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We are excited to bring out another issue of Journal of Library Development (JLD). The issue is packed with studies focusing on metrics as well as classical aspects.

The role of libraries in the 21st century comes under scrutiny with the work on Designing Libraries for the 21st Century edited by H. Thomas Hickerson, Joan K. Lippincot T, and Leonora Crema. Dr. Satya K. Savanur has reviewed this scholarly piece under the banner "Classics of Library and Information Science". The evolving roles of library spaces, shaped by digital tools, technologies, and social inclusion, indicate a shift in how libraries are being designed and used, emphasizing community engagement and collaboration.

The study on Book Searching Pattern among the Students of Kannur University sheds light on the reading preferences and habits of students. The results reveal a preference for fictional books and highlight key factors such as print size, author's reputation, and the book's title as critical determinants in the selection process.

The article titled Assessing Metadata Quality in AIIMS Rishikesh Library OPAC offers an evaluation of metadata accuracy and completeness in the Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) at AIIMS Rishikesh Library. For higher accuracy and consistency in metadata, the study advocates stricter adherence to data entry protocols and use of automated error-checking software.

The article Correlation Comparison of Journal Quality Indicators explores the inter-relationship between prominent journal metrics such as Scopus CiteScore, Web of Science Journal Impact Factor (JIF), and Google Scholar's H5 index, H5 Median and Scimago Journal Rank.

Finally, two scientometric analyses explore the global landscape of research in different domains. The first investigates the research trends and patterns on Vanishing Birds of India, while the second focuses on the global research output concerning Intellectual Property Rights. Both studies offer valuable insights into research trends, author collaborations, and journal prominence, contributing to better understanding and informed decision-making in these critical areas. These works represent a wide spectrum of LIS research, affirming its interdisciplinary and globally relevant nature.

At a juncture when JLD is completing its decennial year of publication, the diversity of studies in the current issue promises richer research dividends in due course.

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