

Evaluation Archival Centers of Tehran City Based on Archival Health Measures

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Abstract: The present study seeks to determine the necessary indicators in this field by examining the existing texts and standards. The existence of health indicators to control archival centers is very important due to the vulnerability of these centers and prevents contamination and prevents the growth of microorganisms. The present study was conducted in terms of applied purpose and descriptive survey method. By reviewing the literature as well as talking to archival experts, a checklist of health indicators was prepared to assess the health status of archival resources. The checklist prepared for review and evaluation of face validity was provided to Iranian experts in the field of archives. Finally, 34 specialists from 14 archival centers answered the questions. The data obtained from distributed distribution logs were analyzed using Excel software and descriptive statistics. Then, 15 archival centers in Tehran were examined using this checklist. During the present study, 12 indicators were prepared for this purpose. These 12 indicators can be seen in Figure 1.

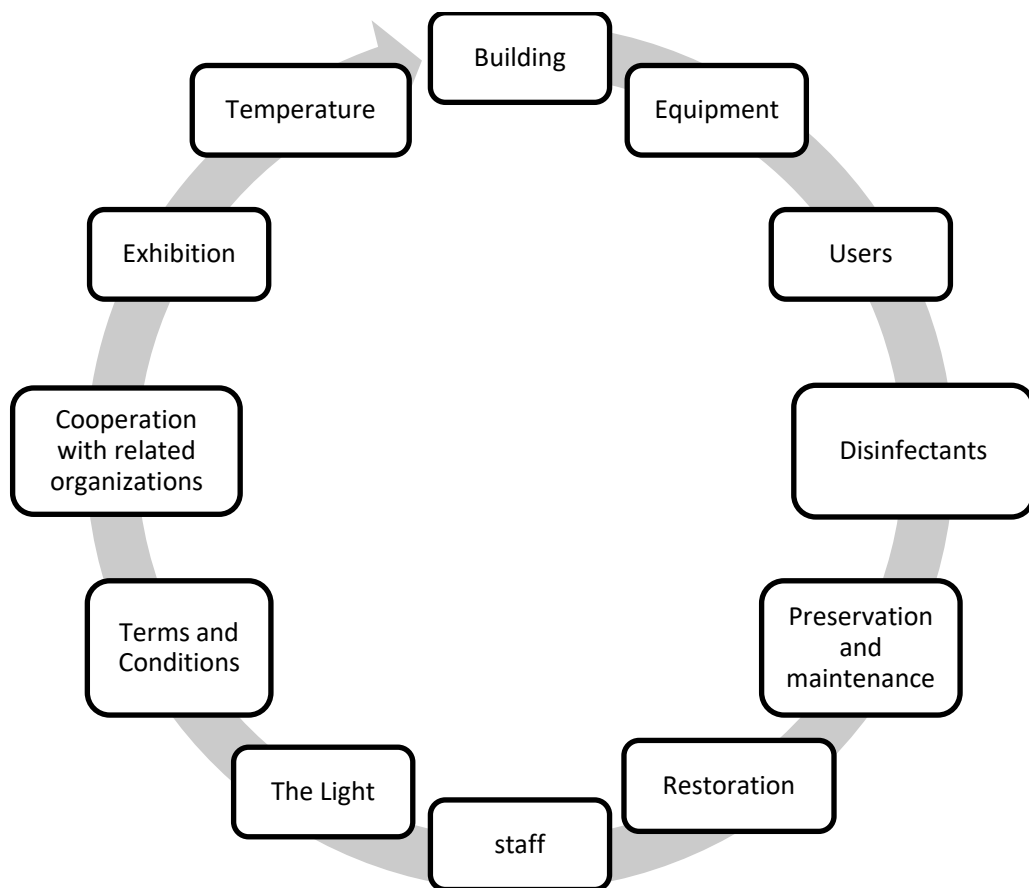


Figure 1- Proposed health indicators for evaluating archival centers

The present study showed that there are no health indicators for measuring Iranian archival centers. Therefore, in the present study, these indicators were prepared to review archival centers. Due to the importance of observing health indicators in archival centers to create appropriate conditions in the field of resource protection, it is recommended that archival centers be measured using health indicators. The results showed that a number of archive centers in Tehran are not in good condition in terms of health indicators. It is suggested that the National Archives and Library of Iran hold training courses to familiarize archivists with health standards and indicators in the field of protection and preservation of archival resources.

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