In education and research programme of a University, library plays a vital role. Library professionals provide right type of information to right reader, in right time in a right manner. Technology has drastically changed the librarian’s work, making us more dependents upon hardware, software and other IT devices.

Collection of library plays an important role for providing effective service to the readers. Collection development is defined as the planned purchase of reading materials in various formats to meet the needs of users. The heart of a library is its collection. The collection development process includes selection and de selection of current and retrospective publications, including gift; planning for continuing acquisition, evaluation of collection to ascertain how they serve user needs. Collection development can be judge within different parameters: need assessment, policy decision, selection, acquisition, evaluation and weeding. University library is to collect both physical and digital document for collection development.

In the changing IT environment and its use in University libraries, the collection development policies of libraries are changing day by day. With the wide use of IT, there are more scopes for integrating e-resources both off line and online, into the collection of the University libraries of Assam. Electronic publishing has great impact on the collection development of the University libraries of present age and the electronic resources form an essential part of library collection.

Keeping in mind, I discussed with my fellow professionals and respected teachers of Library and Information Science who had encouraged me to concentrate on the core issue of impact of information technology on collection development in University libraries of Assam. My teachers of Department of Library and Information Science including Professor Narendra Lahkar advised me for undertaking the topic for my PhD and Professor Lahkar agreed to my request to guide me for the study.

After continuing for five years on the study, I have got some input. The results on the core issues of impact of information technology on collection development in University libraries of Assam, I am confident that these will be able to guide both
research scholars and LIS professionals in meeting their knowledge trust and further develop their knowledge to a desired height.

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