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Editorial of the Journal

Digital Transformation in Information Institutions : Management .. or Willpower?

With the accelerating pace of technological change, digital transformation in information institutions — including libraries — has become a necessity rather than a choice. It offers a pathway to distinction in an age defined by rapid technological change. Yet, digital transformation is not confined to the adoption of emerging technologies; it calls for a new mindset, one that relies on institutional willpower, embraces a culture of change, innovation, and fosters adaptability. This shift calls for rethinking organizational culture and work practices, while also ensuring that information professionals and librarians with the digital competencies required to drive this change.

This vision aligns with the broader national agenda to champion digital transformation by investing in infrastructure, supporting digitization projects, and enabling organizations to enhance their operations and services. For libraries, in particular, it presents an opportunity to preserve unique collections, expand digital access to the library resources, and build a stronger foundation for knowledge management and dissemination.

A prime example of this commitment can be seen in the initiative launched by the President of Egypt, calling for the preservation of the country's broadcasting heritage by converting all radio and television archives into digital formats¹. This directive not only reflects a profound awareness of the importance of safeguarding national memory but also offers a forward-looking vision of how emerging technologies can be harnessed to build a digital cultural record for future generations.

For libraries and other information institutions, this momentum provides inspiration to embark on their own digitization initiatives. By

¹State Information Service. (August 14, 2025). *President El-Sisi directs the digitization of radio and television heritage and the creation of a global website for the Holy Qur'an Radio*. <https://mediadr.sis.gov.eg/handle/123456789/106076?locale-attribute=ar>

doing so, they can preserve distinctive collections, broaden access to knowledge, and reposition themselves as dynamic digital knowledge platforms. In turn, these efforts contribute not only to education, research, and creativity, but also to advancing the Sustainable Development Goals.

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