# Virtual library vs Digital Library

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**Abstracts:**
The Purpose of this report is to provide an overview on Virtual Library Vs. Digital Library.

**Introduction:**
Virtual library &digital library Sounds synonyms of each other.Butboth are different in their own ways.
This is very important & necessary to know the both the concept individually & separately.
Lets First Discuss about Basic meaning of both the Libraries.
Digital Library Is collection of digital objects that includes text,audio,and video,digital documents etc. where as virtual library is library without wall.

**Digital Library:**
The size and scope of the digital library depends upon the organization type and individuals those who are going to maintain the library.
OPAC is one of the best examples of Digital Library. OPAC replaced the Card Catalogue, which was used by the Libraries in Traditional era.

**Types of Digital library(s)**
1. Institutional Repositories
2. Digital archives
3. National library Collections.

**Features of Digital Library:**
- Easy access
- Any time & any where Access
- Multiple access
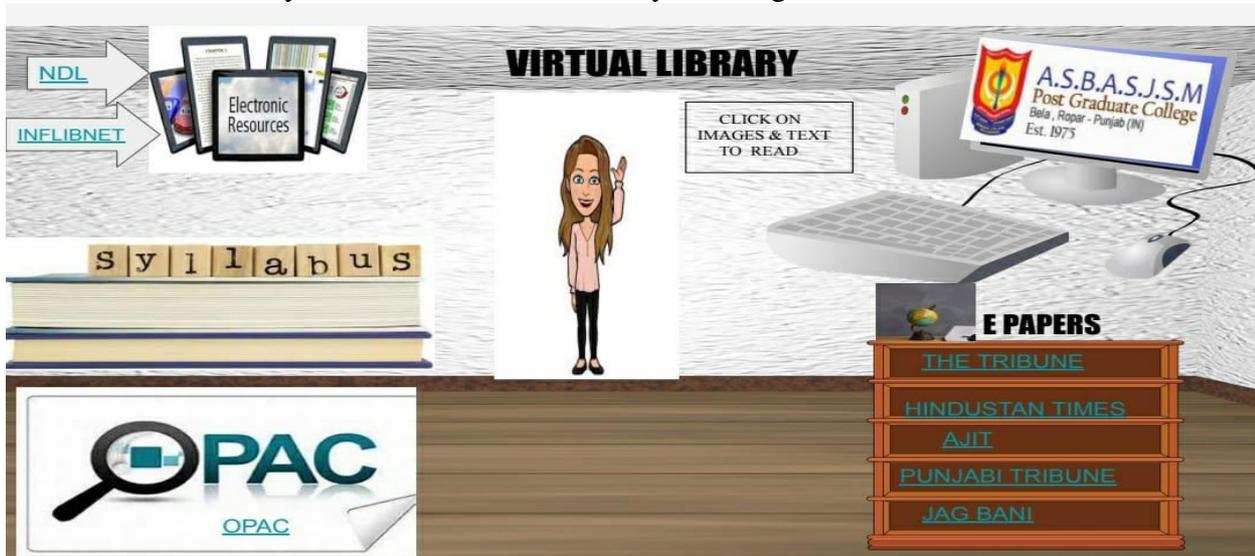- No physical boundary
- A lot of Space

**Virtual Library** is defined as a library based on Internet.Virtual library are those library that are not in real life but it is a collection different links, data, which are available on a networks and all these links,& data is accessible via Internet.

**Features of Virtual Library:**
- It saves & Reduce Physical spaces.
- It enhances searching capabilities
- Presence is virtual not physical
- High speed bandwidth

- Users can find what they need easily &quickly.

  I also made my Institutional Virtual Library on Google.



The above inserted picture of web page of virtual library consists of various links of institution library collection. Itconsists of links of E resources, E Newspapers, Syllabus, Etc., which helps the patron to access the whole library at one place by Single Click.

### Conclusion:
Both the libraries have their own importance and ways to fulfill the needs of the patrons. Virtual and digital libraries both are the needs of ICT Era.

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