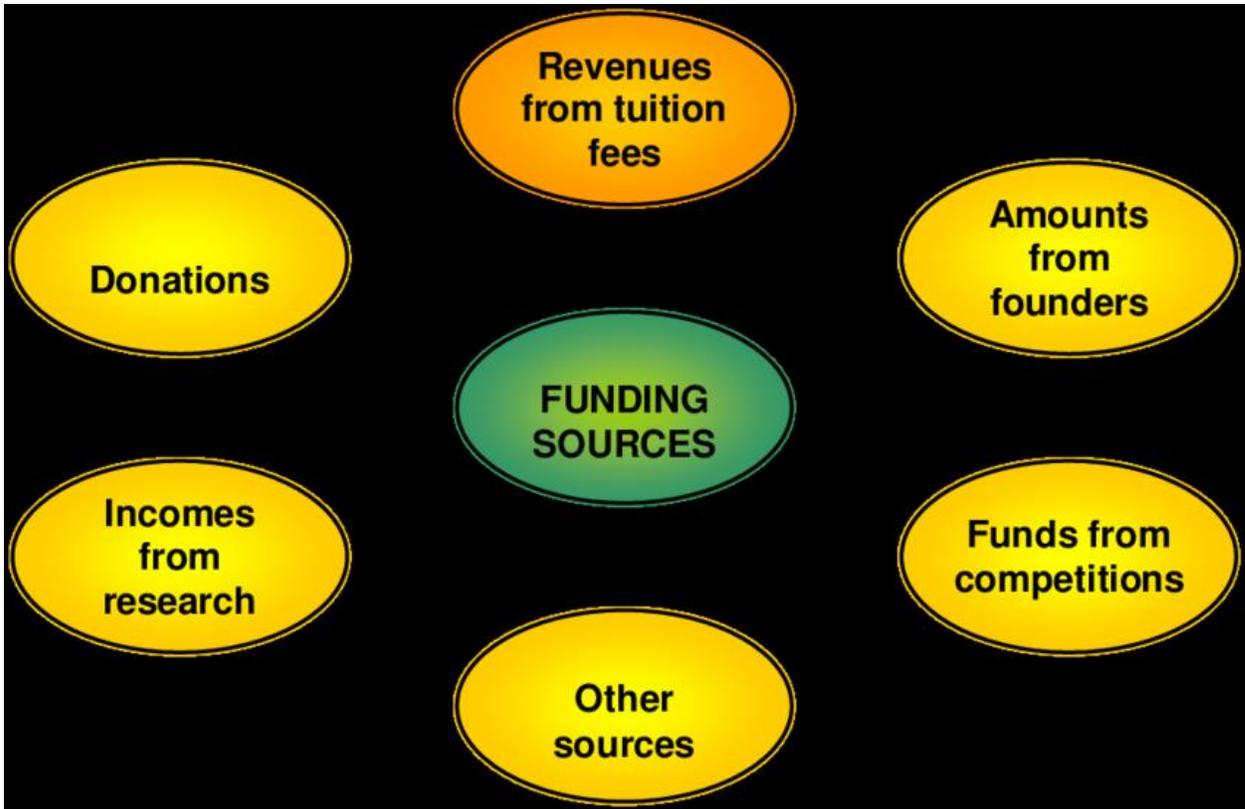
- Define funding
- Identify the different sources of funding in libraries

### **3.3 Concept of Funding**

Funding is maintaining a different account for a specific purpose that the donor has specified which is in line with the set objectives of the organization or library. It is usually in the form of money so that the recipient can finance the need, program or project. According to Inyang & Igwechi (2015), library funding is the act of providing or making available financial resources for use in developing and equipping the library. These funds are needed to run the library, buy materials and for the development of human resources. Most libraries are funded by their universities especially if they are university based.

### **3.4 Sources of funding in the library**

There are various ways in which the library can be funded apart from the parent body. Adequate funds need to be made available for effective delivery of library. There are some sources that are general to all libraries while some are specific to some libraries. Powerpoint 2013 Kumar (1997) highlighted some of the sources of funding for libraries can be grouped into the following: -



**Image 23**

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**i. Donations / Gifts (Private, Patron, Friends, Group etc)**

Private donations like the name implies donations that are made from individuals or private organizations. Some private donations are usually anonymous while some are open and the donor is known. Private donors fund libraries out of their own free will and not by obligation. Funding libraries can come in gifts such as books, furniture, computers and any equipment or resource that is required. At the same time, funding can also come in cash whereby the library management will use it to satisfy their need.

**ii. Charitable Organizations**

Charitable organizations can donate funds to libraries as part of their charitable activities. Some charitable organizations are privately owned while others are

publicly owned. They donate both cash and other resources in the library. A charitable organization can decide that they want to donate all the desktops in the library and they either purchase them or send the money for purchasing them.

**iii. Grants**

Government grants are funds that the library gets from the government. First of all, the library applies for the grant by filling an application that must have been published either by the government or a private body. After scrutinization, the government accepts the application that they deem fit for the position. The money attached to the grant is then given to the project that the library intends to carry out can begin fully sponsored.

**iv. Fundraising by the library (book sales)**

Fund raising is a way of increasing library budget. A very good example is book sales. Here, some people are invited for a function and books are available on display and the visitors are encouraged to buy. The books are usually at a subsidized rate and displayed in an attractive manner.

**v. Income from reprographic services, translation services, compilation of bibliographies**

There are lots of activities that the library management can engage the staff in. Such activities include reprographic services, translation services and compilation of bibliographies. Reprographic services include; photocopy, scanning and digital printing. Translation services is an important service provided by the libraries and translation helps in enhancing the use of documents. The clients who use the library sometimes request that translation be made other than the language they understand. Funds can come from services like photocopies, fax and overdue fees, just to mention a few. All these services are non- taxable and a very good source of income for the library.

**vi. Subscription from the members**

There are some libraries whereby one pays money to be a member. It is usually a token and such monies are used to run the library. Subscriptions usually last for a year or in rare cases monthly. When members have not renewed their payment, they do not have access to use the library.

**vii. Library fines and fees**

Library fines and fees are levies that the library management fined offenders such as those who do not return books on time, those who misplace books and other forms of offences. The amount is usually specified and a fixed rate that is known to library staff and its users. Usually when students are graduating, their library record is checked and if there is any outstanding fine, they pay it.

#### **viii. Sale of publications**

There are some libraries that sell publications to their clients. These publications can be monthly, quarterly, half yearly or yearly. The proceeds from sale of publication is used to fund the library. No matter how little the sales are, it can settle some bills.

#### **ix. Binding**

Binding is a section in the library that has the responsibility of preserving the life span of books in the library. When books are damaged by users or general bad handling, it is taken to the binding section where the spine can be sewn to reinforce the pages or the cover can be replaced with a stronger one. These services can also be extended to students and staff who have damaged books or final year students who want to bind their project. It is a very good and continuous way of making money for the library.

### **3.5 SUMMARY**

The library should look for more ways in which fund can come in either in cash or in kind. Usually, the parent body funds the library to kick start it but they may not be able to sustain it after wards so it is pertinent to have various sources for funding so as to ensure sustainability of the library and salary of the staff as well. Funding is the act of providing financial resources for equipping and developing the library. Funding can be in various forms such as grant, sale of publications, library fines and fees, subscription from members, charitable organizations, donations, fund raising by the library and reprographic services.

#### **SELF ASSESSMENT EXERCISE**

- 1) What is funding
- 2) Name four sources of funding
- 3) Define Binding

### **3.6 GLOSSARY**

- Funding – This is an act of providing the resources to finance a need, project or a programme

### 3.7 REFERENCES / FURTHER READING

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### 3.8 POSSIBLE ANSWERS TO SELF-ASSESSMENT EXERCISE(S) WITHIN THE CONTENT

- 1) Funding is money that a government or organization sets aside for a project.
- 2) Donations, Grants, Charitable organisations, Library fines and fees
- 3) Binding a book is physically assembling an ordered stack of paper sheets that are folded into section and put back together to make the book stronger.

## **UNIT 4 IMPORTANCE AND CHALLENGES OF BUDGET IN THE LIBRARY**

### **UNIT STRUCTURE**

- 4.1 Introduction**
- 4.2 Learning Outcomes**
- 4.3 Importance of a Library Budget**
- 4.4 Challenges of a Library Budget**
- 4.5 Summary**
- 4.6 Glossary**
- 4.7 References/Further Readings**
- 4.8 Possible Answers to Self-Assessment Exercise(s) within the Content**

### **4.1 INTRODUCTION**

The importance of a library budget, gives the library a focus and sense of direction in the sense that the library is working with a guide and not spending funds blindly. Having a budget guides the library management. All departments of the library or organizations are supposed to submit their own expenses and income so that it will put together by the financial manager and submitted to the appropriate authority.

### **4.2 LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of this unit, you should be able to:

- Importance of library budget
- Challenges of library budget

### **4.3 Importance of Budget**

The importance of budget cannot be over emphasized because it helps the library to work within a certain time frame and limit its expenses to income. According to Parameswaran (2005) budget is a plan that tells us the amount and source of money assigned for the facility of a certain service among the priority lists. The word Budget originally meant the moneybag or the public reward. The word now means, “Plans of government finances submitted for the approval of the legislature”. Budget is a time bound financial program systematically worked out and ready for accomplishment in the succeeding fiscal year. It is a full plan of action, which brings together in one consolidated statement all financial requirements of the government. Obadan (2003) stated that budget is a procedure of plan, which show programs or projected of government expenditure spent towards for achieving some policy targets. It is important to deeply understand budget before going into its importance.

Murugan (2012), outlined the importance of budget in the library which includes: - collection development, increasing demand for online resources and services, division of funds between staff and materials and decentralization of the library.

**a. Collection development**

There is a continuous growth of collection development i.e. books and journals, because, every year few books are being churned out by authors and there is need to update the library with current materials. The university librarian will liaise with publishers and authors on recent books to stock in the library.

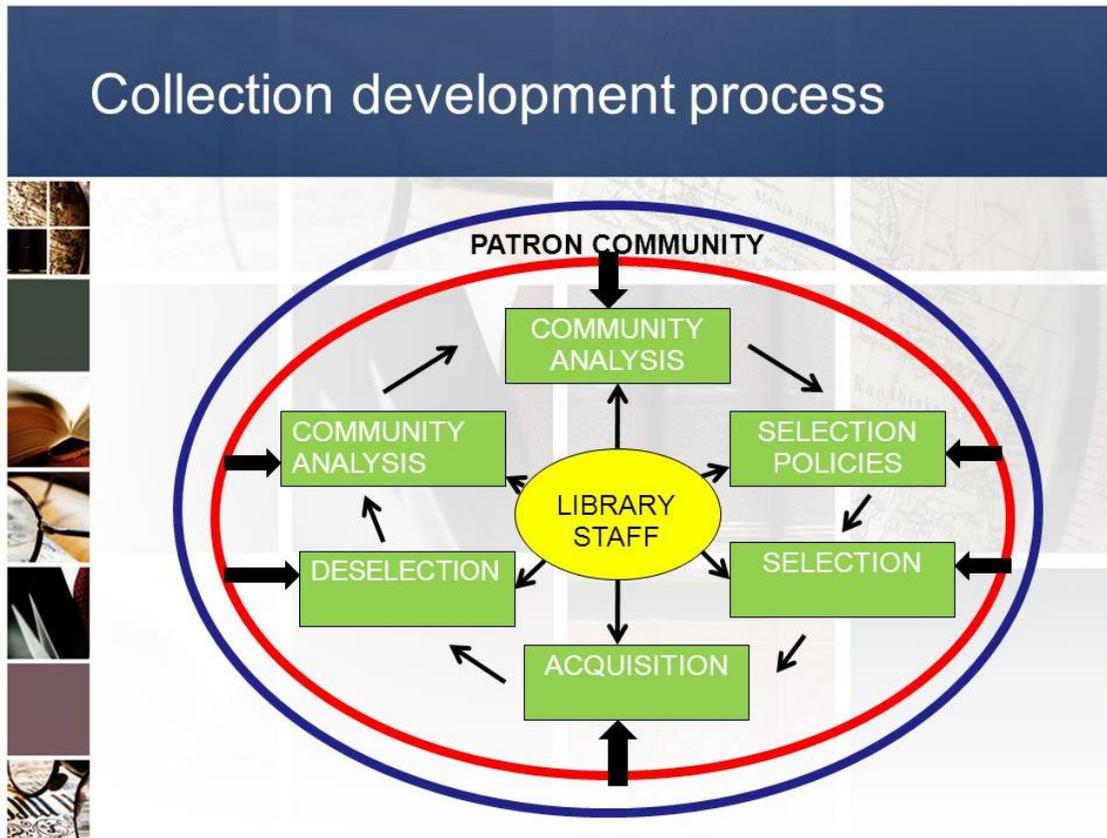


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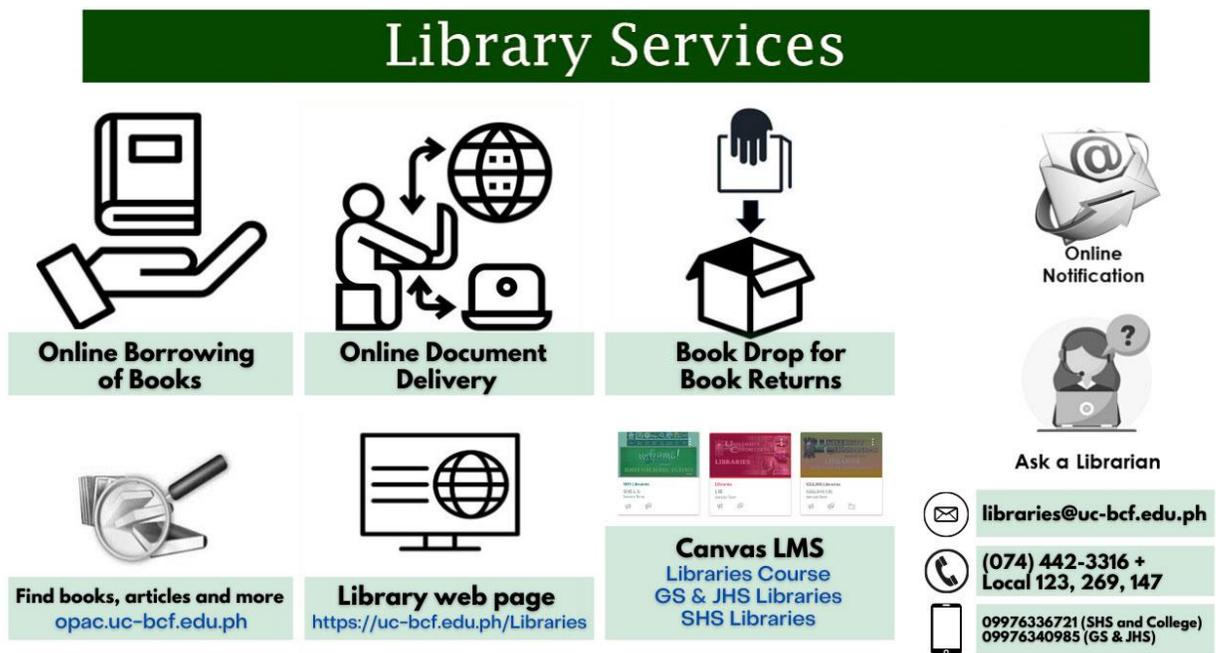
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Collection development involves a lot of activities. From the diagram, you can see that the librarian first of all needs to analyse the community where the library is situated. If it's in an academic library, school library, national library or a special library. The kind of library determines the collection that will be acquired. There are policies for acquiring resources based on the type of library which must be adhered

to. After this policy has been adhered to, the selection process can begin by acquiring useful resources to suit the kind of library. Deselection process also comes up at this point i.e removing resources that are not useful as well as analyzing the community where the library is situated. All these activities costs money in one way or the other. A library or information center is not functional unless its resources are on point. By resources here I mean collection development. Budget should be set aside specifically for this mission so that the library or information center can compete with its counterparts.

**b. Increasing demand for online resources and services**

With the advent of technology, there are a lot of resources on the internet and so there is an increasing demand for online resources and services. Old resources are available but new online resources and services are in high demand. As much as hard copy books and resources are appreciated, the twenty first century came along with increasing demand of online resources and services because of the introduction of information communication and technology.



**Image 25**

**Source** [https://www.google.com/url?sa=i&url=https%3A%2F%2Fuc-bcf.edu.ph%2FLibraries%2FAbout%3FPage%3DLibraryServices&psig=AOvVaw1o4erJYmwlnq4lqE9Tr7Kz&ust=1624099176430000&source=images&cd=vfe&ved=0CAoQjRxqFwoTCLi39Yb\\_oPECFQAAAAAdAAAAABAk](https://www.google.com/url?sa=i&url=https%3A%2F%2Fuc-bcf.edu.ph%2FLibraries%2FAbout%3FPage%3DLibraryServices&psig=AOvVaw1o4erJYmwlnq4lqE9Tr7Kz&ust=1624099176430000&source=images&cd=vfe&ved=0CAoQjRxqFwoTCLi39Yb_oPECFQAAAAAdAAAAABAk)

The diagram depicts a typical scenario of online services a 21<sup>st</sup> century library. Some of the online services includes online borrowing which is where users can borrow a resource from the library without physically visiting the place.

Online document delivery just like the name implies is when a document that a user requested for is being sent to him/her via mail. Here all transactions are done online as well.

Users can also ask for notifications as well and the librarian will do well to send a notification when new resources are available or a particular resource is available.

Services like “ask the librarian” is quite new and very useful in the sense that any query at all that the user has, the person can ask the librarian and a solution will be sought out.

Most libraries now have a functional webpage where people can visit and see their resources and services and make their comments or demands.

All these activities costs money to function properly without hitches. Every day users are coming up with one new demand or the other and as an organization or a library that wants to remain in business, they have to meet up to the standard of their counterparts who offer such services by making an allocation for these online resources and services in the budget.

**c. Division of funds between staff and materials**

The budget must be effectively divided between staff and materials. Fund for staff here includes salaries and movement expenses. The materials include acquisitions, services and equipment. Imprest for running the library also comes from the budget. Different sections of the library or organization should have the imprest for running their affairs depending on how large the organization is. There should be a balance between allocation of funds for staff and material so that none will suffer.

**d. Decentralization of the library**

Being that the library is decentralized from the university as a whole and partially runs as an entity, it is very important for it to have its own budget. The library works within its own budget. A decentralized library is one that runs its own affairs separate from the university. A decentralized library is run like a separate entity. Sometimes a decentralized library offers services that its sister library does not offer. Some create spaces for children to feel more comfortable while reading. Others use chairs that are very homely and provide cushions. All the extras cost money and should be included in the budget.



**Image 26**

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#### **4.4 Challenges of a Library Budget**

In as much as a library budget is critically done, there are several challenges that can be encountered that makes a budget become unsatisfactory. There are a number of challenges associated with a library budget. Some of the challenges of a library includes; inaccuracy, rigid decision making, time required, gaming the system.

##### **i. Inaccuracy**

Inaccuracy of a budget is when the figures on a budget is different from the actual price of the items purchased or paid for. Inaccuracy may be as a result of changes in interest rates, changes in currency exchange rates and general changes in prices of things. It is necessary to get prices for exchange rates and

other items very close to when the budget will be submitted so as to avoid some errors or fraudulent practices.

**ii. Rigid decision making**

Rigid decision making occurs when a decision in the library needs to be changed and because of policies they are difficult to change. There are times when something is not captured in the budget and it suddenly comes up and there is no room to fix it in the budget. A good example will be a domestic accident in the library and there is need for renovation and there is no budget for it. Under normal circumstances, action should be taken immediately to rectify it but a situation where protocol needs to be followed, and time is wasted, it becomes a huge challenge.

**iii. Time required**

In preparing library budget, a lot of time is consumed. For a well-designed library, the staff are accustomed to the whole process and procedure. In some instances, the library staff can be carried away with work and remembers very close to the submission time. When time for preparing the budget is not enough, there is bound to be some errors. Either something is omitted or erroneously included. Time is actually needed so that a thorough work will be done and everything captured but when the time taken is too long, it stalls some other activities in the organization or library.

**iv. Gaming the system**

Gaming the system simply means increasing the library budget so that there can be some excess change after the original library expenses have been made. This is a fraudulent act that can go undetected if the budget is not scrutinized. Most times there are unforeseen circumstances and when there is money, the effect will be cushioned but when money is absent, the effect is detrimental depending on the situation. Gaming the system means adding that budget for unforeseen circumstances but in actual fact it should not be because if there is no unforeseen circumstance, the money allocated for it would be taken by someone.

## **4.5 SUMMARY**

A budget is time bound financial programme. The word Budget originally meant the moneybag or the public reward. The word now means, “Plans of government finances submitted for the approval of the legislature”. Importance of a library budget includes: collection development, increasing demand for online resources, division of funds between staff and materials and decentralization of the library. It is necessary to know the importance of a library budget as well as its challenges.

This will help in guiding the library staff. Having known the challenges, it is pertinent to work towards not allowing them come pass. Challenges that may occur with library budget includes; gaming the system, time required, rigid decision making and inaccuracy.

#### **SELF ASSESSMENT EXERCISE**

- 1) What is a library budget?
- 2) Name two importance of a budget
- 3) Name three challenges of a budget

#### **4.6 GLOSSARY**

- Budget – A budget is an estimation of revenue and expenses over a specified future.

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#### **4.8 POSSIBLE ANSWERS TO SELF-ASSESSMENT EXERCISE(S) WITHIN THE CONTENT**

- 1) Library budget is a statement that is written stating the financial position of the library concerned for a definite period based on estimates of possible income and possible expenditure.
- 2) Increasing demand for online resources, collection development
- 3) Inaccuracy, Rigid decision making and Time required

## **MODULE 3: RISK MANAGEMENT IN LIBRARIES**

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### **1.1 INTRODUCTION**

Libraries and information centers around the world are exposed to risk one way or another ranging from environmental conditions to human driven hazards. Most at times librarians by the end of this unit, you will be able to

- Define risk
- Identify risk classified according to their consequences
- Explain the concept of risk management.

are not trained in risk management and they have had to rely on others to fight their battles in case a disaster happens. In any library or information center, it is pertinent to identify hazards that may likely occur and then assess the risks that may be as a result of those hazards. Some risks are high while others are mild.

### **1.2 LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of this lesson, you should be able to:

- Define risk
- Identify risks according to their consequences
- Explain the whole concept of risk management

### **1.3 Definition of Risk**

Risk is the occurrence of an unfavorable or undesired event that sets organizations or libraries backward and causes a lot of damage. These occurrences are most times unexpected and harmful. Risk is not just limited to libraries or organizations; it involves humans as well in one way or another. Every library faces the risk of the unexpected which includes harmful events that can cause serious damage.



**Figure 27 - Image of Risk**

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In defining risk, critical decisions are made on all levels because risk is not limited to managerial level or supervisory level. Risks means different things to different people but it still boils down to uncertainty. According to MacCrimmon, Wehrung and Stanbury (1988) risk is defined in three components namely; magnitude of loss, probability of loss and exposure to loss.

- **Magnitude of loss**

Magnitude means something that is huge or large in size. Magnitude of loss means the size of the loss which may or may not be in monetary terms. In this instance magnitude of loss is the extent of loss that may be incurred. The size of the loss may vary from magnitude to magnitude. The magnitude of loss may be in productivity, resources, and finance. Risk is measured by the magnitude of damage or in other words loss.

- **Probability of loss**

Probability of loss refers to the chances of loss i.e., there may be a loss and there may not be any loss. It has to be one of the two. The probability of losses is usually objective or subjective. Subjective probability is someone's opinion or

feeling that a loss may occur based on past experience and what the person thinks from his/her own point of view. Here there is no formal calculation or report to show like data analysis, rather it is an opinion based on past experience. Subjective probability of loss varies from one individual to another.

On the other hand, objective probability of loss is based on facts, figures, analysis, charts, patterns and any documented evidence that can point to that direction of loss. Here human feelings or hunch are totally absent.

- **Exposure to loss**

Exposure to loss means a situation that creates an atmosphere for a loss to occur whether or not the loss occurs. The loss may occur and it may not occur, but the bottom line here is, the atmosphere was created for it to occur. For example, using floor tiles that are very slippery is a pure exposure to risk because people would trip and fall once a while. The exposure is out there and there are no two ways about it except the floor tiles are changed to the ones that don't make people trip over and fall.

**Risk involves two main things namely: -**

1. **The probability of the occurrence of the risk**

The probability of the occurrence of the risk is usually fifty / fifty i.e., it may occur and it may not occur.

2. **The impact of the occurring risk**

The impact of the risk is usually fatal, minor, individual or societal.

- a. **Fatal risk**

Fatal risk is a risk that is capable of causing death. Most times a risk is fatal because it was assumed that the risks were not important at all and was not taken as priority when in actual fact it is a high risk to the organization. A fatal risk is usually disastrous to man and resources. It is a risk that if it occurs the worst-case scenario is the possible outcome so it is best avoided.

- b. **Minor risk**

Minor risk is a type of risk whereby the risk is minimal. That is the risk impact is not huge. Not that it is not a risk but that it is not as damaging as a fatal risk. Minor risk can be overlooked most times unless it is properly looked into. A minor risk does not cost the organization or library much to get it fixed.

- c. **Individual risk**

Individual risk is the risk that specific persons are exposed to. Not everyone in the organization would be exposed to this type of risk, only those in sensitive areas would be exposed to this risk. Individual risk is also known as a personal risk. Individual risks occurs when one puts himself or herself out there when

there is a preventive measure that could have been taken. For example, if there is a riot and bullets are flying all over, that is not the right time for one to move around. Anyone who moves around is causing an individual risk to oneself.

**d. Societal risk**

Societal risk just like the name implies is a risk that can affect a huge number of people, probably a community. This risk is different from individual risk. A social risk usually involves a general negative perception about something which maybe political or socioeconomic. When the majority of the populace has a negative perception about something, it is regarded as a societal risk. A good example is the first and second wave of Covid. Anyone without a mask on is a societal risk or any large gathering in an enclosed place is regarded as a societal risk.

**1.3.1 Attitudes of Risk**

Attitude of risk simply means how a person interprets risk in his/her mind. Some persons may take it that risk should not be toyed with or ignored while other persons may take it that risk is part of life. There are different attitudes people display concerning risks. Baranof (2001), explained that there are three attitudes that people display when there is an uncertainty of risk. They include; Risk averse, risk seeker and risk neutral.

**a. Risk averse**

A risk averse person is one who shy's away from risk and prefers to have as much security and certainty as is reasonably affordable so that his level of discomfort can be reduced to the barest minimum. A risk averse person/s is willing to pay for extra so that an unpleasant will be removed from their lives. A very good example is this is one who invests in a stock market that has been on the increase for years. The person believes that it is tested and trusted.

**b. Risk seeker**

A risk seeker is one who doesn't mind engaging in an endeavor as long as it seems like there is a positive long-term return. A risk seeker refuses to see what could go wrong as long as he/she has seen what could go right. An example is gambling, a risk seeker has seen all the possibilities that he/she could win and so engages in it.

**c. Risk neutral**

Risk neutral on the other hand is a kind of risk that rests between a risk seeker and a risk averse person. A person who is risk neutral will neither engage in a risky behavior nor will he pay extra to have the risk averted. In other words, they will not gamble and they will not buy shares at the stock market. They are just in

between, taking life easy, not afraid of anything and not engaging in any dangerous thing.

#### **1.4 Risks classified according to their consequences**

##### **a. Peculiar Risks**

Peculiar risks are personal risks which takes place due to the decisions and actions of a man. The causes of peculiar risks as well as the effects are personal as well as the causes. Peculiar risks originate from individual actions and individual decisions and they are insurable. For example, decision to build a house, own a car or be educated.

##### **b. Fundamental Risk**

Fundamental risk is a risk that is beyond the control of an individual. This risk affects the society in general or a section of the society or group of people rather than individuals. Example involves earthquake, typhoons, cultural change, windstorm and political instability.

##### **c. Pure Risk**

Pure risks are risks that the outcome is usually fatal and causes a lot of harm either physically or emotionally. Pure risks are known for losses and these are the losses that insurance companies offer protection which includes fire, theft, death and disability.

##### **d. Speculative Risk**

Like the name implies, speculative risk is a risk whereby there is a chance of loss or possibility of gain or break even. Speculative risk does not involve a total loss but rather it involves a fifty – fifty chance whereby the risks are not insurable. Examples of such risks are stock exchange transactions, investments, import and export trade.

#### **1.5 Concept of Risk Management**

Risk management involves all activities which are assessing risk, developing risk and managing the risk. This is an intentional attempt to prepare for the unexpected that may be fatal to the library. Risk management in library and information centers take precautionary measures to avoid damages that may occur as a result of mishaps. Risk management encompasses some tasks whereby activities are directed at accommodating the possibility of setback or damage.

The Business Dictionary 2015, defined Risk management as the identification, assessment, analysis, control, minimization, avoidance and elimination of

acceptable risks. An organization may use risk assumption, risk retention, risk transfer or any other strategy or combination of strategies in proper management of future events.

Another name for risk management that is widely used is known as Disaster Plan.



**Figure 28 – Image of Risk Management**

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The risk management process is a full cycle which begins with identifying risks, risk assessment & analysis, plan action, implementation and ends with measure, control and monitor.

Rodrigues-da-Silva, L. H., and Crispim, J. A. (2014) outlined the following processes involved in risk management which includes: -

### **A. Risk Identification**

Risk identification as the name implies that there should be a vigorous search for possible causes of losses in the library. These causes should be identified and itemized. Libraries as well as information centers should identify areas that are prone to risk, they should identify possible causes and finally, identify the resulting damage to property and personal injury.

## **B. Risk assessment**

Risk evaluation is also known as risk assessment and it involves measuring and assessing the risk according to the value and the likelihood. Here, accurate past records are required in order to make a firm and informed decision.

Some of the factors to consider from past records includes: -

- i. The number of possible losses each year
- ii. The possible size of each loss
- iii. The value of assets at risk

These figures help to assess what has been going on and what is likely to occur. Attention will be given to the areas where the risk is high so that it can be reduced. Risk assessment cuts across all organizations including the library and information centres.

## **C. Risk plan / action**

The third stage is the risk plan or action stage which involves exercising one's judgment having identified and assessed. Here, a plan that would reduce or probably eliminate the risk would be well thought out and planned. The possibilities in risk plan / action involves: -

### **i. Risk transfer**

Risk transfer involves transferring the risk to another party. The library can engage the services of an insurance company to bear the loss. Some of the insurance companies who take up risks for organizations in Nigeria are Lead way assurance and Axa mansard. For libraries to be on the safer side, it is best to insure the library resources and avoid any additional expenses. If the library is exposed to fire outbreak, the library management can be rest assured that all the bills would be taken care of insurance company.

### **ii. Risk retention**

Risk retention is whereby the organization library keeps money aside in case of any loss or damage. They go ahead with a process knowing fully well that there is a risk involved but here, the library feels the process is beneficial to the library. This is like saving for the rainy day and the rain actually falls.

### **iii. Risk reduction**

Risk reduction like the name implies involves reducing the risk so that if the worst happens, the risk has already been minimized. Here, instead of following a pattern which usually ends up in a huge risk, the organization decides to follow another pattern so as to reduce the risk or probably eliminate it as the case may be. For example, if the floor in a library is tiled and people are always falling, a different type of tiles can be suggested so that both users and staff can be safe.

#### **iv. Risk avoidance**

Risk avoidance is a smart thing to do in organizations such as libraries which involves completely eliminating the risk using the risk avoidance strategy that is designed to deflect as many threats as possible in order to avoid an expensive and disruptive consequence. This involves changing location, changing procedures and material equipment and giving up activity that gives rise to risk. This is an outright safety measure where they do not leave any stone unturned. The risk is completely avoided and so it does not rise up.

#### **D. Risk Implementation**

Risk implementation is whereby the risk has passed through risk identification, assessment, plan/ action and it is time to actually carry out the well thought out plan. This is where the organization spends money to carry out their plan. Adjustments are made here and new rules are also set for everyone to follow.

#### **E. Risk measure/ control and monitor**

Risk measure/ control and monitor is the process of measuring the plan with the implementation. this way the organization would be able to know whether they are making progress in curbing and eliminating the risk or not. The team in charge needs to go back to the drawing board to check whether they are on track and if all areas planned for were implemented.

### **1.6 SUMMARY**

Risk is a fifty – fifty kind of thing in the sense that events may go either way so it is good to prepare for them. Risk management is essential in any library or information center so as to avoid total or partial loss. It involves the probability of the occurrence and the impact of the occurrence. Approaches that can be adopted to cushion the effect of risks includes identification of the risk, assessment of the risk and risk control. If these approaches are followed systematically. In summary, Risk involves the occurrence of unwanted or undesired event that sets the library backwards. Risk can be individual or societal in the sense that the loss / damage may not exceed the human and in some instances, it may extend in the case of flood, fire, electrical and natural disasters.

Risk can be classified according to their consequences namely: -

Peculiar

Fundamental

Pure

Speculative

Risk Management helps to avoid a total loss by the risk management process which consists of: - Risk identification, Risk assessment, Risk plan/ action, Risk implementation, Risk measure/ Control / Monitor

## SELF ASSESSMENT EXERCISE

- 1) What is peculiar risk?
- 2) Define fundamental risk?
- 3) Mention four approaches to risk

## 1.7 GLOSSARY

- Risk – risk explains anything that is being exposed to harm, loss or danger be it a human being or a thing.
- Risk Management - Risk management as the identification, assessment, analysis, control, minimization, avoidance and elimination of acceptable risks.

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## 1.9 POSSIBLE ANSWERS TO SELF-ASSESSMENT EXERCISE(S) WITHIN THE CONTENT

- 1) Peculiar risks are risks that are within the control of man, they are personal risks that can be averted.

- 2) Fundamental risks are risks that are beyond the control of man
- 3) Risk averse, Risk seeker and Risk neutral

## **Unit 2      RISK IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTERS**

### **UNIT STRUCTURE**

- 2.1 Introduction**
- 2.2 Learning Outcomes**
- 2.3 Most common risks that affect library and information centers**
- 2.4 Effects of Risks on Library and Information Science**
- 2.5 Techniques to avert risks in Library and Information Science**
- 2.6 Summary**
- 2.7 Glossary**
- 2.8 References / Further Readings**
- 2.9 Possible Answers to Self-Assessment Exercise(s) within the content**

### **2.1 INTRODUCTION**

Library and information centers are not left out when it comes to risks. They have their fair share of risks as well. It is important to note that libraries function like every other organization that is public or private. Just like any other parastatal, there are some risks that are common to the library and information centers. Some common risks are natural while others are manmade which are almost inevitable. There is definitely going to be an effect after the risk has occurred and this unit throws light techniques to avert risks in library and information centers.

### **2.2 LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of this unit, you should be able to:

- Identify common risks that affect library and information centers
- Examine the effects of risks in library and information science
- Mention some techniques to avert risks in library and information centers

### **2.3 Most common risks that affects library and information centers are: -**

Risk in the library or information center is a situation whereby potential hazards can occur. It is normal to think that in case of any risk, firefighters can be called, ambulances can be called from hospitals and other consultants but it is pertinent to note that in library and information centers, negative events such as fire, flooding, bad weather and other criminal activities can occur at any time. According to Robertson, G. (2014), there are various risks that affects library and information science and they include: -



**Figure 29 : Image of risks in Library and Information Centers**

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### **1. Natural Risks**

Natural risks are caused by nature, they are not man made in any way. They are also known as physical forces. Some countries are named after natural disasters such as “California which means earthquakes”, Florida means hurricanes. Due to the natural disasters in those areas, the places were named after them. Some natural disasters that are most common are:

#### **a. Fire, smoke and fumes**

Any library situated near forest or wooden areas where there is a fire burning can be prone to being a partaker of that fire disaster. Electrical faults in the library can also cause fire outbreak. Smokes and fumes from within or outside the library can cause risk to the equipment and resources in the library.

#### **b. Severe weather**

Any weather that is too much to the extreme in its season is known as severe weather. This severe weather can cause risk to the library resources. Too much thunderstorms can cause electrical problems in the library which eventually leads to a fire outbreak. Too much rain can cause water to find its way into the library and flood the place. Too much

wind can remove roof top of library building thereby exposing the entire library to risk unless the library management moves fast.

### **c. Flooding**

Risk caused by water or roof leakage results in flooding the library. Any library situated close to any river, lake or body of water is at risk of flooding. An open window or leaking roof that is unattended to during rainy season can cause flooding of the library as well. Plumbing issue can also cause flooding in the library. All these potential risks need to be identified and nipped in the bud to avoid disasters.

### **d. Earthquakes**

Earthquakes are one of the most frightening natural disasters. They occur anywhere in the world and at any time but target areas are known as the seismic regions which includes countries like China, Canada, Mexico, USA and Chile. Library buildings in such areas are not left out of this risk. The very few ones that can withstand an earthquake are one with big building structures and very heavy furniture inside the libraries.

### **e. Tsunamis**

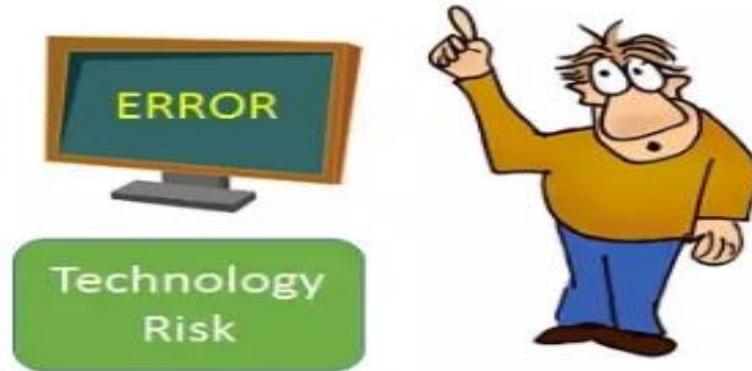
Tsunamis are earthquake – generated sea waves that move at high speed which destroys coastal areas and close communities to it. Tsunamis can wipe out an entire library or a huge part of it thereby setting the academic library backwards. Tsunamis are common in places close to the sea. It is not common in Africa at all. Their damage can be very overwhelming. People will have to vacate their houses and live in shelters provided by the government. If a library is in between those houses, they cannot open for business because everything would have been damaged. As necessary as water is, it can be dangerous to buildings and properties.

### **f. Landslides and avalanches**

This is a natural phenomenon that occurs in the mountain areas and areas with natural slope. A library located in a hillside is very prone to such risks. There are different kinds of landslides such as rockslides, landslips, mudslides and debris torrents. These events could cut off libraries and their communities from neighboring areas and disrupt routines and activities.

### **g. Pests**

Some insects and other kinds of wild life can become pests in and around the library and gradually destroy the resources in the library. Some common ones are cockroaches, bedbugs including rodents such as rats and mice. Where ever these pests are found in the library, the sanitation is quite poor. These pests infest, multiply rapidly and damage library materials.



**Figure 30 : Image of Technology Risk**

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## **2. Technological Risks**

Technological risks like the name implies has to do with risks pertaining to Information Communication Technology (ICT). Some examples of technological risks includes : ICT failure, power outage and data loss.

### **a. ICT Failure**

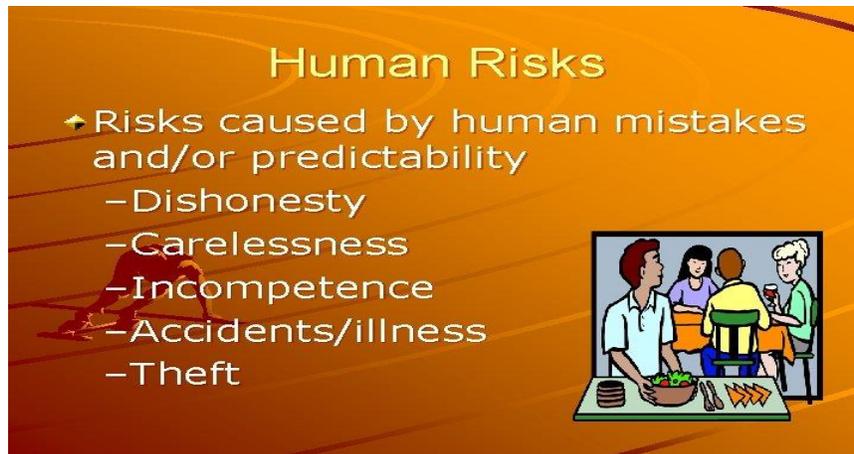
ICT failure ranges from malfunction of computer hardware and software. The hardware of a computer can develop an irreparable fault and so can the software can also develop an irreparable fault.

### **b. Power Outage**

Frequent power outage poses a huge risk to the ICT equipment and can damage them in the long run. In some parts of the world, power outage is a regular occurrence and it can pose as a risk to the gadgets as well as the environment. When the devices are not supported by a stabilizer or an inverter, power outage poses as a huge risk to the devices.

### **c. Data Loss**

Data loss can be as a result of accidental deletion, theft, power inconsistency. Data loss can also be due to deterioration of ICT equipment bad storage of resources in places where it can be destroyed beyond repair. Data loss can occur when the offline storage device used to store data and information is damaged. For example, if data is stored in CDs and they get broken, that is the end of the data, it cannot be retrieved. If data is stored in a flash and it gets stolen, the data is lost.



**Figure 31: Image of Human Risks**

**Source:**

### **3. Human – caused Risks**

Human caused risks are risks that are caused by human beings and not due to nature or other causes. Episodes of war, civil unrest and rioting can be extremely dangerous and most times causes irreparable damage. The most fatal instances are, library staff are threatened, resources are looted and buildings are burnt. There are less fatal instances and they include the following: -

#### **a) Carelessness**

Human caused risks can be caused by carelessness of library staff or users. An instance is when a book falls either from the shelf or table and the spine of the book breaks. If this happens on a regular basis the books will look mutilated. When the resources are not treated with care in terms of cleaning, placing properly, repairing in the binding section, covering desktop when not in use and so on, several risks can occur in as a result in the library and information centers.

#### **b) Inattention to detail**

Inattention to detail means a situation when the library staff does not pay enough attention to things in the library under his/her custody. An instance is when the desktops and other equipment like shelf is gradually bending and then falls with everything on it. That is a risk to both users and staff.

#### **c) Forgetfulness**

Forgetfulness happens a library staff fails to do something at the right time. An example is when there is a new delivery of goods and it is kept outside pending when there is time to offload and display on shelves and then all of a sudden there is a heavy downpour. The books and journals in cartons left outside will definitely get wet and destroyed, not fit for reading.

#### d) Fire

This is mostly manmade that is, when an electrical fault is not handled properly it escalates to fire outbreak thereby ravaging the items in the library or information center. The damage fire can do to the resourced are flame and soot. Soot is the darkish substance that is left after fire burns. It stains the items and renders them unfit to be utilized.



**Figure 32 : Image of Fire Risk**

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#### 4. Proximity Risks

Proximity risks are risks that can occur as a result of being close to a havoc that is happening. Just recently in April 2021, a library in a university in south Africa was burnt with everything it as a result of fire from a nearby bush which engulfed buildings in the university. Such an instance is very rare but it happens. For the safety of the library, it is necessary to look around and act fast. Proximity of a library to a petrol station should be considered when considering a location because if the petrol station suddenly catches fire, it will definitely extend to buildings around.



**Figure 33 : Image of Security Risk**

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## **5. Security Risks**

Security risks are risks that needs to be identified and checks put in place in order to avert them. Security risks can be in various forms.

### **a. Theft**

Theft here is when a user knowingly wants to leave the library with a library resource. There is need for the library staff to be vigilant. In the case where there are detectors at the entrance or exit doors, there is something that is put in between the books or journals that makes the detector to beep so that the culprit can be apprehended.

### **b. Malware**

Malware is a computer virus that affect the systems in a library putting the systems at risk. For instance, if a users' flash is infected with a virus and he/she inserts it in any of the systems available for use, the desktop most definitely will be corrupted by the virus. It is necessary for desktops in the library to protect themselves with antivirus so as not to have malware in their system. Examples of malware are:

#### **i) Worms**

Worm is a malware infection that replicates itself on the system and causes damage to software programmes. It is a type of infection that spreads from computer to computer and doesn't need to attach itself to any software program.

#### **ii) Trojan**

Trojan infection is known as Trojan horse. When it finds its way into a computer, it releases a code that makes the software applications in a system penetrable by malicious people. Trojan is specialized in stealing logins, passwords and personal information that people do online which can be used remotely to gain access into peoples personal space and bank accounts.

#### **iii) Spyware**

Spyware is a malicious malware infection that enters one's computer without one's knowledge and steals one's sensitive information and ends up damaging the computer. A spyware is usually installed into a system without the users consent.

#### **iv) Adware**

Adware is a malware that shows advertisement that a user did not ask for. It also brings up links that redirects people and if it is clicked, they are deceptive and suspicious and can track one's activity on line. It is best to avoid the pop-ups.

### **c. Workplace violence**

Workplace violence occurs when there is violence or a threat to violence by one person in a workplace against another. This can occur during a period of stress, low morale or economic uncertainty. Most often the cases related to workplace violence are usually related to an emotional problem of the offender.

## **2.4 Effects of Risks on Library and Information Centers**

The effects of risks in library and information centers varies from risk to risk. Some risks cause colossal damages while other risks do not. Some of the effects of risks in library and information science consists of; individual or mass panic. Mass casualties, Damage to valuable resources and natural infrastructure and system, Loss of library and information center resources, Emotional reaction like fear or anxiety or sadness, Disruption of services, Disruption of lifestyle, Loss of livelihood, Sociological and Psychological change after disaster (Abhijit & Abhijit 2017).

### **I. Individual or Mass panic**

Panic occurs when a supposed incident triggers fear in someone and the persons reacts most times negatively when in the actual sense there is no apparent danger. Individual panic occurs when it has to do with one person alone but mass panic is a whole bunch of people thrown into frenzy and they are collectively scared of the unknown because of the risk that has occurred. For instance, if there is a flood close to a library and information center, those who cannot swim will start panicking thinking that if there is need to swim to safety, they would drown. Most times, the situation doesn't get really out of hand.

### **II. Mass casualties**

The effect of fatal risk can cause mass casualty. Mass casualty is when there are so many injured or displaced people as a result of the risk that occurred. This is the aftermath of the incident, be it fire, flood or whatever risk. A situation whereby people have to be rushed to the hospital for treatment or taken away for safety is known as mass casualty.

### **III. Damage to valuable resources and natural disasters and natural infrastructure system**

The effect of risk in library and information centers can lead to damage to valuable resources and natural disasters. Valuable resources such as archives of important documents kept in storage devices or stored the way they are.

### **IV. Loss of library and information center resources**

Some risks that have occurred in areas prone to terrible risk has led to permanent closure of the library and information center. This is not common but it happens. Areas prone to landslides and earthquakes or other kinds of natural risks would experience this.

## **V. Disruption of services**

Another important effect of risk in library and information centers is disruption of services. This occurs when services that are offered by the library and information center are not able to run as usual. For instance, if as a result of the damage a risk caused and one section of the library is shut down temporarily so that repairs can be done, there will definitely be disruption of services because duties may be reassigned and a few other things restructured pending when repairs or renovation will be over.

## **VI. Loss of livelihood**

Some libraries and information centers are run by investors or patrons who have parted with resources in cash and kind to set up the place. When a huge risk occurs that is very serious, it may lead to closing down the place there by putting several people out of work and as such their source of livelihood has been lost. The library and information center are run by a number of staff, all of them form the team for its existence.

### **2.5 Techniques to avert risks in library and information science**

Techniques to avert risks in library and information science are necessary things to note especially when risks are involved. Abhijit & Abhijit (2017) made reference to the following techniques that can be applied in the present-day library and information centers. These techniques cut across: Disaster planning, Prevention, Mitigation, Response, Preparedness, Recovery and Development.

#### **a) Disaster Planning**

A very important technique to avert risks in libraries is called disaster planning. Disaster planning is a process that involves planning and taking the necessary steps against a risk that may likely occur. There are necessary steps that will be outlined to lessen the damage that is likely to be done by risks. Some steps are taken before the risk occurs, while other steps are to be taken after the risk has occurred.

#### **b) Prevention**

Prevention is a technique that helps to avert risks in library and information science by taking record of the past and looking for avenues to avoid repetition of previous mistakes. When these preventive measures are abided by, it helps in drastically reducing ill effects of disasters associated with risks. Here the casualty is lessened, the damage is lessened equipment and manpower are arranged for prompt recovery. There is a saying that “prevention is better than cure”.

#### **c) Mitigation**

Mitigation are actions or steps that are taken to lessen the effects of risks in library and information science for example having an earthquake proof building, following rules and regulations of the land, obeying safety measures and setting up library and

information science from risk prone areas. Following these actions diminishes the effects or risk on library and information centers.

#### **d) Response**

Response is the first action that is taken when after a risk has occurred. It involves deploying people who respond promptly to emergency calls from library and information science. It is necessary for libraries and information centers to have a checklist of do's and don'ts for all library and information science personnel on how to react during times of disasters.

#### **e) Preparedness**

Preparedness here involves personal activities that protects disasters from occurring in library and information centers. These activities are steps that keep the resources in the library, staff of the library and their users safe. There are some common preparedness measures in the library and information center which is divided into three parts namely ;

1. Warning
2. Threat
3. Precaution

#### **f) Recovery**

Recovery are the steps that are taken to bring back the affected library and information center to its previous condition before the risk occurred. Recovery means reconstruction of a very run-down library and information center that the infrastructure needs attention as a result of a disaster. Recovery is usually done in phases called Restoration and Rehabilitation. Recovery involves so many operations and services which can only be successful if the staff and users cooperate.

#### **g) Development**

Development is the last stage of techniques to avert risks in library and information centers. Development is a step away from national development whereby the following tasks must be done:

- applying new and modernized system;
- exploiting national, local and international disaster assistance;
- sharing the experience regarding disaster with researchers;
- following any appropriate means to cope with a particular situation.

## **2.6 SUMMARY**

This unit scrutinized the most common types of risks found in library and information centers around the world. Bearing in mind that different countries are prone to different kinds of risks. Some countries are prone to flood and fires while others are not prone to it.

A wide range of risks were covered to capture most countries. Effects of risks in library and information was also discussed which includes individual or mass panic, mass casualties, loss of livelihood, loss of library and information centers, disruption of services, damage to natural resources and infrastructures. After discussing these effects, some techniques to avert risks in library and information services consists of disaster planning, prevention, mitigation, response, preparedness, recovery and development. Risk in library and information science was broadly discussed in this unit. The most common risks in library and information centers include; Natural risks – fire, flooding, sever weather, earthquake, landslide and pests;  
Technology risks – ICT failure, power outage, data loss  
Human risk – carelessness, forgetfulness, inattention to detail  
Proximity to risk  
Security risk – theft, malware and workplace violence.  
All these risks have their effects and techniques to avert them which were properly discussed in the unit.

### **SELF ASSESSMENT EXERCISE**

- 1) Mention the techniques that are used to avert risks in library and information science
- 2) Mention three effects of risks in library and information science
- 3) Mention common types of risks found in the library

## **2.7 GLOSSARY**

- Risk – risk is a situation that exposes one to the possibility of danger.
- Risk Management – risk management involves identifying, assessing, analyzing and responding to threats in an organisation

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## **2.9 POSSIBLE ANSWERS TO SELF-ASSESSMENT EXERCISE(S) WITHIN THE CONTENT**

- 1) Disaster planning, Prevention mitigation, Response preparedness
- 2) Mass panic, Mass casualties, Damage to valuable resources
- 3) Security risks, Proximity risks, Human caused risks, Technological risks and Natural risks.

## **Unit 3      ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT**

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### **3.1 INTRODUCTION**

Enterprise risk management is a process of effectively managing risk in organizations through the use of risk management framework. Here, the risks are necessary to have in mind so as to ensure continuing operations of organizations and libraries. Risk managers and disaster planners are to ensure they consider technological risks, natural risks, security risks, human-caused risks and proximity risks. Enterprise risk management goes a step further, it is a basket of all kinds of risks that can be thought of that a particular organization can have.

### **3.2 LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of this unit, you should be able to:

- Define the concept of Enterprise Risk Management
- Explain Enterprise risk management Framework
- Discuss the advantages of Enterprise Risk Management
- Discuss the disadvantages of Enterprise Risk Management
- Explain the factors that affect Enterprise Risk Management

### **3.3 Concept of Enterprise Risk Management**

Risk involves the possibility of the occurrence of something happening which might be on the positive side or negative side. Risk management goes beyond just the possibility, it is a management process which helps the organization to understand who is at risk, what is at risk, the controls put in place to avert risks and evaluating the judgement for the controls in place to know if they are sufficient or not. The implementation of risk management helps to reduce cost at all levels in the sense that if the risk actually occurred

it would cost a fortune but implementing risk management cushions the cos effect (Malik, Holt, Freeman, 2013).

Enterprise risk management is quite new in the organizational world, which incorporates the principles of risk management approach. ERM evolved as a new perspective that involves risks which are not only in health, safety and finance but also with technological and other areas business areas (Nayak, Akkiraju, Mantripragada and Torok 2010). Enterprise risk management is a basket of all kinds of risks that would likely affect an organization either negatively or preferably positively. ERM strengthens the organizations preparation for risk and it cushions the effect of a loss.

### **Main Objective of Enterprise Risk Management (ERM)**

The main objective of Enterprise risk management is that it looks at the organizations objectives and creates a holistic view or possible risks that may spring up. With this, the organization is aware and preparation to avoid such risks is in full swing. Enterprise risk management opens the organizations eyes including libraries to risks they would ordinarily overlook until it happens.

### **Leadership in Enterprise Risk Management (ERM)**

The leadership of Enterprise risk management lies solely on the Board of Directors and Executive Management who obviously have a say in the organization because of their expertise in different fields. They are involved in monitoring, analyzing, managing and understanding the most significant risk that may affect the organization or library from a holistic angle. They can foretell what a lower-level staff will not envisage. Their duties involve prescribing what should be in place and what should not, tasks that should be carried out to save lives and property,

Enterprise risk management has a lot of new competitive advantage which has caught the notice of several organizations making them to adopt the concept.

Some of the areas Enterprise Risk Management covers are: -

- Political risk and hostile legislation
- Sudden and deep cuts in operating budgets
- Sudden cancelation of library programmes
- Demands from boards and other authorities to reduce staff and branches
- Lengthy strike actions
- Crises like negative media coverage

All these can easily be overlooked but with Enterprise risk management in place, they will be thoroughly dealt with. For example, a lengthy strike action does not look so harmful but looking at it strategically, so many ugly events can churn out from it. It is the duty of the Enterprise risk management team to devise a means to avoid such risk in the

organization in the first place. Risk doesn't always involve something being damaged, so many risks can occur politically, economically, socially and so on.

### 3.4 Enterprise Risk Management Framework

Beasley (2016) emphasized that Enterprise risk management framework is similar to risk management framework but there is a slight difference. The Enterprise risk management framework is being considered by the risk culture and leadership in that particular organization. There are different types of leadership such as charismatic leadership, democratic leadership, laissez-faire leadership, autocratic leadership and so. The type of leadership operated has a lot to do with the framework or Enterprise risk management.

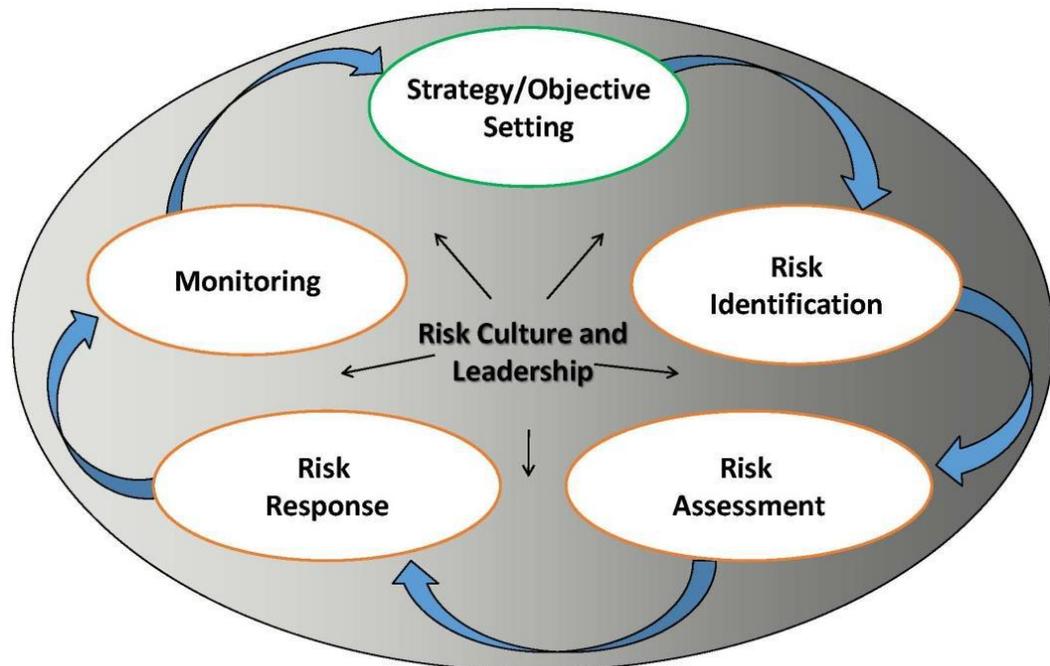
The risk culture that is being practiced too has to be considered. Some organizations have specific ways they respond to risk. Some are willing to adapt to necessary changes while some are very rigid. Some organizations keep their staff safe from risk while others expose them to risk, hoping that the risk will not occur. Enterprise risk management has put all these into consideration.

There are similarities between Risk Management and Enterprise Risk Management. The difference here is that before identifying the risk in the first place, a holistic view of the organization or library has been looked at by the board members and members of executive and they have come with a strategic view after looking at the set objectives for that particular organization. Every organization is different in its own way and so their objectives and strategies will certainly be different. There are five steps in the Enterprise Risk Management Framework and they consist of :-

- 1) Strategy / Objective Setting
- 2) Risk Identification
- 3) Risk Assessment
- 4) Risk Response
- 5) Monitoring

**Strategy / Objective setting** implies that the objectives, vision, mission and goals for that particular organization will be scrutinized and looked at by experts in that field as well as board members and executive members before strategic suggestions will be given on all possible risks from a holistic point of view. When this is done then **Risk Identification** can take place. Risk that could occur in various departments and sections are outlined. Risks that an ordinary staff would not think of would be identified so that a possible solution to address that risk would be identified in good time. As soon as this is done, **Risk Assessment** is the next thing to be looked at. Risk assessment involves some processes where the risk is identified, analyzed and evaluated. When all these processes are done, **Risk Response** is the next item to examine. Risk response involves a set of strategies that reduces the impact or likelihood of risks. Risk response monitors and prepares for the risk. It even goes as far as transferring the risk. **Monitoring** is a process in enterprise risk management framework whereby risk is being identified, executed as well as other activities in-between.

# ERM Framework



**Figure 34 – Enterprise Risk Management Framework**  
Source – Adopted from Beasley (2016)

## 3.4.1 Advantages of Enterprise Risk Management (ERM)

Enterprise risk management has its pros and cons just like every other concept. According to Kraiser (2013), some of the advantages of Enterprise Risk Management are:

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### 1) Leverage of upsides of risks.

Enterprise risk management is different from the traditional risk management in the sense that traditional risk management considers only the negative side of the effect of the risk but enterprise risk management thinks of the upside. Enterprise risk management brings to the light the positive sides for example if a particular kind of tile on the floor is very slippery and making people fall, traditional risk will only think of putting a ‘walk carefully’ sign but enterprise risk management will see it as an opportunity to beautify the floor by adding broken tiles to it or changing it entirely to a very beautiful set of tiles.

### 2) Better decisions are made when ERM is consulted

Definitely, when enterprise risk management is consulted, better decisions are made. Some decisions can be made from a lay man's point of view but looking at it from a professional point of view i.e., from someone knowledgeable in enterprise risk management. Better decisions are made when organizations are well informed about something. Before decisions are made, enterprise risk management implementation goes through scrutiny by the board of Directors and Executive management.

### **3) Creation of a more risk focused culture for the organization**

The culture of the organization with enterprise risk management will be created on a more risk focused culture. Some organizational cultures focus on risks while some other organizational cultures do not focus on risks at all but focus on other things. Enterprise risk management encourages organizations to see the other side of things when it comes to risks. They are trained, sensitized and well informed on risks and so the culture that is imbibed in them involves risk.

### **4) Standardized risk reporting**

Enterprise risk management goes through a series of screening, the Board of Directors and Executive Management are involved in decision making and there is also a standardized risk reporting that gets to them as part of the routine. Every report they receive on enterprise risk management is standardized and genuine and they act on them accordingly. Standardized risk reporting goes through the series of communication channels until it gets to the top.

### **5) Effective coordination of regulatory and compliance matters**

Every organization should abide by the laws of the land and laws of their respective sectors. Each sector has rules and regulations that should be complied by organizations. For example, the Law profession has some strict rules that no member of their profession should flaunt. The military profession also has strict rules that every military personnel should abide by. The implementation of enterprise risk management in any organization including a library calls for effective coordination of regulatory and compliance matters.

## **3.4.2 Disadvantages of Enterprise Risk Management (ERM)**

According to Zhao, Hwang and Low (2015) and Dafikpaku (2011), there are some challenges associated with Enterprise risk management. The disadvantages consist of: -

### **1. Lack of resources such as time, finance and human resources.**

Resources such as time, finance and human resources are in high demand when it comes to enterprise risk management but the irony of it is, they are not readily available. Time has to do with the number of hours to put in for the exercise in achieving the goal. Time is spent on other activities but not activities pertaining to enterprise risk management. To

achieve enterprise risk management, money will need to be spent and when there is a scarcity of it in many organizations, when this is the case, the goal will not be achieved. There must be manpower/staff/personnel to champion enterprise risk management and when this is in short demand, the aim won't be achieved.

## **2. Unfriendly organizational culture**

An organizational culture is a way of life that the staff in the organization are used to doing things. When this way of life is altered, introducing enterprise risk management will be a challenge. An organizational culture should be one that sits well with staff so that they can carry out their duties with ease. An unfriendly organizational culture is one where women are not given their full maternity leave or laid off when pregnant, when lunch hour is not observed, where an unhealthy competition exists among colleagues and where lots of gossip thrives.

## **3. Inadequate training on enterprise risk management**

When there is inadequate on a particular thing, it most definitely won't thrive well. Training on anything is key for its success. For example, training a newly employed staff at the bank or library is essential because it will point the individual in the right direction. Training someone in enterprise risk management, prepares the person for the task ahead. When the person or people spearheading it are not trained, they will be ill prepared and that is the situation in most organizations.

## **4. Insufficient knowledge of the benefits of enterprise risk management**

Insufficient knowledge on the benefits of enterprise risk management is as a result of lack of sensitization or lack of orientation on enterprise risk management. When organizations are not fully aware of the benefits of enterprise risk management, they will not want to be a part of it. They may think it is some sort of distraction or wrong investment. The knowledge of enterprise risk investment should be made available through presentations, lectures and other means of advocacy. This way organizations will not be ignorant of it. Anything one is ignorant of is not something one wants to engage in. The same goes for organizations.

## **5. Unqualified staff to implement enterprise risk management**

Unqualified staff for any line of duty is detrimental to that organization let alone in implementing enterprise risk management. Many people are not qualified to implement the role of enterprise risk management and yet they assume that role to the detriment of the organization. Enterprise risk management is very different from risk management in the sense that enterprise risk management is a basket full of all the possible risks that may occur in the organization. So, an unqualified staff will not do justice to the task given. This occurs when the staff/personnel that are implementing enterprise risk management.

## **6. High cost of enterprise risk management implementation**

Enterprise risk management implementation gulps up a huge amount of money that so many organizations cannot afford it. Enterprise risk management involves a lot of things from the manpower to structures and other necessary things. All these things cost a lot of money and for small and medium organization, it is not a venture to attempt. Big organizations with the knowledge of enterprise risk management may engage in it if they have the resources.

### **3.5 Factors that affects the adoption of Enterprise Risk Management**

Enterprise Risk Management has its own share of opportunities as well as threats. Some organizations find it welcoming while others don't because they are used to the traditional risk management and they don't want to make any change. Nayak, N., Akkiraju, Mantripragada and Torok (2010) outlined some factors that affect the adoption of ERM, they include: - risk culture, risk technology, risk strategy, risk monitoring and control, employee training and development

#### **I. Risk Culture**

Risk culture is also known as risk perception. Every organization should have a risk-awareness culture at all levels because the way people perceive risks is different. Some levels in the organization may feel it's not their problem and they shift the thinking to another level. A culture that makes risk-awareness compulsory for all levels is key.

#### **II. Risk Technology**

Risk technology is basically hardware and software within the organization that will help with the identification, analysis and response to risk. Risk technology helps to keep a record of risks as well as predicting different risks based on previous trends. This information helps to keep the organization one step ahead of any disaster that lurking around.

#### **III. Risk Strategy**

Risk strategy according to Frigo and Anderson (2011), are risks that are most consequential to the organizations ability to execute its strategies to achieve its organizations objectives. Risk strategy involves the process of identifying, assessing and managing the risks in the organization which entails taking swift actions. Risk strategy is a primary component and foundation of Enterprise Risk Management which requires the organization to define a tolerable level of risk

#### **IV. Risk Monitoring and Control**

According to RobustPM, 2013, sighted in Nayak, N., Akkiraju, Mantripragada and Torok (2010) , a very important factor that affects Enterprise Risk Management is risk monitoring and control. This involves the identification, analysis, planning and tracking

of new risks, constantly reviewing existing risks, monitoring trigger conditions and residual risks, as well as reviewing the execution of risk responses.

## **V. Employee Training and Development**

Employee training and development is essential in every organization as this helps to remind the staff of their mission in the organization and also to make them aware of the latest trend in their field. Training and development are essential because it helps to prepare them for the organization where they are and for other organizations when they leave. There are four types of training and development in ERM;

### **a. Initial User Training**

Initial user training is a training given to any new employee in an organization. This training can also be as a result of a new system of new function that the employee is supposed to carry out. Usually, the new employees are meant to practice what they have been trained on to ensure that they understand what they were trained on.

### **b. Train the Trainer**

Train the trainer involves a training session that is done inhouse. Here, experts on certain areas are select across the levels and they train their colleagues just to sharpen their skills. Someone who trains this tis time may be sitting on the bench next time a training is going on because someone else has been selected to train his/her colleagues.

### **c. Systems Administrator Training**

System administrators training occurs when the systems in an organization are purchased from a reputable vendor that can offer after sales services for their clients. The after sales services includes training on how to use a particular system that was purchased and also training on fixing the system when it has an issue.

### **d. Periodic Training**

Periodic training is a type of employee training and development whereby staff have been trained on a particular system, they are retrained again to refresh their memory or just as a routine. Periodic training is necessary when there are new updates in the system because it comes along with new features and functions that needs to be learnt through training. According to Goldenberg (2002) some organizations do a yearly training while others do it half-yearly or more frequently.

## **3.6 SUMMARY**

This unit explained in detail the meaning of enterprise risk management which is a process of effectively managing risk in organization through the use of risk management framework. Other areas of risk management treated were ; Concept of enterprise risk management, objective of enterprise management, leadership of enterprise risk

management, enterprise risk management framework, advantages of enterprise risk management – leverage of upsides of risk, better decisions are made when ERM is consulted, creation of a more risk focused culture for the organization, standardized risk reporting, effective coordination of regulatory and compliance matters; Disadvantages of enterprise risk management – lack of resources such as time, finance and human resources, unfriendly organizational culture, inadequate training on enterprise risk management, insufficient knowledge on the knowledge of the benefits of enterprise risk management, unqualified staff implement enterprise risk management, high cost enterprise risk management implementation; Factors that affects the adoption of enterprise risk management – risk culture, risk technology, risk strategy, risk monitoring and control, employee training and development, initial user training, train the training, systems administrator, periodic training. Enterprise risk management covers more than risk management alone in the sense that it is more comprehensive and it covers a whole lot more areas. Enterprise risk management reduces cost at all levels almost eliminating it.

### **SELF ASSESSMENT EXERCISE**

1. What is Enterprise Risk Management (ERM)
2. State two advantages of Enterprise Risk Management
3. State two disadvantages of Enterprise Risk Management

### **3.7 GLOSSARY**

Enterprise Risk Management – Enterprise risk management covers more than risk management alone in the sense that it is more comprehensive and it covers a whole lot more areas. Enterprise risk management reduces cost at all levels almost eliminating it.

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### **3.9 POSSIBLE ANSWERS TO SELF-ASSESSMENT EXERCISE(S) WITHIN THE CONTENT**

- 1) Enterprise risk management covers more than risk management alone in the sense that it is more comprehensive and it covers a whole lot more areas. Enterprise risk management reduces cost at all levels almost eliminating it.
- 2) Better decision making, Leverage of upsides of risks
- 3) Unfriendly organizational culture, Lack of resources like time and finance.