DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF AUTOMATED RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

Admin	Administrator
ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange
CAC	Cryptographic Access Control
CISSP	Certified Information System Security Professional
CD	Compact Disk
CD-RW	Compact Disk Rewritable
DAC	Discretionary Access Control
DBMS	Database Management System
DFD	Data Flow Diagram
DOS	Director of Studies
EFS	Encrypted File System
EMS	Electronic Management System
ERMS	Library Records Management System
FERPA	Family Education Rights and Private Act
GB	Gigabyte
GHz	Giga Hertz
GUI	Graphical User Interface
HP	Hewlet Packard
ICR	Intelligent Character Recognition
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IT	Information Technology
LAN	Local Area Network
LMS	Learning Management System
MAC	Mandatory Access Control
MB	Megabyte
MHz	Mega Hertz
MIS	Management Information System
MS	Microsoft
OCAC	Originator Controlled Access Control
OMR	Optical Mark Recognition

PC	Personal Computer
PK	Primary Key
RAM	Random Access Memory
RBAC	Role-Based Access Control
RJ	Registered Jack
RDB	Relational Database
SID	Student ID
SQL	Structure Query Language
SAQ	Self-Administered Questionnaire
SPSS	Special Programmers for Social Scientist
KJS	Kabojja Junior School
KJSLRMS	Kabojja Junior School Library Records Management System
UPS	Uninterruptible Power Supply
VRAM	Virtual Random Access Memory
VB	Visual Basic

ABSTRACT

This research examined the challenges Kabojja Junior School (KJS) as learning Institution faces in managing the Library records and result production for students. At KJS, the current system of record keeping is mainly manual-based and hence making it vulnerable to loss or mixing of records, and sometimes leakages. Computerizing the Library records management was therefore target towards improving the existing current system to the new one that would keep records, and process electronically all Library documents for KJS. This would in turn lead towards obtaining timely, efficient, accurate, cost saving and error free students' Library records. The Library Record Management System (LRMS) is one of the most efficient systems that handle the Library records in terms of easy access to the records and also it is faster in the production of documents.

A short needs assessment for the intended users of the computerized system at KJS was done through interviews. These were done to the selected group of the school administrators and Academic staff who included: the Principal, Director of Studies (DOS), Head teacher, Class teachers (5) and selected teachers (6). The main objective was to determine if the proposed computerized system would be considered important in improving the efficiency of the Library records management system currently in use. Results obtained showed that 87.5 % of the total persons interviewed expressed the strong need for the automated system to be put in place.

This computerized system now known as Kabojja Junior School Library Records Management System (KJSLRMS) was built on the MsAccess based network environment where computers running on the school's Local Area Network (LAN) was used in the study to cover the Library records capability. These client PCs were positioned in various offices that could access the network for the ease of record processing.

For the system to run efficiently stable power supply should be in place. An experienced system manager is also required to help the management of the system. Trained users of the system will help in the smoothing running of the system. In future, the use of KJSLRMS could be expanded to computerize all the records at the school beyond the Library ones.

CHAPTER ONE INTRODUCTION

1.0 General Introduction

The current system of record keeping at Kabojja Junior School is still manual-based, spreadsheet applications as academic record processing program is used instead of a centralized database management system that ensures data security, integrity, and provides faster data processing capability and hence making it vulnerable to loss or mixing of records, and sometimes leakages.

Computerizing the system is a target towards speeding up the whole process; from entering all library information, storing results up to production of useful related administrative documents like library statements, Stock movement reports, Stock summary.

1.1 Background of the Study

Kabojja Junior School [1] (KJS) is a day; private primary school that was established in 1996. KJS is located in Kololo Accacia Avenue just after the Voice of Africa Radio. It is about 6 kms from Kampala city. The mission of KJS is "to provide an environment that enables the cultivation of competence, confidence, creativity and character in the academic and social interactions". The school's philosophy enshrined in the motto "Strive to achieve" aims at developing human potential to excellence, integrity, teamwork and cooperation.

At present the system used for managing Library is a manual one. The librarian simply writes down the students and teachers borrowing and returning library records. The papers are stored in the open shelves. The accounts department is responsible for verification of payments for students that have lost Library books.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

Despite that Library Record Management System (LRMS) is one of the most efficient systems that handle the Library records in terms of easy access to the records and faster in the production of documents. The system for managing the Library system in Kabojja Junior School is fragile whereby library records are manually counted and the librarian enters them into the Excel spreadsheet for storage; these results are then forwarded to the office of the DOS for final record storage. In most cases, the storage mediums of data are either through floppy diskettes, memory sticks, or printed copies. All these run into the risk of being lost or corrupted by the computer

viruses (in the case of memory sticks and floppy disks). Again, the excel program is not necessarily the best data storage mode and more so when the school do not have an efficient backup data storage system. Also there is a great risk of machine breakdown leading to data loss. The whole process is more of stand-alone computer based leading into delays more especially during the final preparation of documents when arranging the results. This has affected the well functioning of the system. (Head teacher, March, 2009). This research therefore aims at coming up with a system that will keep records, and process electronically all Library documents and also giving and opportunity for the students to search for the library materials using the system.

1.3 Scope of the Study

1.3.1 Geographical Scope

The study was conducted at Kabojja Junior School, and provided information about the current system of processing Library records.

1.3.2 System Scope

This study concentrates more on Library records management systems at the school. The attempts made by different professionals towards resolving Library issues, was only succeeded in improving to some extent. The new system covers the following functionalities; the Library record to be analyzed and designed.

1.4 Purpose of the Study

Library Management System (LMS) has its major target in changing Kabojja Junior School from using the old manual system of Library to the new Automated system to obtain speed, efficiency, accuracy, cost saving and error free student and administrative' results.

1.5 Significance of the Study

The main importance of the project is to improve on the current system being used by Kabojja Junior School to a new network-based system so as to obtain a timely, efficient, accurate, cost saving and error free students and administrative' Library records.

The system will be useful to the following categories of people;

- i. Librarians, Teachers and Class teachers will in be position to produce library defaulters in time, since the system will be able to do all the computation and corrections.
- ii. Complaints from students will reduce since they will be able to receive their library statements, library defaulter lists in time and error free.
- iii. A lot of paper work will be greatly reduced since most of the activities involve a lot of typing and processing and also since the library reports will be error free.

1.6 Objectives

1.6.1 General Objective

The main objective of this study is to design an Automated Library Records Management System for Kabojja Junior School that will keep records, and process electronically all Library documents.

1.6.2 Specific objectives

- 1. To investigate the problems that arises from this manual record keeping.
- 2. To establish how the Library records are currently recorded and computed.
- 3. To design an Automated Library Records Management System.
- 4. To test the computerized Library system.

1.7 Research Questions

- 1. What are the existing procedures for recording and computing Library books in Kabojja Junior School?
- 2. What are the shortcomings of manual record keeping at Kabojja Junior School?
- 3. What computerized solutions can be created to solve the manual record system?
- 4. How does the computerized Library system function?

1.8 Conceptual Frame

This is the conceptual framework of the project. The outcome is supposed to work as the plan appears in this diagram.



Figure1.1: Conceptual Framework for the current Library system in use

Explanation: The teachers and students borrow and return books from the library, teachers compile lists and of students with library books and then these lists are typed in excel format by the class teachers and later submitted to the librarians office for verification and approval, later these list are forwarded to the Director of Studies. After the approval the confirmed defaulters lists are made and printed.

CHAPTER TWO

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.0 Introduction

This chapter examines various information available on LRMS. It also analyses the efficiency and discusses the various methods employed by professionals and non-professionals who worked towards improving the old LRMS to accommodate the need for the process. Literature survey and review sets up the margins of the research study of the system.

2.1 Library System

General education reflects learning that occurs as a result of multiple experiences and courses. Colleges have described to emphasize seven areas of general education and administer quarters utilizing stratified, random sampling of class-sections. Dissemination of information is made in different level of classes. In any single course-section, some students complete each of the six subject areas within a fifty minutes period. Assessment measures attainment of skills in quantification (mathematics). Attaining skills in communication includes three aspects. College reading scores suggest the students enter and exit at the national average. Attaining skills in analysis involves two aspects of battery. In the critical thinking portion of the assessment, freshman scored significantly higher than national norms.

Aditya (2000), stated that distance education is becoming more important in today's connected world. University and schools are supplementing traditional classroom-based learning with electronic learning management system (LMS)-software or managed learning environments, virtual learning environments, or course management system designed to deliver on-line education.

According to Cooper and Lybrand (2004), Library activities should be based on the criticality and complexity of the business functions present at the institution. The Library should begin with a review of internal and external audit activities, risk assessment to systems development. At minimum, the essential practices for system development should be clearly documented and functioning within the internal control environment. Cooper and Lybrand (2004), envisioned a rather rapid transformation of the educational delivery process and assessment of learning by the fast developing information superhighway. They indicated that institutional technology incorporates those tools and materials that present, support and reinforce teaching. The devices used range from the pad and pencil to the computer. The use of technology in teaching started when the slate was introduced as a supplement to texts. The slate gave way to the blackboard and the chalkboard.

Antony (1993), explained the concept of a Library as a place for knowledge acquisition, or more generally a means of accessing intellectual capacity or ability. The Library determines not only the content of education but also the methods of teaching, in fact, the entire approach for education. Mathew (2005), described the new approach to Library as the functional approach that conceives the abolition of the traditional practice of declaring students as pass or fail, as well as declaring the overall results of students in terms of division. Instead it prescribes the declaration of the levels of achievements and proficiency of students in different subjects separately in terms of grades.

2.2 Advantages of a Library Management System

- a. **Speed**: Computerized Library record management system provides fast and effective way of result processing. In case a student wants Library result documents, these can just be found by entering the primary identifier and the unique key.
- b. **Cost:** Most institutions requires big store for files. These files risk being burnt by fire, human theft, being spoilt by liquid or even destroyed by pests like cockroaches. Using an electronic system, files don't need large rooms; they are stored in a small medium space.
- c. **Backup:** Copies of files can be kept by using backup system. Incase of disaster, files can easily be restored.
- d. **Printing:** Documents in electronic form can be easily printed since the required information can be sorted out and printed.
- e. Format: Document format can easily be altered for presentation purposes to either the senate or any responsible board of the University. Incase of mistake in recording, these can easily be corrected. It doesn't require destroying the original information.

2.4 Record Management

Therese and Beth (1997) analyzed two types of record management systems: The Intelligent Character Recognition (ICR) and Optical Mark Recognition (OMR). Both can be incorporated into an admissions application format. For instance, where data is recorded from the application and automatically inserted into the student information system database. Bar codes are another method of avoiding data entry. In this way, the University has to send to all applicants a set of bar code labels which must be attached to all documents supporting the application process. When the documents are scanned, they are automatically attached to the student's already created index. Each student is assigned a bar code and sent a page with bar code labels. This system improves on speed of record retrieval.

According to Sommerville (2001), networked systems obviously need software to run the network, and all of the major software packages, such as Novell and Apple Talk. In some single-station systems, the various components are networked together, while others there is simply an interface program in the computer. Usually, systems that run on networks also require some administrative software for the management of the files and the security of the documents (Roberto et al. 2004). Network issues are usually complex and require the advice and Library of someone from the computer services area. Where as all software systems perform the same basic tasks. Some system has software that can scan and convert microfilm directly from the film to optical disks. Other system might offer sophisticated peripheral software for forms processing, database integration, workflow applications, or free-form text search.

In library information systems, generally the librarian has the primary responsibility to maintain the integrity of the Library records and to safeguard them in accordance with institution, system, state, and regulations (Newton, 2007). When making this determination, an institution should consider which office has responsibility for the administrative function that has the best understanding of the meaning and status of the data. Also this should be the most knowledgeable about the data use, the regulations that apply to it, and their interrelationships with other databases or information management systems.

Therese and Berth (1997) pointed out that authorizing access, educating users, determining standards of security, and ensuring compliance with local, state and guidelines relating to the data will be most effective if ownership and responsibility for authorizing access to the information reside with office that has the greatest interest in both using and protecting the data.

Today's Information Technology (IT) explosion, the necessity for computerized operational system, the expansion of data systems and databases as well as the need to manage those data and make them accessible in a meaningful form, require coherent institutional policy on information management (Kelly, 2004).

Organizing and managing student records into a cohesive and efficient system might seem like an impossible task. This partly is due the existence of wide array of the existing information yet the institutions are often limited with personnel and finances. To address this challenge schools need to weigh features and requirements of the software that will meet their own unique needs, desires and capabilities (Veccholi, 1999).

Hawkins (2007), recommended on the radical change of our concepts, principles, and implementation so as to keep pace with the dynamic evolution of information security. A policy should be in place that will include the assignment of responsibility for the implementation of database management, designation of the offices or functional areas responsible for data. Also in place should be the acceptable standards of security, reference legal guidelines affecting the information, and procedures for dealing with instances of security violation. The policy must be approved and supported at all administrative levels. It must be flexible enough to allow the hardware, software, and function changes but rigid enough to ensure the security and confidentiality. These policies need to be reviewed and updated. Operational information systems need to be reviewed, and policy on appropriate levels of access established or reestablished. The review should be followed by documentation that lists and describes both the education records covered under the Family Education Rights and Private Act (FERPA) and other categories of records. In order to identify responsibility for data ownership, a data management policy has to be laid down to ensure data and information technology security management. The data managers, computer center personnel, and the security manager jointly have to establish minimum acceptable security standards.

Weiss (1993) recommended the establishment of a formal process for authorizing access to information. This process should clearly identify the parties responsible for authorizing access, specify the criteria for determining access, and delineate the authorization procedures used to obtain access. Both the personnel involved and the security itself need to recognize and enforce the institutional policy through this process. Formalizing these responsibilities will protect the

integrity, availability, confidentiality and privacy of information resources. Approval and signoff by the manager(s) of the data must be incorporated into the process for granting access. However, in order to have the appropriate checks and balances, the process should be separated between the managers responsible for the data and the security (Nikto and Susan, 2006). Developing procedures along these principles put the data manager in charge of authorizing and controlling the access, while the security manager is in charge of enforcing and maintaining the security system. Both areas share responsibilities for educating the users.

CHAPTER THREE RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.0 Introduction

In this chapter, case study method and statistical method were used to derive on the results and implementation of this study. Also the chapter shows: - area of study, user coverage, research design, data collection methods and instruments, data analysis, system requirements and specification, system design, system security, system testing, as well as limitations of the study.

3.1 Area of Study and Population

The study was about Kabojja Junior School's Library records management system. Kabojja Junior School has population of 40 teaching staff and 8 non-teaching staff. The institution was chosen as a case study and the study focused on providing all the necessary information about the old records management system that drove the project towards the development of the new system.

3.2 Sample Statistics

Questionnaires were administered to Principal, Head teacher, Director of Studies, Class teachers (9), and selected teachers (10) users. Also, interviews were conducted to the same respondents who answered the questionnaires.

3.3 Research Design

It was planned as to: what was to be observed where, why, how to record observations, how to analyze/interpret observations, and how to generalize. Research design was thus a detailed plan of how the goals of research were to be achieved.

The study was done in to two major phases. Phase 1 covered the needs assessment study to the expected users of the proposed new Library system –KJSLRMS. These included the Principal, Director of Studies (DOS), Head teacher, and class teachers (6). The main objective of this phase was to determine the necessary for the system and the requirements for its development.

The second phase which forms a big part of this study embarked on designing the computerized KJSLRMS. The system was built on the MS-ACCESS based network environment where

computers running on the school's Local Area Network (LAN) were used in the study to cover the Library records capability.

3.3.1 Needs Assessment of the expected users of KJSLRMS

Sample selection method was done. Stratified random sampling techniques whereby Kabojja Junior School was picked and the system used there was examined. On the part of staff and administrators, purposive method basing on their roles and experience in service was used. Some of them were those in-charge of the Library board.

3.3.2 Data Collection Methods and Instruments

Interviews, questionnaires and library and Internet search were used for data collection while the main theme of the questionnaire was centered on the development of an automated Library records management system for Kabojja Junior School. Questionnaires were constructed in a systematic manner. The process went through a number of interrelated steps. The most commonly steps were (Sarantakos, 1998):

Preparation; Thought of various items to be covered in the questionnaire, arranged the items in relation to one another. Constructing the first draft; this involved formulating of a number of questions including direct/indirect, closed/open-ended and primary/secondary/tertiary questions.

Revisions; after receiving suggestions, some questions were eliminated, some changed and some new questions added. Revision (Second); the minor and major changes were made on the basis of experience gained in pre-testing. Preparing final draft; after editing, checking spelling, space for response, pre-coding, and the final draft was prepared. This was then distributed to the key users of the system.

3.3.3 Data collection instruments

These involved the questionnaires, interviews and Library and internet search methods.

3.3.4 Interviews and Questionnaires

A semi-structured questionnaire was administered to users (Principal, DOS, Head teacher, Librarian (1), Class teachers (9) and selected teachers (10)). It addressed the theme; challenges of speeding up Library records and result processing, cost saving and data security & integrity. Twenty-six questionnaires were distributed to the users but only twenty-two were returned. Interviews were conducted to individuals using the interview guide.

3.3.5 Library and Internet Search

Library and Internet search was used to find documented evidence on the previous attempts made towards improving the Library processing both Kabojja Junior School, and other learning institutions at all levels. At this stage, primary and secondary data was used. A number of relevant textbooks, journals, periodicals and newspapers were used.

3.4 KJSLRMS Network Connectivity Coverage

This project was built on MS ACCESS based network environment where computers running on a local area network (LAN) were used for the project to cover the Library records capability. This catered for all the users at the School at all levels. The role of the server was to host the database for record keeping, while client computers were terminals for Library records entry, modification and retrieval. These client PCs were positioned in various offices that could access the network for ease of record processing.

3.5 KJSLRMS Development Process

The development process of a system was traditionally as a Waterfall Model where each step followed the next, as if in a waterfall. This showed how various products produced at each step were used in the process. It did not imply that any of the steps in a process had to be completed, before the next step starts, or that prior steps will not have to be revisited later in the development. It was a useful model for seeing how each step worked with each other. Due to its cascade from one phase to another, this model was appropriate to use on this study because its principal stages of the model mapped onto fundamental development activities. The activities involved include;

Requirements analysis and definition; the system's services, constraints and goals were established by consultation with system users. System and software design; the systems design process partitioned the requirements into either hardware or software systems. It established overall system architecture. Software design involved in identifying and describing the fundamental software system abstractions and their relationships.

Integration and system testing: At this stage, the individual program units or programs were integrated and tested as a complete system to ensure that the software requirements have been met. After testing, the software is delivered to the user and finally, Operation and maintenance.



Figure 3.1 The waterfall model of the system development process.

Source: Sommerville, I., (2001), 6th ed. pg19

3.7 KJSLRMS Design

The design considered how the system will ultimately serve the unique and general institutional needs. A set of criteria was drafted in order to compare and evaluate each system. According to Wright (1990), he suggested a "staged approach" to evaluation whereby "systems are evaluated against progressively in more detailed criteria". The first stage of evaluation was characterized by the performance of certain tasks:





Figure 3.2 The First stage of evaluation of the KJSLRMS System Design Source: Wright, P. (1990).pg321

Moreover, the system was designed to consider the following; data security and integrity, user authentication, user access rights, usability- user interfaces, robustness.

It works in the following procedure; user login is authenticated by the use of case-sensitive username and password. Depending on the access level, the user is then granted access to the program and the desired data on a remote server. It provides the following controls for both data editing, new entry and updates for records pertaining the Students details, subjects done with their related tests and final Library scores. The administrators and users of the system are also part of the records in the remote server that are accessible. Users are monitored by the administrator and can be logged out if access violation is suspected.

3.8 KJSLRMS System Testing

3.8.1 Testing

testing of the system involved cross checking of all the forms, queries, modules and tables to ensure that they equally respond to all the data that has been entered so that the requirements of the system are put to reality. And in this we used the V- shaped testing model



Figure 3.3 Sample display of the conventional "V-Model" highlighting the system testing stages of Kabojja Junior School Library Records Management System



3.8.1.1 Component Testing

Component Testing involved checking that each feature specified in the Component Design was implemented in the component. The database called "KJSLRMS" was created using Microsoft ACCESS which contained the following tables; users table, Queries, log account table, accounts table (Library users registration), stockkabojja table, subjects and categorycodes results table, Ledger results table. Data was later entered in the tables and queried to test on its functionality, no error was displayed.

3.8.1.2 System Testing:

The entire system was built; it was tested against the System Specification to check if it delivered the features required. The system specification tested were; Computer processor, Memory, Display, Operating System, Office and Network Card, the component's details were checked under control panel. System testing was not about checking the individual parts of the design, but was about checking the system as a whole.

3.8.1.3 Acceptance Testing:

Acceptance testing checked the system against the requirements. Acceptance testing checked that the system delivered what was requested. The users were the one who did the acceptance testing. The users (Principal, Librarian, Head teacher, DOS, class teachers and selected teachers) knew what was required from the system (KJSLRMS). Some of the users were trained on how to use the system.

CHAPTER FOUR

DATA PRESENTATION AND ANALYSIS

4.0 Introduction

Data collection for the needs assessment study was conducted through the use of questionnaires and interviews to the targeted users of the System. These users included the Librarian, Principal, Head teacher, DOS, Class teachers, and selected teachers. Various questions relevant and related to the topic of research were asked to the respondents. The results obtained after the analysis were the basis of the development of KJSLRMS.

4.1 Perception of the targeted users on the introduction of the KJSLRMS

4.1.1 Feasibility and Benefits of KJSLRMS

The targeted users (mainly KJS administrators) were asked if they felt any foreseen benefits in the introduction of the proposed new automated Library record management system now referred to as KJSLRMS. Also if they would consider KJSLRMS as a tool that would be effective and feasible to the School. Results obtained showed that about 77% (Table 1) were excited and in agreement with implementation of the proposed project. Some (18%) were not sure due to the existing limitations such as poor Internet connectivity, power supply and computer facilities which could hinder the effectiveness of the system. Results obtained from provided the base the study to be initiated.

 Table 1. Users' perception on the feasibility of the proposed Kabojja Junior School Library

 Records Management System

Response by	No. of respondents	Percent of the	Valid Percent	Cumulative
users		expected users		Percent
Yes	17	77.3	77.3	77.3
Somehow	4	18.2	18.2	18.2
No	1	4.5	4.5	4.5
Total	22	100.0	100.0	

4.1.2 The office to be given priority for implementation of the project

The project involved the development of the system that had to go through stages. One of them is a system prototype. Prototyping was to be done in one of the offices during the development. Majority of the respondents (72.7%) proposed the Librarians office to host the prototyping and piloting of the new system. However, this has to be developed with the provision for all other offices in the school to develop the same in future.



Figure 4.1 Users perception on the pilot office for the development of the Tropical High School Examination Records Management System

4.1.3 Crucial stage (s) of Library to be consider for automation/implementation

The Library system consists of various sections for computerization among which are; students' registration details, Authors details, classification table, subjects table, payments table, establishment of records management database, production of administrative library reports. The respondents were asked to recommend which of these stages are vital for the implementation in this project.

4.1.3.1 Computerization of students' registration

The students' registration details would involve all the details that are required by the school about a particular student, excluding the Library results. These details are always taken at the time of student's admission to the school. The responses from the respondents revealed that students' registration should be implemented in the automation process.

4.1.3.2 Computerization of the Subjects records storage

Subjects records storage would involve details about a particular subject including the code, name, defaulters in that subject etc. The respondents felt strongly that the electronic subject records storage should be implemented as part of the proposed KJSLRMS.

4.1.3.6 Computerization of the school defaulters clearance verification process

Students are supposed to sit for their Library after the school has confirmed their fees clearance status; Cleared students only are allowed to use the Library. The respondents were asked if clearance of library defaulters should be included in the KJSLRMS. Almost 82 % (Table 3) of the total respondents felt that this was important so as to allow the list of library defaulters to be produced on time before the term and exams commence. It would also assist the school to have the reliable records of the fees.

4.1.3.10 Database establishment of the Library results

To keep track of all the Library records, there needed a database to be established, located on a secure server in the school. This database would hold records to be accessed remotely by terminal computers networked with the server hosting the data. The respondents were asked whether this would be an important part of the system required for implementation and 81.8% were in full support for this component to be included. With the database in place students can be provided by the school with any type of information on time.

4.1.3.11 Computerizing the production of the students' defaulters lists

One of the stages in the development of the system is to implement academic Report cards production. The respondents were to indicate whether this was required for the implementation as part of the system. Results obtained showed that 95.5 % of the respondents (table 7) were in agreement so as to shorten the period by which students were able to access their report cards after the term's Library. Under the current system, report cards production of a certain class can take as long as a month. This is because of the large number of students.

Table 2. Users' perception on the proposal to computerize the production of the students' Library defaulters list under the Kabojja Junior School Library Records Management System

Response by users	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percen			
No	1	4.5	4.5	4.5			
Yes	21	95.5	95.5	100.0			
Total	22	100.0	100.0				

4.1.4 Proposed users to access KJSLRMS

The system should be restricted from the unauthorized users for security purposes. This is to protect the access of the Library records from wrong hands. In the proposed system, respondents were asked to list down the potential category of the users whom they considered compulsory to access the system. Depending on the level of involvement in the whole system, the network administrator could then assign some restricted access to every individual. A certain category would be allowed to access the whole system while others just some parts which are relevant to his/ her own tasks. Listed were: Librarian, the Principal, Head teacher, DOS, class teachers and the Administrative assistants. The former three categories could also be allowed to access the whole system.

4.1.5 Proposed office to host KJSLRMS

The system server is to be hosted in a secure place since it is to hold the database and to provide security to the Library records. An office, appropriate for the server to be based was to be proposed by the respondents.

The responses from the respondents in table 8 (72.7%) clearly indicated that the server should be hosted at the Librarian's office. This was supported by the fact that, this office has the skilled personnel in Library records management and Library results processing. It is also the one in charge of students' Library results production, students' affairs and is where most Library matters are handled.

Table 3.	Users'	percept	tion of	ı the	proposa	l to (computeri	ze	the	office	to	host	the	server	under	the
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Response by users	Frequency Percen		Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
No	6	27.3	27.3	27.3			
Yes	16	72.7	72.7	100.0			
Total	22	100.0	100.0				

4.2 Study limitations

All aspects of the problem cannot be observed simultaneously. For instance, internal attitudes and opinions were not easily studied. In the needs assessment it was noted that there was a bias in response selectivity because some respondents had no interest in the topic and did not give response to all questions. Likewise some information from the interviewees tended to hide information or gave wrong answers because of fear of identity. For the sensitive questions, they were less effective i.e. failure to answer the question properly. Variability in responses from the interviewees was also experienced leading to inconsistent responses.

A software development project is one that involved a lot of time investment. The period given for this study was one of the limiting factors towards the attainment of the final expected outcome of the product.

CHAPTER FIVE SYSTEM ANALYSIS, DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

5.0 KJSLRMS Database Design Structures

The database structure is the core of the KJSLRMS design. It contains of the fundamental objects that make up the raw material upon which concept maps are built, i.e. the concepts and relations, as well as concepts maps themselves, KJSLRMS also contains the ideas for how to identify and allocate these ideas.

The structure includes the layout of the database as used in the KJSLRMS program, with the related fields, properties and the relationship with the data integrity.

5.1 KJSLRMS Analysis

5.1.1 Description of the current system

At present, the system for managing the Library records is fragile whereby all the Library information is recorded and stored as excel spreadsheet. The Library records can however be exchanged between the relevant offices such as the office of the DOS and/or Principal using unreliable media such as floppy diskette or a memory stick.

With the present procedure above, it is obvious that the security of the Library records could also be compromised in one way or another without prior knowledge of the higher offices. Also these storage devices are un-trusted for safety and reliability since they can easily corrupt data or run faulty with the vital results stored in them. The records can also fall in the hands of the unauthorized people. Lacking of central database management system at the school hinders its growth in the sense that the librarian cannot update the student's records at a required time.

5.1.2 Weakness of the current system

i) Since the system is not computerized, student's information is stored in different locations. It is difficult to have all files updated. This leads to data inconsistency.

ii) Delay in getting information concerning performance (student library status i.e. how often a particular student visits the library) or other related details. This is as a result of amount of information taken down for all students and teachers.

iii) Poor data security; with information scattered, it is difficult to secure all of it. Some of it is easily accessible by unauthorized users. In the event of an accident, the information stored in manual files are more difficult to salvage creation of backup data in hand.

iv) Less economy of space; almost, every term new students register at the school. That implies, new files are added to the shelves. At the time this research was carried out, about 40 percent of the Head teacher, and DOS offices were occupied by files containing student's records.

5.1.3 Possible solutions to the problems

i) Training the employees on ways of effective record keeping. This would help in increasing the efficiency by overcoming some of the problems mentioned above.

ii) Developing an Automated Library Records Management System. This would involve identifying the problem, analyzing the findings and designing a system that will specifically solve the identified problems.

5.1.4 Description of the system

The system developed presented a user-friendly interface. Use of uniform coloring, and button arrangement supported the ease of use of the system. There are few but multifunctional command buttons that the user couldn't get mixed up with. The program is incorporated with system status indicator inform of light that shows the user the status of the system; either active or inactive. There is ease in configuring the system. The administrator simply installs the system and enters the network configuration with relation to server part of the system.

5.2.3 Students Registration Data Table

The design of the students' registration table (Figure 5.4) is as described here. It consisted of the following fields;

- Account (Primary key, text, 50, Not Null,);
- Name (text, 50, Null);
- class (text, 50, Null);
- Sex (text, 50, Null);
- date completed (date/time, Null);
- stream (text, 50, Null);
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Figure 5.4 Sample display of "Database table design- accounts" of the Kabojja Junior School Library Records Management System

The design of subjects done table (5.5) consists of the following fields;

- Subject (Primary key, text, 50, Not Null),
- Subject code(text, 50, Null),
- Order(Text, 10, Null)



Figure 5.5 Sample displays of a "Database table design-Subjects done" of the Kabojja Junior School Library Records Management System

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Figure 5.7 Sample display of a "Database table design- Students Results" of the Kabojja Junior School Library Records Management System

5.3 Table Relationship Design



The various data tables are related to one another as shown in Figure 5.8

Figure 5.8 Sample display of a "Database design table relationship" of the Kabojja Junior School Library Records Management System.

5.4 KJSLRMS Interface

5.4.1 Interface

The system interface provides the basic functions to start and stop the application and to get information on the number of processes and the on process identifier. It also provides a function to poll the system layer for a synchronous event. The function is architecture dependant. The system interface includes the screenshots taken from the System Software. These interface shows sequentially from welcome window through login, main window, up to exit.

5.4.2 Logging in the System

The login screen is loaded immediately after the welcome window. It is the security section that crosschecks the user access to the system. Users are required to enter the username and password as part of the access security measure. On clicking OK, the user is prompted to the system. But if the user enters wrong password, the system displays a message "Sorry Invalid Password"



Figure 5.9 Sample of the dialog box of "Login Screen" of the Kabojja Junior School Library Records Management System

5.4.3 The main Screen

The main screen displays the features of the program to aid users' accessibility of the system. It provides both controls and access to other forms and grids for data mining activities (Figure 5.10).

Figure 5.10 KJSLRMS Main screen

5.4.4 User Details

After the login is successfully verified, the user is presented with an appropriate screen depending on the level of access. In this case, a default screen for an administrator is the users details display screen in form view format. (Figure 5.11).

Sample user data entry forms

Below is the interface used in dispensing book and other library records

Figure 5.11 A sample of view form of "Users details display screen" of the Kabojja Junior School Library Records Management System.

5.4.5 Students' Registration

Figure 5.12 shows a student registration details in a form format. The view shows the details of all the registered students' details as entered by the administrator. The list is automatically arranged using the Student in the ascending order, updating and adding new entry can be done on the Add New form.

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Figure 5.12 A sample of the dialog box of "Students registration details- Form view" of the Kabojja Junior School Library Records Management System.

5.4.6 Subject available in the library

All the subjects are listed here with information such as Subject Code, Subject Name, and the user can edit, add new, retrieve, navigate, delete and update data. Saving is automatic can also be. The records can also be viewed one at a time by clicking on the 'option button' tab. The user can Edit, Add New, retrieve, Navigate, delete and Update data.

Figure 5.13 A sample of the dialog box of "Subject Done details- datasheet view" of the Kabojja Junior School Library Records Management System.

5.4.7 Fees Payment from library defaulters

Figure 5.14 shows a fees payment details in a form format. The form shows the details of the for recording payments from the library defaulters Note if a student has been confirmed to have lost say a book that she or he borrowed.

Figure 5.14 A sample of the dialog box of "Students Fees Payment- Form view" of the Kabojja Junior School Library Records Management System.

5.4.8 Reporting System

The reporting system is automatically generated on daily basis from the records entered. Some of reports that are automatically generated include the following, stock movement report, automatic generation library defaulters list, Automated and simplified book recordings using intelligent screens, Automatic generation of library reminder notes to clients (students), Automatic data checking before posting, Automatic reminder to the librarian about the overstay of some books with the borrowers.

Figure 5.15 A sample of the dialog box of "Reporting in form view" of the Kabojja Junior School Library Records Management System.

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Figure 5.16 A sample of the stock comparison report" of the Kabojja Junior School Library Records Management System.

5.4.9 Teachers Library Results

Since teacher's borrowing will also be catered for by the system below is a sample report generated from the system indicating teachers with schoolbooks

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5.5 KJSLRMS Specifications

5.5.1 Specifications

One job of the system specification is to define the full functionality of the system. In many systems we work on, some functionality is performed in hardware and some in software. It is the job of the System specification to define the full functionality and like the performance requirements, to set in motion the trade-off and preliminary design studies that allocated these functions to the different disciplines like mechanical, electrical and software (Scott et al. 2006).

Another function of the System specification is to specify performance. For instance, if a user wants to print a record on another computer on the network, the existence of the printer is the system's requirement, or if the System is required to move a mechanism to a particular position accurate to a repeatability of one millimeter that is a System's requirement. Some portion of that repeatability specification belongs to the mechanical hardware and some to the software. This changed the focus from what the system achieved to how it achieved it by definition in computer terms, taking into account both functional and non-functional requirements.

5.5.2 Requirements

5.5.2.1 Minimum requirements

The systems require a virtual explorer client, which has two major components (client and server machines) of which the minimum and recommended specifications are detailed as follows:

Minimum System Specification of the Client Machine:

Pentium	I11 and above					
Memory:	128 MB System RAM					
Display	16MB 15"Monitor,	VRAM Minimum reso	OpenGL olution 1027x768	Graphics 32bit Colors	Card	
Operating System	Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional					
Office:	Office XP Professional					
Network:	1 Network Card (RJ 45 standard)					

Minimum System Specification of the Server Machine

Pentium	IV and abo	IV and above						
Memory:	512 MB S	512 MB System RAM						
Display:	16MB 15"Monito	16MB VRAM OpenGL Graphics Ca 15"Monitor, Minimum resolution 800x600 32bit Colors						
Operating System:	perating System: Microsoft Windows 2000 Server							
Office:	Office 200	0 Professional						
Network:	2 Network Ca	2 Network Card (RJ 45 standard)						
5.5.2.2 Recommended	Requirements							
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Computer/Processor :	PIII 800 M	íHz						
Memory:	Memory: 256 MB System RAM							
Display	olay 16MB VRAM OpenGL Graphics C 17"Monitor, Minimum resolution 1024x768 32bit Colors							
Operating System	Microsoft Windows XP Professional							

Office:	Office 2000 Professional
Network:	1 Network Card (RJ 45 standard)

Recommended System Specifications of the Server Machine:

Computer/Processor:	PIV 2.4 GHz						
Memory:	512 MB Syster	n RAM					
Display:	16MB 19"Monitor, M	/RAM linimum re	OpenGL solution 1024x7	Graphics 68 32bit Colors	Card		
Operating System:	Microsoft Windo	ws 2003 So	erver				
Office:	Office 2003 Pr	ofessional					
Network:	ork: 2 Network Card (RJ 45 standard)						

Other Requirements

Other component required include: Router/ Switch, Network Cable (Cat 5E), Printers and Data Backup system

5.6 KJSLRMS Implementation

5.6.1 Program Implementation

5.6.1.1 Database management under KJSLRMS

The Microsoft Access database was used to support objects like tables and queries that in this case assisted in the establishment of the system. The table property of this version provided indexing services and appropriate tabling properties that suited the interfacing programming software (VB). Its ability to support advanced table and query relationships enables easy retrieval of relational data. This in turn generates perspective sensitive queries that allow the display of objectively stated output.

The student library record management system is a database, which was developed to assist librarians, administrators and teachers with many of the routine records management and tracking functions required in KJS. It provides the basic file structures to register students in both cases and programs of study, record students.

5.6.1.2 LAN system implementation

In general, the new KJSLRMS is management software that will be used by KJS to handle the Library records. Higher percentage of the administration, according to the conducted research supported the developed system. KJSLRMS will run over the school's LAN. The program has a central database file that can sit on the school's LAN and be backed up every day. Each workstation can access and update the same information.

Figure 4.7 An illustration of the Network Layout Model of the Kabojja Junior School Library Records Management System.

Source: http://www.digitalpeer.com/id

5.6.1.3 Output Sample Test

The new system provided an arrangement of library records in customized library reports. Any change made to the results entry table was automatically reflected in the report .It ensured that the right data value was entered into the system and the data value was automatically updated into the database. The data should be an integer data type or text; otherwise the system will display an error message "Invalid data".

5.6.2 Implementation Approach

This involved conversion of the current system to the new system. A lot of care was taken at that moment to avoid any information loss. Conversion of hardware, software and the manual files into the new system was done using the parallel approach. The old and the new system ran concurrently until the new system showed reliability and the old system was abandoned.

5.6.2.1 Installing the program

The user must have a CD-ROM containing the software and the database file. The following are the procedures to be followed while installing; insert the CD-ROM into the CD-ROM drive. Create a folder named "KJSRMIS" on drive D note drive d is recommended because of the need to guard against eventualities of windows crushing before an updated backup has been made. Copy the database file with .mdb extensive and paste it in the created folder and then right click on it and send the short cut to the desktop.

Recording of stock books (inventory)

We record books/stock items and their call number, so that at a later point they are automatically picked from the inventory file and the system therefore computes their total value based on the books borrowed

Call numbers:

Every book is entered and allocated unique call number

Stock books are entered using data entry screens accessible only to privileged users

Book Grouping:

We allocate groups to various books belonging to the same group and this facilitates generation of meaning full reports.

We also enter the book location names so as to enable the system generate meaning full reports.

Steps of recording stock

Entering new Call numbers

Books purchased for the **first time** must be entered into the system and allocated unique codes (Call numbers)

Use a radio button labeled Enter New books

Accession numbering: The books entered into the system are given unique Accession numbers

Here you will enter a Call number in the (call no) field and then click on go. N.B The books with more than one call number will be displayed and it is from here that you will click on the number you want. To enter the accession number corresponding with the call number as expressed in the example below

After entering the call number, the system will tell the name of the book whose call number you have entered. If enter it wrongly, the system will send you a message "the call number typed does not exist and then when you click ok it will ask you whether you want the system to generate for you some of the call numbers you might be looking for" if you click on yes the system will try to help you look for some call numbers close to what you are looking for and they will be displayed in the assumptions list. Here you will look for the number you want, click on it and all its details will be displayed. Then after confirming click on GO to enter its accession numbers

Accession numbers entry

When you click on the Go button the system will display the form below and it is here that you will enter the accession numbers.

N.B

When you are entering the accession numbers of book, you must take note of the following,

- a. Type: This refers to the type of book you are entering that is has it been donated or bought directly by the school or from our sources **please you must indicate.**
- b. The ISBN numbers, notes, and imprint can always be got from the book it's self.

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Note: After posting, that information will disappear and will have been posted to the stock/inventory register where you may not be able to see it.

Viewing posted Accession numbers

You can also view the posted serial number to do this just

Click on view posted Accession numbers

Or

Viewings posted scan codes

View posted scan codes that is if you had used a barcode scanner to enter those books into the system

After posting, the system will now be in position to generate the following reports

- 1) Subject summary (indicating the total number of books per subject)
- 2) The total number of books by location or shelf.
- 3) Report of books bought, money spent on purchases or donated in a specified period of time.

And many other exciting reports

REGISTERING OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

The system of registration has been divided into two categories;

- a. Registration of staff (Teaching and non teaching staff)
- b. Registrations of students

Registration of teachers

To register the teachers into the system just click on **Enter new teachers**. Note the system automatically assigns unique admission numbers for teacher all what you need is to enter only his or her name into the system

Registration of students

Before registering the students, you have to first enter the classes into the system, to do this just click on **Enter new class**

After completing the class registration, then you should click on **Enter new students** to enter the students into the system. N.B it is from here that you register new students in the system and also this form is used when changing the students name, class and stream as well.

The system automatically assigns admission numbers to the students registered. Optionally the school can provide admission numbers to be used by the system.

Note:

Please make sure that you indicate the class of any student you enter into the system

Recording of students borrowing and returning books

To get to this form, just click on Borrowing/Returning of books

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Data entry

We use the following screen to record the borrowing and returning of books. Here the user will simply indicate the account number of the student and the book Accession number and the system will tell him the book title after entering the Accession number. The system will also display all the books taken and returned by the student.

You can also use the same screen to break down a book into accession numbers and also to enter new record/ books into the system By just clicking on **enter new book**

Note: you can just use this same form to clear both those returning and taking books at the same time.

The system will also tell you the total number of books borrowed and even the total number of books returned by just filtering using the field called **Filter data**

Using the advanced search option on the form.

Procedure

Click on advanced search and then follow the instructions below.

Or

For the case of students with registration numbers you can enter their registration numbers in the search regno field and the press the enter button on your keyboard.

Method one.

Steps

- 1. Type some few letters of the name you want to find and then click on find.
- 2. Double click in the Client admission number (Student account number).

Clearing lost books

After clearing the returned books, the system will keep track of those books that have not been cleared on the students account and so if the librarian verifies that those books were lost by the student, then that implies that she or he (student) has to pay for those books

Use the button labeled books returned by cash

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Here what is required is the students account number and the receipt number and the amount paid for the lost book and after entering the student account number the system will automatically generate the books that have not been cleared on that specified account.

After clearing the system will now generate a report of;

- I. Those students who have cleared books by paying in cash.
- II. The total cash collected from lost books sorted on Faculty.

Reporting

System will help you to generate the reports below on daily basis.

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CHAPTER SIX

DISCUSSION, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.0 Discussion

The research was centered at KJS where the Library records management system was carried out. Relevant related information was also gathered from different categories of old system users; the opinions on how to improve it were also collected. Such opinions which were pointed out were, the installation of appropriate programs ideal to be used perfectly in record management system, and reinforcing computer security by using a more centralized data storage and management system and also ensuring computer safety through the installation of antiviruses. Questionnaires and Interviews were the methods used to collect data. Various sources of literature survey and review from books, journals, periodicals, newsletters, conference papers and internet were searched.

6.1 Conclusion

The study derived the following conclusions:

- Any Library record management system is a basic and highly valuable part of a school. Students, teachers and administrators value library services as it's a means that the employees value them. This makes Library results recording a necessity for the school. The school administration always try to use whatever means possible to see that the records are securely kept in a way that should help both for students use and reference purposes. KJS tries all means to ensure a safe and reliable way of Library records management.
- 2. Results obtained from study indicated the strong need for the system development and implementation. The system was seen by the expected users as feasible and beneficial for KJS's Library improvement. The priority was given to the Librarian's office as a test office where the prototyping would be carried out with the provision of expanding to other office of the school as resources become available. The major immediate users of the developed KJSLRMS should include the: Principal, Head teacher, DOS, class teacher and Administrative Assistants.

- 3. The research has further indicated that the vital server which will control the system should be hosted in the Librarian's office for easy and secure records management but should be available to the rest of the other users indicated at their offices through the already established Local Area Network.
- 4. KJSLRMS has all important features for improving the old records management system. It caters for all objectives as stated in the study and the system design. The students of all classes will certainly enjoy the system as it improves the Library record management system to ensure the timely delivery of Library records mainly the Library reports. All of these are key to measure the Library performance of the students and the school as a whole. The users shall also enjoy on the fastest Library documentation processes. The computerization of the Library record management system would make KJS to become more efficient in managing the Library records. KJSLRMS is an asset to KJS although with the fast pace communication technologies, further research should be carried out to improve the efficiency of the system.

6.2 Recommendations

Major Library components recommended to begin with under KJSLRMS include: Students registration, Subjects records, book classifications, Library results approval process, clearance of school dues (library defaulters), production of Library clearance card, compilation and recording of Library results, preparation of results for Library Board approval, preparation of results, establishment of database for Library records management, production of administrative reports, and automated Library results processing. More could however be included in future as needs arise.

General recommendations include the following:

- a. A System Administrator: An experienced system manager is required to help the project on managing the system, risk management, action items, scope management, change management, budgets and expenditure, and project status report.
- b. Reliable electric supply: Reliability of electricity for the system is a crucial so as to avoid the high chances of losing the records. Hence to secure the data from the system, there is a need to connect the system to the electric back-up system such as a standby generator.

- c. System maintenance: Regular maintenance of the system should be considered as an important aspect for its sustainability.
- d. **Training to users:**_Trained users of the system will help in the smooth running of the System.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1: INTERVIEW GUIDE

Interviewee:-----

Date:-----

Time:-----

Place:-----

Subject:-----

Time Allocated	Interviewer: Makumbi Sulaiman.	Interviewee Response
	Question or Objective	
4 min.	 Open the interview: Introduce ourselves Thank Mr., Madam,	
3 min.	Question 1: Is it a feasible and beneficial for a system to be implemented by the school?	

3 min.	Question 2:	
	If we were to prioritize which office	
	or departments would you	
	recommend to implement this	
	system as a modal and why?	
2 min.	Question 3:	
	At which stage of the Library	
	process would you consider crucial	
	for the automated system?	
	1) Inventory management of	
	books	
	2) Approval process	
	3) Clearance of fee for library	
	defaulters	
	4) Library cards for students	
	5) Compilation and recording	
	of library borrowers	
	6) Display of defaulters list.	
	7) Production of library Reports	
4 min.	Question 4:	
	What do you foresee as possible	
	limitations for the effectiveness of	
	this system at the School?	
2 min.	Question 5:	
	What categories of the School's staff	
	should be considered to access the	

APPENDIX 2: QUESTIONNAIRE FORM

Preamble

The purpose of this questionnaire is to find out information regarding the Automated Library Records Management System in Kabojja Junior School. The finding of this research will be primarily used for academic purposes. All information provided in here will be treated with strict confidentiality.

NOTE: *Please tick the box of your choice and fill in the blank spaces.*

1. What are the Library rules and regulations guiding in using the library at your school?
2. (a) Is there any central meeting at your office which scrutinizes the already set up materials by the librarian?
Yes No
(b) If YES, who is the chairperson of the above meeting?
3. (a) Is there any scrutinization of records questions to your school?
Yes No
(b) If Yes, who is the head of the above meeting.
A. What is the normanizers in relation to multiple choice, chiestive and descriptive questions at
your school?
20% 40% 60% Above 70%

5. (a) Does your school computerize your Library system?				
Yes No				
(b) If Yes, indicate the part of the system which are computerized.				
Principal Head teacher DOS Others				
6. Indicate how the Library records are being managed.				
7. (a) How are the Library records entered/stored in your school database?				
Using Black books Using Ms. Excel Ms. Access				
(b) Who enters the Library results into your database?				
Librarian Class teachers Teachers				
8. What exact part of the Library system would you like to be computerized and NOT to other parts of the system?				
Student Registration Library monitoring by teachers				
Compilation of Library results duction of report cards				
9. (i)What do you think would be the merits of a computerized Library system at Kabojja Junior School?				
Junior School?				
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11. (i) Do you prepare library reports at your school?				
Yes No				
(ii) If Yes, mention the office responsible for preparing administrative library reports.				
12. What other additional information would you think by having or not having a computerized				

Library system will affect the school's credibility.

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13. General comments on the computerized Library systems at Kabojja Junior School?

Thank you

APPENDIX 3: USERS PERCEPTION OF THE SYSTEM

Stage of Library records for computerization	% of respondents
1. Students registration	100
2. Subject records	100
3. Daily stock checking by the librarian	54.5
4. Library approval process	72.7
5. Verification process from the payments from defaulters	82
6. Issuing of library cards	63.6
9. Library monitoring by teachers	4.5 (not possible)
10. Compilation and recording of Library borrowers and those returning.	91
11. Database establishment of Library reports	82
12. Production of students' defaulters lists	95.5
13. Librarians office to host KJSLRMS	73 (others Principal)

Table 4. Users' perception on the use of different stages of Library Records Management System