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Abstract

The evolving field of Library and Information Science (LIS) is undergoing a profound transformation as it navigates the complexity of the 21st century, fundamentally reshaping how information is accessed, managed, and delivered. This study explores the evolving paradigms of library services driven by the advent of digital technologies, the rise of immersive virtual environments, and an increasing emphasis on sustainability. It employs an exploratory literature review to investigate the integration of digital, virtual, and green libraries, encompassing their key components. As libraries stand at a pivotal crossroads, there is a pressing need for a comprehensive examination of these interconnected elements. By analyzing the synergies and potential overlaps between digital, virtual, and green library approaches, the study aims to provide valuable insight for librarians, administrates, and policymakers, ultimately fostering a more sustainable and user-centric library environment fulfilling the evolving needs of communities in the digital age.

Introduction

The field of Library and Information Science (LIS) is during a profound transformation, propelled by the concurrent rise of digital, virtual, and green library paradigms. More than mere innovations, these paradigms stand for a foundational change in the library's identity, aligning its mission with the urgent global imperatives of sustainability and the pervasive reality of a digitally engaged world. Digital libraries break down geographical and temporal barriers, providing universal access to electronic collections. Virtual libraries build upon this foundation by fostering participatory and immersive online communities. Meanwhile, green libraries ensure this progress is ethically grounded, integrating eco-conscious design and efficient resource management to minimize environmental impact. The intersection of these three models, digital, virtual, and green, presents unique opportunities for integration and collaboration. Understanding how

these paradigms can coexist and complement one another is vital for advancing library services as well as meeting environmental sustainability.

Digital libraries have revolutionized the way users interact with information. They improve the availability and accessibility of information by giving users access to a wide range of electronic resources, such as e-books, journals, and multimedia content, thereby acting as vital archives that diversify access and preserve knowledge, enabling individuals from different backgrounds to interact with information materials that were previously exclusive to physical collections (Panda & Kaur, 2023, pp. 676-703). In consonance to this, Bhat (2024, pp. 1-8) emphasized that digital libraries work 24/7, enabling users to access information anytime and anywhere. This feature is especially critical for those in remote or underserved areas, as it cuts geographical constraints associated with physical libraries. Digital libraries play a vital role in preserving knowledge for future generations by digitizing historical documents and cultural artefacts, thereby safeguarding fragile materials from physical deterioration while enhancing accessibility. This process ensures that invaluable cultural heritage can be widely accessed, studied, and appreciated regardless of geographical constraints. Digital preservation ensures that valuable information stays accessible even as physical copies deteriorate or become scarce. Despite their many benefits, digital libraries face obstacles to achieving fair access. Key among these are disparities in digital literacy, infrastructural inequalities in internet connectivity, and the insufficient integration of assistive technologies, all of which must be systematically remedied to achieve truly inclusive access (Mamabolo & Durodolu, 2023, pp. 551-570). The integration of digital technologies into library services has not only streamlined operations but has also fostered a culture of continuous learning and exploration.

Complementing the advancements in digital libraries, virtual libraries introduce an interactive and immersive dimension to information access. Utilizing technologies such as virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR), virtual libraries create engaging environments that enhance user experience and promote digital literacy. These platforms enable users to navigate information in innovative ways, helping deeper engagement with content and fostering collaborative learning. Virtual libraries enable innovative navigation methods, such as visualizing entire library collections in 3D. This approach can simplify document retrieval processes, allowing users to find materials more efficiently than in traditional library settings (Serghides et al., 2024, pp. 124). Libraries can offer virtual tours of historical sites or scientific environments, enriching educational experiences beyond the physical limitations of traditional libraries. Moreover, virtual libraries can help group projects and discussions in a shared virtual environment, promoting teamwork and knowledge sharing among users from various locations. While the potential of virtual libraries is vast, challenges such as technology costs, user training requirements, and content development need to be addressed. Libraries must strategically plan their technology infrastructure and seek partnerships with educational technology providers to overcome these barriers (Ji, 2025). The future of virtual libraries looks promising with trends showing increased personalization of learning experiences, enhanced accessibility next-generation libraries that meet the needs of diverse communities while promoting sustainability and innovation.

Aim/Purpose

This research envisions a next-generation library paradigm by exploring the powerful fusion of digital, virtual, and green frameworks. It looks to understand how their deliberate integration can streamline service provision, enrich user engagement, and institutionalize sustainability features, with the overarching goal of helping a more effective and rewarding user interaction. The ongoing evolution of these technologies will cement the virtual library's role as a cornerstone of modern education, simultaneously transforming pedagogical landscapes and dissolving traditional barriers to global knowledge (Subaveerapandiyan et al., 2024, pp. 1-17). As libraries strive to meet the needs of a tech-savvy generation, the development of virtual libraries has become essential for supporting relevance and enhancing educational outcomes.

In addition to digital and virtual innovations, the concept of green libraries emphasizes the importance of environmental sustainability within the LIS framework. Green libraries prioritize eco-friendly practices, resource efficiency, and community engagement, aligning library operations with broader sustainability goals (Vijesh et al., 2024, pp. 1-17). Green libraries are defined as institutions that actively incorporate environmental, economic, and social sustainability into their design and operations. According to the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA, 2023), a green library is one that minimizes its negative impact on the environment while maximizing indoor environmental quality through careful site selection, the use of natural construction materials, and responsible waste management practices. Green libraries are designed or renovated using sustainable materials and energy-efficient systems. This includes features like natural lighting, water conservation systems, and the use of recycled materials (Kolawole & Oladokun, 2024, pp. 1-16). These libraries focus on reducing consumption through practices such as recycling and implementing energy-efficient technologies. They aim to minimize their carbon footprint while promoting a circular economy within their communities (Pagore & Chalukya, 2022, pp. 36-39). Green libraries not only contribute to environmental stewardship but also serve as educational hubs that promote awareness of ecological issues by adopting sustainable practices. This model reflects a growing recognition of the role that libraries played in fostering a culture of sustainability and responsible resource management.

The intersection of digital, virtual, and green libraries presents a unique opportunity for integration and collaboration. Understanding how these models can coexist and enhance one another is crucial for advancing library services in a rapidly changing world. This study aims to explore the synergies between these diverse library models, highlighting their potential to transform library services and address contemporary challenges. This study looks to offer valuable insights into the future of libraries and their evolving role in promoting information access and community development by examining the interplay between digital accessibility, virtual engagement, and sustainable practices. Ultimately, as libraries navigate the complexities of the digital age, the integration of digital, virtual, and green models offers a pathway to enhance their relevance and effectiveness. This study will contribute to the ongoing discourse in LIS, providing a framework for understanding how these models can work together to create an ability to address the growing relevance of these intersections amid evolving

user needs and technological advancements. Digital libraries have revolutionized traditional models by offering extensive resources without physical limitations, emphasizing economic, social, and environmental sustainability while ensuring fair access and minimizing environmental impact in line with green initiatives. Virtual libraries function as dynamic learning hubs that overcome challenges like limited space and accessibility, providing universal access to information and supporting continuous education and skill development in a rapidly changing landscape. The effectiveness of library services is linked to user experience, which can be improved through thoughtful interface design and an understanding of user behavior, enabling libraries to create more intuitive and user-friendly virtual services. To effectively integrate these models, libraries should focus on developing sustainable business models that reduce costs and enhance access to digital resources, using technology to enhance user engagement through personalized experiences, and promoting environmental responsibility by implementing practices that minimize their ecological footprint. This study aims to provide actionable insights for librarians, administrators, and policymakers to cultivate a more sustainable and user-centric library environment by examining these synergies.

Methodology

This study employs an explorative literature review method to investigate the integration of digital, virtual, and green libraries, encompassing several key components. It begins with a comprehensive literature review that examines existing scholarly articles, reports, and case studies to find significant themes, trends, and findings related to each library model. Following this, the study synthesizes the research to uncover commonalities, differences, and potential intersections among the three models. Furthermore, it analyzes the literature to find gaps in current research and emerging opportunities for combining digital, virtual, and green practices in libraries. Finally, a thematic analysis evaluates the insights gathered to formulate a coherent understanding of how these models can be effectively integrated.

The Role of Digital Libraries in Information Accessibility

Digital libraries play a crucial role in enhancing information accessibility, significantly transforming how users interact with and engage in the acquisition of knowledge. Digital libraries cut the physical restrictions that come with traditional libraries by offering a wide range of electronic resources, enabling users to access information at any time and from any location. This shift not only broadens the scope of available materials, such as e-books, journals, multimedia content, and primary sources but also addresses the diverse needs of various user groups, including those in rural areas, individuals with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged populations (Igbinovia & Aiyebelehin, 2023, pp. 36-39). One of the primary advantages of digital libraries is their ability to bridge the digital divide, particularly for marginalized communities. For instance, users in rural areas often face significant barriers in accessing physical libraries due to distance and lack of transportation. Digital libraries mitigate these challenges by offering remote access to essential information services, thus promoting inclusivity and equity in information access (Mamabolo & Durodolu, 2023, pp. 551-570). Furthermore, initiatives

aimed at improving digital literacy and providing necessary technological infrastructure are critical in ensuring that disadvantaged users can effectively use these resources.

The user engagement aspect of digital libraries is also noteworthy. Digital libraries enhance the discoverability of information, making it easier for users to find relevant materials by using advanced technologies, such as search algorithms and user-friendly interfaces. This ease of access encourages more frequent use and exploration of resources, fostering a culture of continuous learning and intellectual curiosity. In addition, digital libraries often incorporate multimedia elements and interactive features that enrich the user experience, making information consumption more engaging and effective (Ben et al., 2024). Moreover, the integration of accessibility features, such as screen readers, text-to-speech software, and alternative formats for content, ensures that users with disabilities can navigate digital libraries with greater ease (Chemnad & Othman, 2024). These adaptations are essential for creating an inclusive environment that recognizes and accommodates the diverse needs of all users, thereby fulfilling the mission of libraries to serve as fair access points for information. In essence, digital libraries significantly enhance information accessibility by providing diverse resources and addressing the needs of various user demographics. Their impact on user engagement is profound, as they not only help easier access to information but also promote a more interactive and inclusive learning environment. The role of digital libraries will remain pivotal in shaping how communities' access and engage with information as libraries continue to evolve in the digital age.

A literature review focused on the accessibility of digital libraries for traditionally disadvantaged groups, including minorities, low-income individuals, and those living in rural areas, reveals critical insights into the barriers these populations face. The review discusses the digital divide and shows key obstacles such as lack of proper technology, information technology illiteracy, and language barriers. It highlights successful initiatives, such as public libraries offering free workshops to improve digital literacy and providing access to public computer stations, which are essential for enabling these groups to use digital libraries effectively. This case study underscores the importance of targeted strategies to enhance accessibility for marginalized communities (Bansal & Choudhary, 2024, pp. 1-21; Higgins, 2013). Furthermore, a study conducted in the Capricorn District Municipality highlights how digital libraries serve as vital tools for accessing library and information services in rural settings. The research emphasizes that residents in these areas often face significant challenges in accessing physical libraries due to poverty, lack of infrastructure, and the slow pace of library development. The study found that residents could access essential resources remotely by implementing digital library solutions, thereby overcoming geographical barriers. The findings suggest that digital libraries not only help easier and faster access to materials but also increase overall usage of public library services, proving their effectiveness in bridging the accessibility gap for rural populations (Mamaboro & Durodolu, 2023, pp. 551-570).

Another case study examines how digital libraries have adapted to meet the needs of users with disabilities. It discusses the implementation of assistive technologies, such as screen readers and specialized workstations, to ensure that individuals with visual or

physical impairments can access digital content. The study emphasizes the necessity of providing materials in various electronic formats to accommodate diverse needs. It also highlights the role of legislation in mandating equal access to electronic information for people with disabilities. Focusing on accessibility, digital libraries can significantly improve the educational and employment opportunities for this demographic, illustrating their critical role in promoting inclusivity (Chaurasia & Singh, 2022, pp. 130-135). These case studies collectively prove how digital libraries enhance information accessibility for various user groups, addressing geographical, socio-economic, and physical barriers to access.

Digital libraries meet obstacles to accessible information. These include accessibility hindrances like poor internet access, network coverage issues, electricity outages, and a lack of necessary gadgets, all exacerbated by digital illiteracy, insufficient computer skills, budget constraints, and inadequate infrastructure, especially in rural areas (Mamabolo & Durodolu, 2023, pp. 551-570). The digital divide, stemming from unequal access to technology, infrastructure, and digital literacy, prevents certain groups from fully receiving help from digital library resources. Usability problems, caused by poorly designed interfaces and a lack of support for non-textual content or multi-language options, further complicated accessibility. Ensuring the long-term preservation of digital content poses difficulties, requiring expensive strategies and specialized ability. Legal challenges related to copyright and intellectual property create barriers to content sharing, while a lack of standardization in data formats and metadata impedes collaboration between digital libraries. Finally, information overload, resulting from the vast amount of data, makes it challenging for users to find relevant information (Kalerao et al., 2025, pp. 1-8). Digital libraries must implement several solutions to overcome these challenges. Adopting open standards for metadata and content formats resolves interoperability issues and helps better collaboration. Libraries should form partnerships with international organizations to share best practices for digital preservation, creating collaborative networks to pool resources and ability (Akinolu et al., 2023). Prioritizing usability and accessibility in the design of digital library systems, ensuring compliance with accessibility standards, and designing interfaces that accommodate diverse user needs are crucial. Policymakers should consider legal reforms to support open access initiatives while protecting intellectual property rights, with libraries collaborating with legal experts to create clear guidelines for content use and sharing. Providing skills training through libraries, exhibitions, computer lessons, and integrating computer literacy into school curricula are essential. Furthermore, improving infrastructure through the collaborative efforts of network providers, power suppliers, library users, and the government is necessary to achieve digital library goals (Voigts, 2023).

Virtual Libraries as Interactive Learning Environments

Virtual libraries have appeared as powerful interactive learning environments that use immersive technologies such as Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) to enhance collaboration and enrich learning experiences. These technologies transform traditional library interactions by creating engaging and immersive spaces where users can explore information in dynamic and innovative ways. Virtual libraries allow users to take part in immersive learning experiences that transcend the limitations of physical

resources. For instance, VR can simulate real-world environments, enabling users to engage in virtual field trips to historical sites, scientific laboratories, or even distant planets. Such experiential learning fosters a deeper understanding and retention of information, particularly in educational settings, where it enhances comprehension of complex subjects and helps hands-on learning (Isa, 2023).

In addition to immersive experiences, virtual libraries provide robust collaboration features that encourage teamwork and collective learning. Tools that support real-time interaction enable users to work together on projects, share resources, and engage in discussions regardless of their physical location. Features such as shared virtual whiteboards, breakout rooms for group discussions, and collaborative document editing create an environment conducive to cooperative learning. This collaborative aspect is essential in modern education, where teamwork and communication skills are increasingly important (Fasola & Abimbola, 2023, pp. 33-46). Furthermore, the use of VR and AR technologies significantly enhances accessibility, allowing users from diverse backgrounds and abilities to engage with information in meaningful ways. For example, AR can provide contextual information and visual aids for users with learning disabilities, while VR environments can be designed to accommodate users with mobility challenges, ensuring equal opportunities for all.

Despite the numerous benefits, the implementation of VR and AR in virtual libraries presents certain challenges. Issues such as the excessive cost of technology, the need for technical ability, and potential accessibility barriers for some users must be addressed to fully realize the potential of these immersive environments. Future developments may focus on making these technologies more affordable and user-friendly, as well as expanding the range of resources available in virtual libraries (Isa, 2023). Overall, virtual libraries equipped with immersive technologies like VR and AR are transforming the landscape of library services by fostering collaboration and enhancing learning experiences. These libraries not only improve access to information but also empower users to engage with content in innovative and meaningful ways, solidifying their role as essential components of modern education and information access.

A study conducted at the University of Malawi highlights the role of its virtual library in promoting teaching and research while reducing the digital divide. The virtual library incorporates interactive features such as virtual seminars and multimedia resources, which help active learning and engagement among students. The study found that students appreciated the flexibility and adaptability of the virtual environment, allowing them to learn at their own pace. However, it also noted challenges in fully using the virtual resources, showing a need for ongoing training and support to maximize the benefits of the virtual library for lifelong learning (Gama et al., 2022, pp. 11201-11218). Another study focused on a virtual library system that expanded collaboration tools to help real-time interactions among users. Features like shared virtual whiteboards and group study sessions enabled students to work together on projects, regardless of their physical location. The library's implementation of these collaborative features resulted in increased participation and engagement, as students could easily share resources and ideas in an interactive environment. The study concluded that the virtual library

effectively supported teamwork and communication skills, essential components of modern education (Singh, 2023, pp. 130-140). These studies collectively prove the transformative impact of virtual libraries as interactive learning environments. These libraries enhance user engagement, promote active learning, and foster a sense of community among users, ultimately contributing to a more enriched educational experience by using immersive technologies and collaborative features.

Sustainability Practices in Green Libraries

Green libraries are at the forefront of promoting environmental stewardship through a variety of eco-friendly initiatives and resource management strategies. These libraries embody the principles of sustainability by integrating environmentally responsible practices into their operations, infrastructure, and community engagement efforts. One of the primary strategies involves the use of environmentally friendly equipment and infrastructure. Libraries are increasingly selecting sustainable materials and technologies, such as energy-efficient lighting, low-flow plumbing fixtures, and renewable energy sources like solar panels. Moreover, green libraries prioritize sustainable building designs that incorporate features such as green roofs, rainwater harvesting systems, and smart climate control to minimize their ecological footprint. Libraries not only reduce their environmental impact but also serve as models for sustainability within their communities by implementing these practices (IFLA, 2023).

Another significant aspect of green libraries is their commitment to promoting environmental literacy and community engagement. Libraries often organize workshops, events, and programs focused on sustainability, inviting local environmental organizations to collaborate and educate patrons on eco-friendly practices. These initiatives foster a culture of awareness and responsibility, encouraging patrons to adopt sustainable habits in their daily lives. For example, libraries might host book clubs centered on environmental themes, provide resources on sustainable living, or help community clean-up events. Green libraries play a vital role in inspiring active participation in sustainability efforts and fostering a sense of collective responsibility towards the environment by acting as community hubs for environmental education (Adeyemi et al., 2024).

Moreover, green libraries adopt resource management strategies that emphasize recycling, reusing materials, and implementing circular economy practices. This includes proving clearly labeled recycling stations, promoting the use of digital resources to reduce paper consumption, and refurbishing furniture instead of buying new items. Libraries may also start book exchange programs to encourage resource sharing and minimize waste (Mishra, 2023). Integrating these practices, green libraries not only conserve resources but also show their commitment to sustainability. Overall, the eco-friendly initiatives and resource management strategies adopted by green libraries not only contribute to environmental stewardship but also enhance their role as educational and community leaders in promoting sustainable practices.

In 2022, the Green Libraries Partnership in the UK conducted a survey to evaluate the current state of green library practices, highlighting several notable initiatives within the

sector. Hampshire Libraries are actively involved in climate action and resilience efforts, focusing on reducing environmental impact at both county and community levels. Nottingham City Libraries engage local communities on environmental issues, fostering awareness and participation in sustainability practices. Stockton-on-Tees Libraries use green spaces to promote biodiversity and well-being, while Hertfordshire Libraries are developing a comprehensive sustainability strategy and action plan. These case studies illustrate how libraries are embracing sustainability practices that not only reduce their environmental footprint but also promote environmental education and community engagement. Libraries are playing a vital role in contributing to a more sustainable future by using digital technologies and implementing green initiatives (GLP, 2022).

Integrating Digital, Virtual, and Green Library Models

Integrating digital, virtual, and green library models presents a transformative opportunity to create cohesive library services that effectively meet modern user needs. To achieve this integration, libraries must adopt a multifaceted approach that uses the strengths of each model while addressing the challenges associated with their convergence. One effective strategy is to show a unified digital platform that combines digital resources, virtual engagement tools, and sustainable practices. This platform can serve as a central hub for users, providing seamless access to e-books, online databases, and immersive virtual experiences, all while promoting eco-friendly initiatives (Lee & Lee, 2024; Singha & Das, 2021, pp. 499-506). Libraries can reduce their reliance on physical materials, thus minimizing their environmental impact and aligning with green library principles by prioritizing a digital-first approach.

Another important strategy for integration involves fostering collaboration among library staff, users, and community stakeholders. This can be achieved through the development of interdisciplinary programs that combine digital literacy, virtual learning, and sustainability education (Kumar et al., 2024). For instance, libraries can host workshops that teach users how to navigate digital resources while also emphasizing the importance of environmental stewardship. Collaborating with local environmental organizations can further enhance these initiatives, allowing libraries to serve as community hubs for sustainability and learning. Libraries can cultivate a sense of community ownership and responsibility toward both digital resources and environmental practices by creating opportunities for user engagement and collaboration (Aregbesola et al., 2023, pp. 367-384).

Nottingham Trent University has successfully integrated green and virtual practices to show a sustainable digital library environment, implementing a virtual library system that features interactive tools and collaborative capabilities. The university has adopted energy-efficient technologies and sustainable building designs while promoting the use of e-resources to minimize physical resource consumption. Furthermore, it engages the local community on environmental issues through various library programs. This commitment to integrating these models has resulted in enhanced user experiences, reduced environmental impact, and increased community engagement (NTU, 2024). Similarly, Calgary Public Library has launched its "Digital Green" initiative, which combines digital library services with sustainability practices by providing access to e-

books and online databases while implementing paperless operations to reduce physical waste. The library also offers digital literacy workshops to encourage the use of digital resources and collaborates with local environmental organizations to host relevant events (Kalser, 2022). These case studies exemplify how libraries can effectively integrate digital, virtual, and green models to create comprehensive and sustainable services that meet the evolving needs of their communities.

Considering these imperatives, libraries should invest in training and professional development for staff to ensure they are equipped to manage and promote the integrated services effectively. This includes training in digital technologies, virtual engagement strategies, and sustainable practices. Libraries can enhance their ability to support users in navigating the complexities of digital and virtual resources while promoting green initiatives by empowering library staff with the necessary skills and knowledge (IFLA, 2018). Moreover, libraries can implement feedback mechanisms to continuously assess user needs and preferences, allowing them to adapt and refine their integrated services over time. Through these strategies, libraries can create a cohesive service model that not only meets the diverse needs of users but also champions sustainability in the digital age.

User Experience and Interface Design in Next-Generation Libraries

User experience (UX) and interface design are essential elements in the evolution of next-generation libraries, which aim to seamlessly integrate digital, virtual, and green models. Libraries can significantly enhance the accessibility and usability of their online platforms by prioritizing user-centered design (UCD) principles. This focus ensures that users can effectively navigate and engage with library resources in the digital age, meeting their diverse needs and expectations (Kautonen & Nieminen, 2018, pp. 1-34). The adoption of UCD approaches has transformed the development of digital library services by emphasizing user needs and preferences. Libraries strive to create intuitive and user-friendly online platforms that cater to the evolving expectations of patrons. UCD principles highlight the importance of delivering effective customer experiences, perfecting usability, and aligning services with what users expect. This strategic shift towards user-centered design reflects a commitment to prioritizing user satisfaction and engagement, ultimately enhancing the overall quality and accessibility of library resources available online (Isa, 2023; Cen et al., 2023).

Various strategies can be implemented to enhance usability, including task analysis to understand user interactions, card sorting to organize content based on user input, and prototyping to gather feedback on interface designs. (Lewis & Sauro, 2021, pp. 972-1015). Conducting heuristic evaluations allows libraries to assess interfaces against established usability principles, while usability testing provides insights into user interactions to find pain points (Oyedokun et al., 2021, pp. 1-11). Accessibility is also a crucial aspect of UCD, ensuring that library platforms are inclusive for individuals with diverse abilities. Incorporating best practices, such as providing alternative text for images and clear instructions for users with varying digital literacy levels, can make libraries create more inclusive online experiences. Furthermore, exploring opportunities for personalization and customization such as user accounts and personalized

recommendations can enhance user engagement and foster a sense of ownership within the digital library ecosystem. Embracing these principles and strategies will ensure that libraries stay relevant and effective in meeting the needs of their patrons in the digital age.

Concluding Remarks

The literature review reveals that integrating digital, virtual, and green library models presents a wealth of benefits, including improved accessibility, heightened user engagement, and enhanced sustainability. Key findings show that digital technologies play a pivotal role in supporting green initiatives by minimizing the reliance on physical resources and improving energy consumption. Furthermore, virtual libraries significantly enhance user interaction and experience, aligning seamlessly with the sustainability goals of green libraries. The results suggest that a comprehensive approach that combines these three models can lead to substantial operational efficiencies and a reduced environmental footprint. Specifically, the findings underscore the potential for digital tools to not only support but also amplify green practices, such as energy-efficient data management and virtual resource sharing. In addition, virtual libraries are instrumental in creating engaging user experiences while simultaneously contributing to environmental sustainability. In essence, the strategic integration of digital, virtual, and green practices enhances library services, resulting in more resilient, responsive, and sustainable library systems that are better equipped to meet the evolving needs of their communities.

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