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**A STUDY ON AUTOMATION OF UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES IN
SRI-LANKA**

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ABSTRACT

The objectives of this study were to identify the progress made in library automation and the general problems behind the automation of University Libraries in Sri-Lanka. In order to identify the progress and the problems of automation the survey method was used. The population of the study covered all University Libraries and their branch libraries in Sri-Lanka. Questionnaires and follow up interviews were used as the primary data collection instruments. Out of the twenty libraries responded seventy percent of libraries had started computerization. Survey revealed that cataloguing function is the most popular function in computerization and most of the libraries have utilized CDS/ISIS software package for computerization of cataloguing function. Progress made in data input was also identified. Finally the major problems in hardware, personnel and software areas were found. The study recommended solutions to overcome these problems to improve libraries functions and services to users.