

This research study aims to study the information needs and uses of the faculty members of Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University in terms of the type, subject content and language of information use and needs as well as the sources of information use and problems encountered.

It was found from the research findings that the type of information which the faculty members most used is the textbook, type of the audio-visual material which is used most is the video tape, and computer printout is the form which is more preferable than other patterns used with the computer. Social Sciences, English language, and Office of Documentation and Information of Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University are the types of subject content, language, and source of information which are preferably used.

As for the type of information needs, it was revealed that textbook is the type of publication which the faculty members need most. The types of audio-visual material and of those used with the computer alike are all needed less. The subject content which is needed much more than others is the education, and Thai language is the information language which is needed most. Besides, it was also disclosed that subject area which the faculty members teach and objectives for the use of information affects differently on their information needs.

The problems of information use faced by the faculty members are the difficulties in using the information in the form of computer, the scarcity of specific subject area of information, and the inadequacy of information on the Thai and English languages. Finally, it was reported that problems which the faculty members encountered in using the source of information is the inconvenience in using other libraries and documentation centers outside the university.