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LIS Staff Attends International Conference

Mr Nhakura presents paper at the 1st International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management held in Nairobi, Kenya.

Mr Nhakura, a Senior Library Assistant in LIS attended the first International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management in Nairobi from 24 – 26 August 2016. The 3-day Conference was organised by the Technical University of Kenya and Moi University.

Presenters from Sweden, USA, Swaziland, South Africa, Nigeria, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Uganda thronged Moi University in Kenya to present papers on the theme, "Emerging Trends in Information and Knowledge Management." Fifty five (55) papers were presented.

Mr Nhakura's paper was a case study of Harare Institute of Technology's use of social media as a tool for sharing knowledge and information among students. His research showed that social media can easily be adopted for academic purposes without necessarily removing them from their social contact. Other papers presented advocated the adoption of YouTube, Facebook and Whatsapp for sharing knowledge.

Mr Nhakura said that the Conference was an eye opener as it redefined the changing role of Librarians in light of the current information trends.

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Air Force of Zimbabwe Students Tour HIT Library

Senior Library staff explain how HIT Library uses ICT to enhance information service provision to its clientele.

On 11 November 2016, the Air Force of Zimbabwe Students toured the HIT Library and Information Services (HIT LIS). The group of twenty-eight officers comprised of allied students from Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe had visited HIT on a familiarization tour of the Institute. HIT Deputy Librarian, talked briefly about the

Library and its role in the teaching, learning and research activities in the Institute.

Mr Nhakura, one of the Senior Library Assistants demonstrated to the group how the Library's Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) is used to identify and retrieve books from the shelves. He also showed them how to search and retrieve information from online databases.

The students were impressed by the simplicity with which ICT could be used to obtain a lot of information from online resources and they appreciated the power of technology in information retrieval. The table below shows results of searches carried out during the demonstration on some of the courses they are studying.

Course	Database	Downloadable Articles	Downloadable eBooks
Aircraft engineering	Ebsco Host	1878	9
Mechanical engineering	Ebsco Host	304408	921
Avionics	Ebsco Host	8116	7
Pilot Training	Ebsco Host	5413	10
Aeronautical Engineering	Ebsco Host	6542	15

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LIS Celebrates Breast Cancer Month

Display of information brochures and pink ribbons marking the World Breast Cancer Awareness Month

A display of information material mounted in the HIT Library to commemorate World Diabetes Day

Awareness activities have been an integral part of the library and a number of events have been commemorated through displays in the library to mark the important days.

The month of October marked the breast cancer awareness month in Zimbabwe and the world over. HIT Library took part in the celebrations of this important event with displays of breast cancer brochures, pamphlets and leaflets. More than 500 of these awareness materials were given out to students and staff. Students and staff visited the Library display for the brochures and

also picked up pink ribbons which marked the celebrations.

World Diabetes Day was also commemorated during the same month. The Library mounted displays distributed pamphlets sourced from the Diabetes Association of Zimbabwe in Harare. Mrs Maureen Bortman, coordinator of the Library Awareness Centre, said that the Association had promised better cooperation in future events including sending speakers to educate students on diabetes.

The celebrations also included a Health Expo organised by the Health Services in the Institute. Members of the HIT Community had an opportunity to have their blood pressure tested, sugar levels tested including dental examinations.
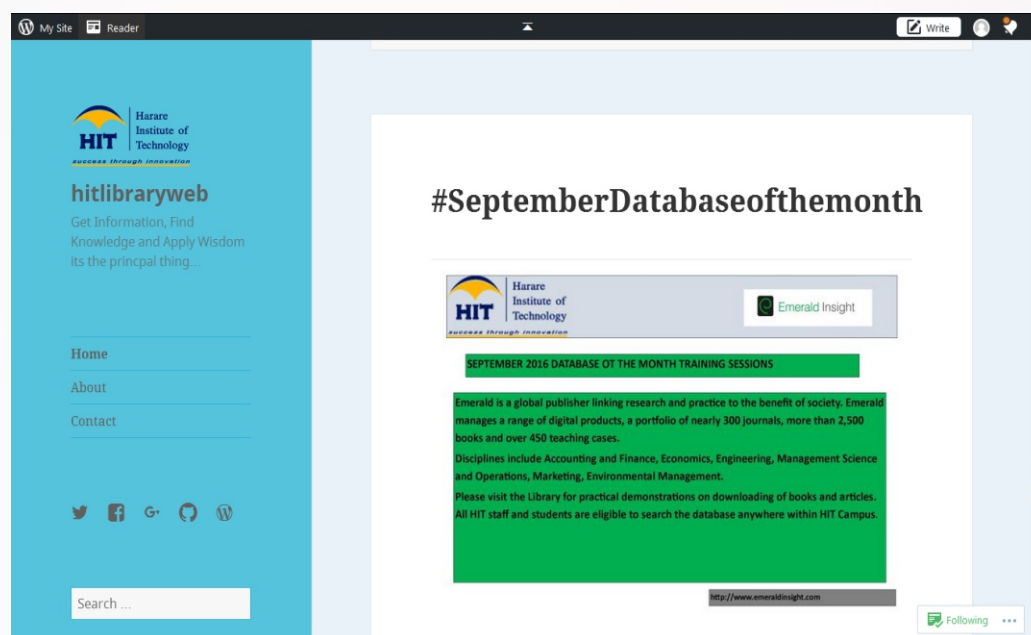
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Of Blogs and Hash Tags

HIT Library Blog Page: https://hitlibraryweb.wordpress.com

The use of blogs and hash tags is a 21st century phenomenon that has taken over the information arena. With information being produced rapidly, there is need to also disseminate that information to intended audience as quickly as possible so that people are kept abreast with developments in their areas of interest.

Embracing blogs and hash tags would mean survival for institutions that quickly implement these technologies. Those that have a wait and see approach to implementing new technologies will not survive in this knowledge and information era.

A blog is a personal journal that is frequently updated and intended for general public consumption.

HIT Library recently launched its blog page:

(https://hitlibraryweb.wordpress.com) to bring minds together for new ideas and innovations which can then be added on the page. Blogging can exercise the mind as one has to generate content that provokes the mind to entering the discussions. What a way to create better networks!

The HIT Library blog page links itself with the library Twitter page and Library Facebook page. Posts on the blog page are automatically posted on Twitter and Facebook. The blog page is not limited to HIT staff and students only but it is open to everyone willing to share ideas and create new content.

Bloggers on a platform like this will be given an opportunity to create bigger ideas, gain influence and possibly change the world.

In order for one to find messages easier on the HIT Library blog, a hash tag: " #openaccessthings" has been used to ensure that when one searches for it on Google, one is linked to the HIT Library Blog page.
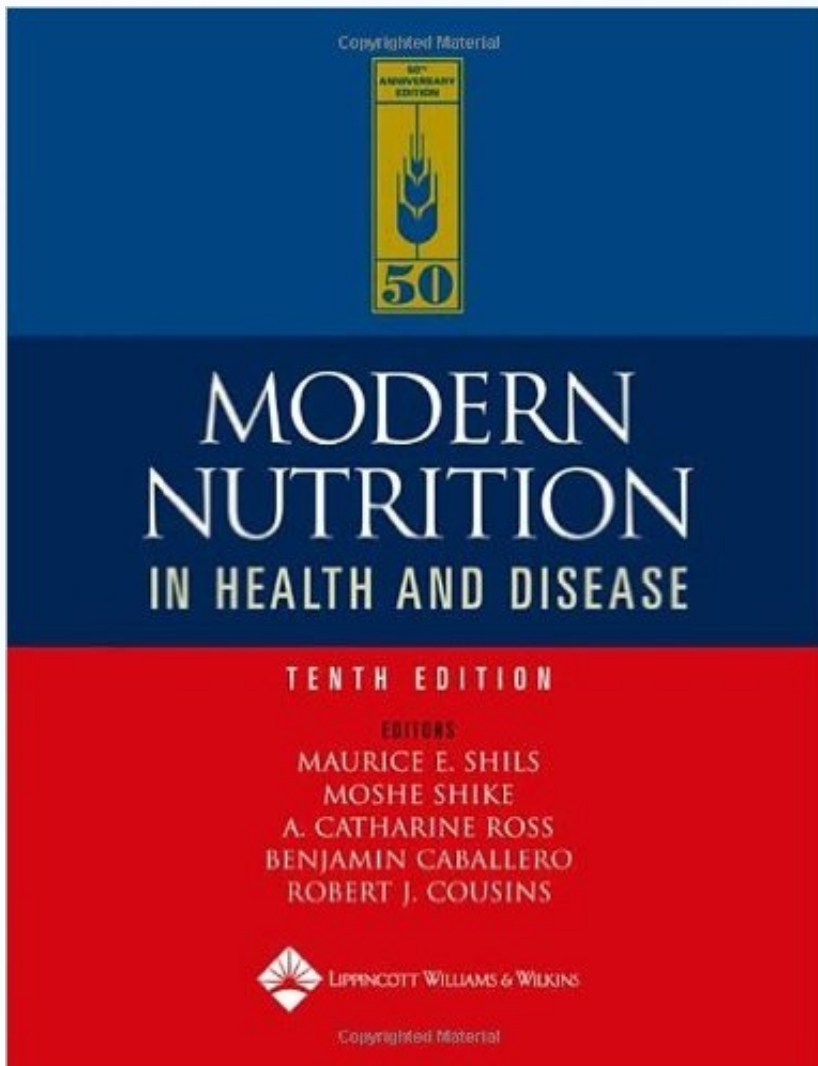
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Modern Nutrition in Health and Disease

Modern Nutrition in Health and disease (10th ed.) / M E Shils

Publisher: Lippincott, 2005

Available in the Library is a complete authoritative reference on nutrition; with a bias towards contemporary medicine, dietetics, nursing, public health, and public policy. The content of this tenth edition has been provided by distinguished experts in the field of nutrition and offers coverage of nutrition's role in disease prevention, international nutrition issues, public health concerns, the role of obesity in a variety of chronic illnesses, genetics as it applies to nutrition.

Students studying food processing technology will benefit from the food processing and nutrition quality issues dealt in this book. In addition all those interested in processing technologies of meat, cereals, milk, fruits, vegetables and protein extenders will find this book very relevant. Those working on their HIT 200, HIT 300 and HIT 400 projects in the area of food will also find this book very useful for their projects.
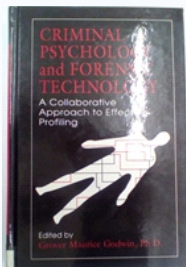
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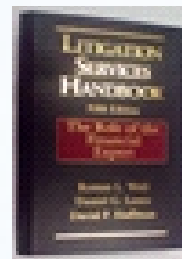Technology

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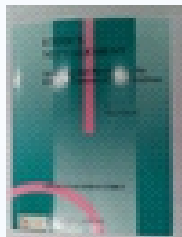
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New Books

Criminal Psychology and Forensic Technology.../ G M Godwin
Publisher: CRS Press, 2000.
Criminal psychology encompasses a host of related disciplines such as personality theory, forensic psychology, environmental psychology, clinical psychology and relatively new field of criminal psychology.
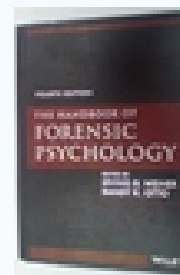
Litigation Services Handbook by R L Well...[et. al.]
Publisher: Wiley, 2012
This edition comprises seven sections each addressing a different practice area or set of functional tools, Litigation environment, Developing a damages analysis, Litigation Tools and techniques, Ancillary issues in damages Matters, Civil litigation, Criminal matters and investigations and Family Law.
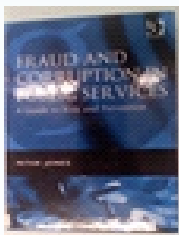
Ethics and Management: auditing and developing the ethical content of organizations/ M Kaptein
Publisher: Kluwer Academic, 1998.
Provides a fundamental and coherent vision on how ethics can be organised in a focused way. This study examines the assumptions for organising ethics, the pitfalls and phases of such a process, the parts of an ethics audit and the great variety of measures.
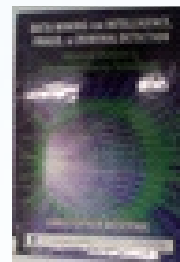
The Handbook of Forensic Psychology/ I Weiner (ed,)
Publisher: Wiley, 2014
This handbook aims to provide an authoritative and comprehensive resource for understanding the theoretical foundations of forensic psychology, becoming familiar with the expanding research base in this speciality, and learning to apply forensic concepts artfully in everyday practice.

Fraud and Corruption in Public Services: a guide to risk and prevention/ P Jones.
Publisher: Gower, 2004
This book is primarily intended for practising managers, accountants, auditors, compliance officers and others who need to combat fraud and corruption or at least encourage awareness and action in their peers and subordinates.

Data Mining for Intelligence, Fraud and Criminal Detection: advanced analysis and information sharing technologies/ C Westphal.
Publisher: CRC Press, 2008
This book is dedicated to the analysts around the world who work diligently to secure the borders, critical infrastructure and integrity of their homelands. It is for all those people who support law enforcement the intelligence community and corporate security. It is for police officers special agents and criminal investigators who ensure our safety every day. It is for all those heroes who have given their lives to uphold our laws protect our rights and guarantee our freedoms.

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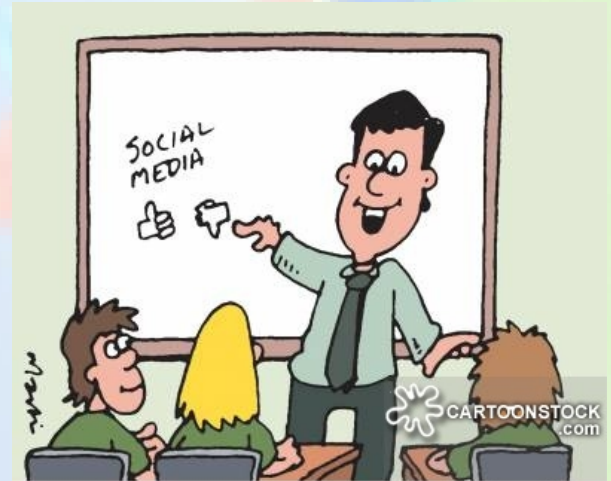Institute of
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Stimulating Lighter Moments in Research

"*This is interesting, 70% of the respondents to our survey said they don't respond to surveys.*"

CLASS, THIS WEEK'S RESEARCH PROJECT TOPIC IS SOCIAL MEDIA. IT WILL BE MARKED OUT OF LIKE OR DISLIKE!

- Structured data
- Statistical analysis
- Objective conclusions
- Surveys, Experiments

- Unstructured data
- Summary
- Subjective conclusions
- Interviews, focus groups, observations

Quantitative Research   Qualitative Research

Quantitative Methods — Only one in 30 take the free ice cream. Interesting...

Qualitative Methods — What did you feel when you saw the free ice cream? — Excited. A little scared. — And why was that?

THE OLD SCIENTIFIC METHOD — Formulate a hypothesis. Accumulate data. Do extensive experimentation.

THE NEW SCIENTIFIC METHOD — Formulate a hypothesis. Patent it. Raise $17 million.

Google can bring you back 100,000 answers, a librarian can bring you back the right one.

–Neil Gaiman

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