Book review
Digital Library Architecture

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Digital library plays very significant role in providing state-of-the-art services. Digital library improves the organizational efficiencies by leveraging data processing, data storage, and data communication technologies. Existing network facilities can be utilized to achieve great savings in labour costs and improve paper storage and handling facilities. This book is meant for library and information science professionals and students. It will also serve as a guide for those preparing for organizing digital library in their own premises.

The author begins with defining and discussing digital library and digital library systems architecture. The discussion is supported with self-explaining figures. Normally, library and information science professionals and students find digital library a challenging and tough subject. That is why the author has taken care to write the book in a lucid and easy-to-understand language. Each chapter has been described very systematically so that the library and information science professionals and students do not find any difficulty in understanding the basic concept of digital library. The 17 chapters present in the book have been written in such a manner that even a layman not familiar with digital library will find the book an interesting read.

A digital library has the information stored in electronic form, and the electronic media makes the information available in a digital form, which can be accessed from anywhere. A digital library caters to a broader audiences, provide new opportunities in the library and information field to advance both theory and practice.

The book has a vast experience in the field of IT, machine readable catalogue, or MARC, and digital library. He has used his experience to explain the setting and organizing a digital library in a very simple way, which institutions or organizations will find to be of immense use. This book also will serve as a reference book on digital library to library and information professionals and students those interested in the book.

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