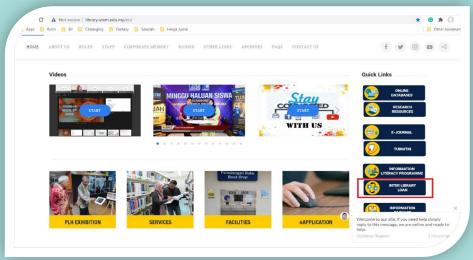
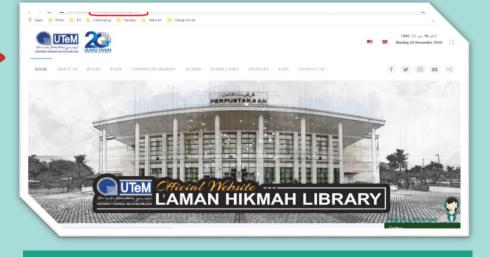




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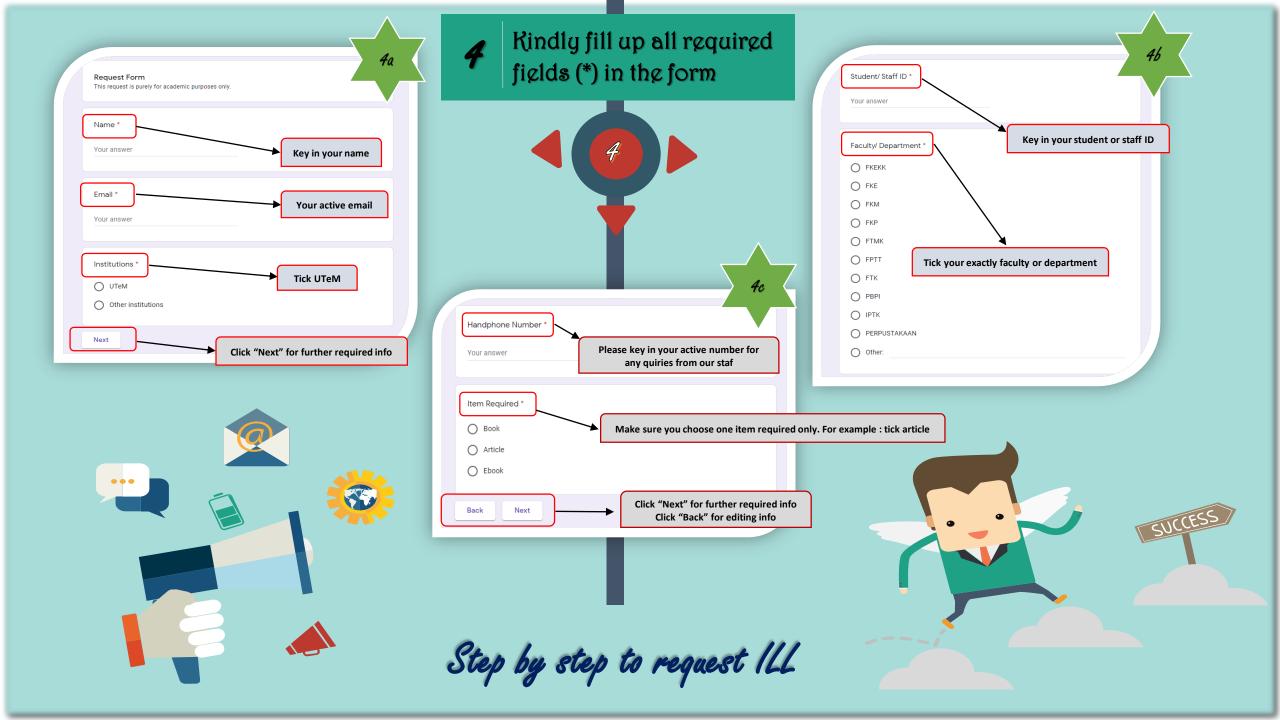
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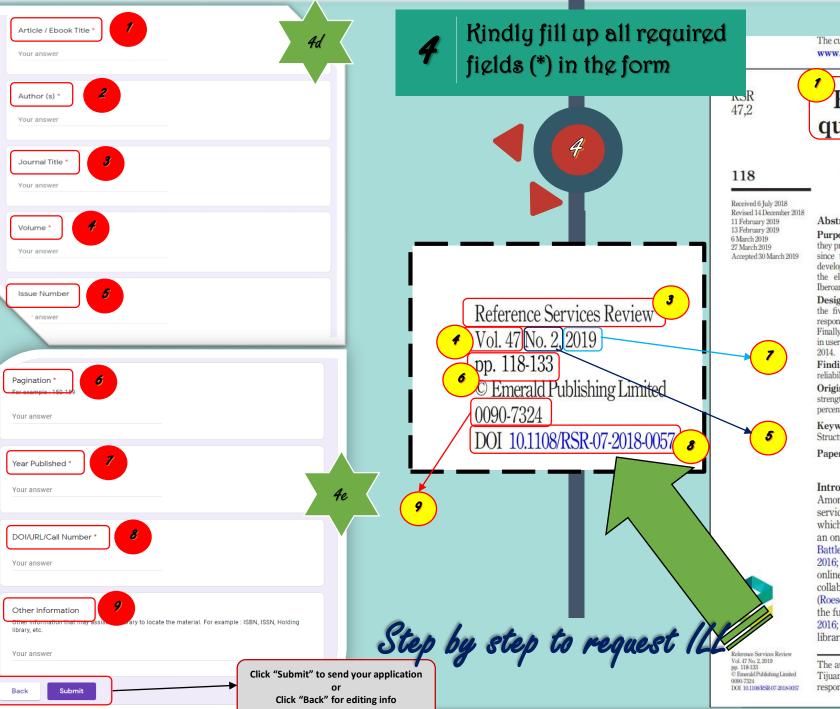
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## Electronic reference services: a quality and satisfaction evaluation

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#### Abstract

Purpose - An evaluation of libraries and their overall quality should consider the quality of the services they provide. Satisfaction in terms of the service provided is indicative of the quality of reference services and since these services are expensive, evaluation is therefore essential. This paper aims to outline the development of a structural equations model to evaluate service quality and user satisfaction with regard to the electronic reference service provided by Francisco Xavier Clavigero Library belongs to the Iberoamericana University, located in Mexico City.

Design/methodology/approach - This model suggests that service quality can be explained by way of the five dimensions of the SERVQUAL methodology, (reliability, assurance, tangibles, empathy and responsiveness) and in turn, quality explains both user satisfaction and the value of the service to its patrons. Finally, this model suggests that a positive increase in user satisfaction leads to a lineal and positive increase in user loyalty. The evaluation considered 297 users who made at least one electronic reference request during

Findings - The adjustment of the structural model reveals that the latent variables that explain quality are reliability and responsiveness, and that quality explains satisfaction, which in turn explains user loyalty.

Originality - The generation of an indicator to evaluate the reference services enables identification of its strengths and weaknesses to offer a more efficient service, considering that it represents a significant percentage of the library's financial and human resources.

Keywords Library services, Satisfaction, Quality, User, Electronic reference services, Structural equation models

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### Introduction

Among the various services provided by libraries and information centers are reference services. An evaluation of reference services is essential in any library to know the extent to which its work is performed adequately or not (Fuentes, 1999). As these services are costly, an ongoing evaluation and quality improvement process is necessary (Rehman et al., 2011; Battley and Wright, 2012; Chow and Croxton, 2014; Akor and Alhassan, 2015; Ebijuwa et al., 2016; Khobragade and Lihitkar, 2016). Reference services are provided face-to-face and/or online. This study specifically evaluates the online reference service, which comprises a collaboration between the library user and the librarian via a computer-based medium (Roesch, 2006). In recent years, with the explosion of information resources on the internet, the future of reference services has been questioned (Dove and Tyckoson, 2015; Madelynn, 2016; Smith and Wong, 2016; Thorpe, 2017). This situation has led to a change in the role of librarians, who now focus more heavily on the filtering and evaluation of resources

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