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Scientific and technical periodicals are a powerful mean of disseminating current information on research and development. As these periodicals published in Sri Lanka are few nearly ninety five percent of our requirements come from the developed countries of the western world. Mode of subscription is direct ordering from publishers, through foreign subscription agencies and in rare occasions through membership. The subscription rates of these are high with a tendency of increasing around 10% annually. This study based on special and university libraries and on printed periodicals published in English, attempts to find out how far these periodicals are received to the satisfaction and aspirations of librarians and how far these are being used. The study also attempts to find better ways to procure and facilitate optimum use. The sample of this study is a stratified sample. Data is analysed by exploratory methods showing frequencies central tendencies, <sup>and</sup> range. Data analysed by univariate and bivarariate methods are displayed by tables, barcharts, piecharts, graphs etc.

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