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The objectives of this research are to study the operation of microforms in technical and reader's services as well as the problems of the academic Library in the Central and rural area.

The result of the research indicates that most Libraries have policy to keep printed materials in microforms for space saving, resources developing and reference service. In most libraries. Librarians take responsibility in microforms acquisition. Only 14 libraries have microforms reproduced in the libraries. For cataloging most libraries use Anglo - American Cataloging Rules second edition. Microforms are stored in steel cabinet in air - conditioning rooms. They are filed by accession numbers.

For reader's services both microforms and original copies are provided for users to use in the libraries. Card catalogs are the only tool for searching.

Microforms operation problems are that users are not satisfy with the variety of microforms format. Also microforms users are too few comparing to the high cost of operation.