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The purpose of this research was to study the exchange of publications, focusing on exchange policies, steps and practice procedures, types and subjects of publications received from the exchange, problems and directions for solving the problems in 52 State University Libraries, 13 central libraries and 39 faculty libraries. The results of this study were :

Administration : most libraries combined the publication exchange with gift operations in acquisition section which was operated by one part-time professional librarian.

Policies : most libraries had not written exchange policies. The most types of publications available using for exchange were publications of libraries and universities in general topic and medical, which were published in Thai language. The form of publications were original and duplicate exchanging among the university and college libraries both in Thailand and abroad. All criterias of exchange were used for determining the suitable of each exchange. The exchanges were arranged directly among libraries.

Steps and practice procedures : most libraries known the sources having publications for exchange either libraries or various agencies by informing to exchange some of publications and selected publications from the lists of publications offered for exchange. Most libraries sent their publications to the partner by post and spend only for exchange. Most libraries sometimes received publications but did not claim them. Most libraries kept the records which were address of the partners and others for correspondence, and also of publications to be sent and received.

Types and subjects of publications received : most libraries received the publications of libraries and universities in bibliography and library science, science and medical which were published both in Thai and English.

Problems and directions for problem solving : libraries encountered all kinds of problems in middle level and used low level of directions for solving the problems of personnel, policies and practices and publications, and used middle level of directions for other problems.