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Introduction to Reference and Information Services in Today's School Library

This text is designed to provide the beginning student of library and information science with an overview of the most important tools for general reference work and the concepts and theory behind today's reference services. Part I deals with concepts and theory and is topical. It covers such areas as ethical aspects of reference service, reference interview, the principles and goals of library instruction, bibliographic control and search strategies, training and continuing education for reference staff, the evaluation of reference services, and the management of these services. In many cases specific applications in different types of libraries are pointed out. Expanded

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coverage of electronic reference service is provided by two full chapters devoted to basic principles and current trends in this area. A separate chapter covers unique approaches to reference service for special groups. Part II describes the general principles and sources for selecting and evaluating reference tools and the princi

IM and SMS Reference Services for Libraries

A stimulating and informative appraisal of the international librarianship scene and the reference service function. Experts discuss how international reference services can be improved to facilitate true exchange of information around the world. They look squarely at problems and provide answers to a host of pertinent questions, such as information counseling and policies, reference services and global awareness, integrating a central reference international studies program, and more.

Reference and Information Services

Designed to complement every introductory library reference course, this is the perfect text for students and librarians looking to expand their personal reference knowledge, teaching failsafe methods for identifying important materials by matching specific types of questions to the best available sources, regardless of format. Guided by a national advisory board of educators and practitioners, this thoroughly updated text expertly keeps up with new technologies

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and practices while remaining grounded in the basics of reference work. Chapters on fundamental concepts, major reference sources, and special topics provide a solid foundation; the text also offers fresh insight on core issues, including ethics, readers' advisory, information literacy, and other key aspects of reference librarianship; selecting and evaluating reference materials, with strategies for keeping up to date; assessing and improving reference services; guidance on conducting reference interviews with a range of different library users, including children and young adults; a new discussion of reference as programming; important special reference topics such as Google search, 24/7 reference, and virtual reference; and delivering reference services across multiple platforms As librarians experience a changing climate for all information services professionals, in this book Cassell and Hiremath provide the tools needed to manage the ebb and flow of changing reference services in today's libraries.

An Introduction to Reference Services in Academic Libraries

Expert advice for more effective teamwork in the library! Cooperative Reference: Social Interaction in the Workplace addresses the need for reference librarians to work together to keep the system running smoothly. This book explores the various means of developing social professionalism, collaborating on projects, and combining forces with other libraries to remain on the cutting edge of

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information services in this new century. Using this guide, you will learn from the first-hand experiences of on-the-job reference librarians. This book will give you—as a reference librarian, administrator, library science student, or educator—ideas to support cooperative efforts in the library and beyond. This book will show you how to better interact with: other reference librarians face-to-face users online users library and academia faculty other libraries

Cooperative Reference reveals how patrons perceive you from the other side of the desk. This book shows that first impressions—how you dress, your attitude, how you interact with other workers, and how you address the patron's questions—directly affect the patron's visit and influence his or her decisions about using your library in the future. The social skills in this volume can also directly benefit your library as library budgets can no longer keep up with the skyrocketing costs of library materials. To continue viability, many libraries must be willing to work together to share costs and experience. Other topics in Cooperative Reference include: tag-team referencing—a dynamic, synergistic environment at the reference desk teaching librarians about interpersonal skills—how to establish professional, collegial relationships with one another librarians teaming up to teach a class together cooperative reference desk scheduling—how to create and implement tailored desk hours collection development between librarians for different departments working together to create online services a consolidation of reference services by two separate libraries Using several case examples, this well-referenced book takes an innovative look at the ever-increasing necessity for

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librarians to work together for the good of the patrons, the workers, and the library structure. Cooperative Reference will improve the reference services of public and academic libraries both large and small.

Reference and Information Services

Reference and information services are considered an important activity of a modern library. This comprehensive and student-friendly book discusses in detail different types of information and reference sources and services, such as encyclopaedias, directories, yearbooks, dictionaries, geographical sources, biographical sources, statistical sources and handbooks. The book is organised into four parts. Part I deals with various types of information sources such as documentary and non-documentary sources. Part II discusses different types of reference services, organisation of reference section and the role of the librarian in the digital age. Part III describes the wide range of information service such as Current Awareness Service (CAS) and Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI). Part IV provides an overview of important information systems such as National Information System for Science and Technology (NISSAT) and International System for Agricultural Science and Technology (AGRIS). The book is intended for the undergraduate and postgraduate students of library science. Besides, it will also be very useful for librarians, information scientists, and information professionals. Salient Features Deals with both theoretical and practical aspects of information

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sources and services. Discusses various types of information sources and services keeping in view the latest trends and developments in the field. Presents the concepts related to information sources and services in a systematic and accessible way.

Library Reference Services and Information Literacy: Models for Academic Institutions

As classrooms and universities strive to adapt their instructional methods to an ever progressing technological age, it is imperative that academic libraries also revisit the ways in which reference and instruction services are organized and implemented. *Library Reference Services and Information Literacy: Models for Academic Institutions* not only advocates for a more intentional integration of reference and instructional services, but it also provides organizational background, staff objectives, and various successes and challenges that have already been experienced by real institutions. This publication is an important reference source for librarians, practitioners, and university leaders who wish to maximize the current utilization of their resources.

The Human Side of Reference and Information Services in Academic Libraries

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Introduction to Reference and Information Services in Today's School Library

With this handy new guidebook, reference luminary Jo Bell Whitlatch outlines practical methods for evaluating and delivering excellent reference service to the technology-savvy library user of today.

Information Sources in Science and Technology

E-Reference Context and Discoverability in Libraries: Issues and Concepts

Information literacy textbook.

Reference and Information Services in the 21st Century, Second Edition Revised

Thoroughly updated, this is the essential guide to one of the most fundamental fields in the library profession. It links you—and through you, your

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patrons—to the significant changes that have occurred in reference and information sciences with emphasis on the growth of digital content. • Provides a comprehensive text edited by two highly regarded experts in reference and academic librarianship, Linda C. Smith and Melissa A. Wong, with chapters written by some of the best minds in the library science field • Includes newly updated information that reflects today's realities in reference service with an indication of how reference service may be provided to meet changing patron needs in the future • Encompasses the effective use of print sources, free online sources, and fee-based sources • Features individual chapters that can be used for in-service staff training or in student course packs

Managing and Adapting Library Information Services for Future Users

Nothing changes faster in today's libraries than reference services. The purpose of this collection of thirty articles is to help both the beginner and the experienced librarian keep up with that change through the explanations and points of view of leaders in the field. This volume, like the first two (1978 and 1982), brings together in a single, convenient place a representative view of today's reference and information services for students, teachers, and librarians. It can be used alone, or in conjunction with the author's fifth edition of 'Introduction to Reference Work' (McGraw-Hill, 1986, 2 vols.). All of the pieces in this collection are cited in one of those two volumes.

Reference and Information Services

Updated to reflect the latest trends in reference services and the newest sources commonly used for reference work, this long-awaited book offers you a state-of-the-art view of the concepts, theories, and practicalities of reference work today. A host of specialists have contributed to the collection. This new edition includes more detailed discussion of a wider range of reference-related services including interlibrary loan, document delivery, and readers' advisory services. There is also increased attention to ethical issues and a stronger focus on user-centered services, both face-to-face and mediated by technology. In addition, the authors discuss Web sites of significant value to reference services and the impact of the Internet and World Wide Web on reference services. This carefully designed and readable text explains the essential theory and provides the practical knowledge necessary for an initial reference course. Its broad scope and organizational clarity will benefit students and practitioners.

Reference and Information Services

Students need to be able to distinguish good information from bad. This book gives you the tools to transmit those essential skills to your students. • Covers theories of information behavior, models of information literacy, and provision of reference services in various mediums • Emphasizes reference and instructional services and examines the impact of

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the Common Core State Standards on reference services in schools • Explains how to conduct the reference interview

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intelligence, and web 2.0 intellectual property are also addressed. This book introduces the entering professional, and updates practitioners, to current standards and useful strategies.

Reference and Information Services

This manual offers insightful information on the technological aspects of providing an SMS and IM service, as well as how to create a training programme for librarians and how to build an internship programme to expand the service.

Reference and Instructional Services for Information Literacy Skills in School Libraries, 3rd Edition

This revised and updated sixth edition of Reference and Information Services continues the book's rich tradition, covering all phases of reference and information services with less emphasis on print and more emphasis on strategies and scenarios. Reference and Information Services is the go-to textbook for MSLIS and i-School courses on reference services and related topics. It is also a helpful handbook for practitioners. Authors include LIS faculty and professionals who have relevant degrees in their areas and who have published extensively on their topics. The first half of the book provides an overview of reference services and techniques for service provision, including the reference interview, ethics, instruction, reader's advisory, instruction, and services to diverse populations including children.

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This part of the book establishes a foundation of knowledge on reference service and frames each topic with ethical and social justice perspectives. The second part of the book offers an overview of the information life cycle and dissemination of information, followed by an in-depth examination of information sources by type--including dictionaries, encyclopedias, indexes, and abstracts--as well as by broad subject areas including government, statistics and data, health, and legal information. This second section introduces the tools and resources that reference professionals use to provide the services described in the first half of the text. Reference and Information Services is a recognized textbook for information retrieval courses and updates the previous edition. Editors and contributors are experts in the field. Activity boxes engage readers and invite them to reflect on what they are learning and practice skills through real-life exercises. Conscious integration of critical theory and social justice perspectives offers critical reflection on the standards and practices of the field and encourages readers to consider alternate perspectives.

Providing Reference Services

Providing Reference Services: A Practical Guide for Librarians was written with the working librarian in mind; it focuses on specific methods and information to help foster effective, exceptional results. Topics covered include: Reference services: basic information and background Reference resources and tutorials Organizing and providing services Staffing

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and performance management Forming helpful partnerships (internal and external) The future of reference Readers will come away with a solid foundation in reference services. They will have the knowledge to update or restructure an existing reference program, or to create a program from the ground up. Individual chapters and subsections provide constructive tips and advice for specific reference issues. Taken as a whole, this book provides a valuable, inclusive source of information for all major aspects of reference service. Providing Reference Services is an appropriate resource for nearly all librarians in public-service positions, especially those with reference responsibilities, whether they are working reference librarians at any level of experience, reference supervisors, or administrators with oversight of reference services. The content is relevant to academic, public, school, and special libraries—any library or organization, in fact, that offers reference or research assistance.

Reference and Information Services

This book examines the questions: how academic libraries provide value-added reference and information services in the digital age. It provides best practices from a global perspective. The book starts by looking at the information needs and info-seeking behaviours of university students and faculty. Then it examines the use cycle: consumer, instruction, and producer. It examines the resource cycle: collection development, instructor, maintenance. What are the essential elements of

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reference: orientation, instruction, collaborative planning, products? Focuses on information needs and information-seeking behaviours of academic library stakeholders (faculty, students, community) Focuses on technologies: impact on reference and information services (selection, access, interaction, instruction, administration), focusing on the human issues Emphasizes collaborative aspects of reference/info services (with faculty for program/course instruction, with computer services for digital integration, with other libraries for resource

Reference and Information Services: An Introduction, 6th Edition

The purpose of this collection of 24 articles is to bring together in a single, convenient place a representative view of reference and information services for students, teachers, and librarians. the convenience to beginning student and lazy librarian is worth the price. --LIBRARY JOURNAL

Reference Service

This practical guide teaches failsafe methods for identifying important materials by matching specific types of questions to the best available sources, regardless of format. Information on more than 300 sources has been updated to provide you high quality information.

Numeric Data Services and Sources for the General Reference Librarian

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The proliferation of online access to social science statistical and numeric data sources, such as the U.S. Census Bureau's American Fact Finder, has led to an increased interest in supporting these sources in academic libraries. Many large libraries have been able to devote staff to data services for years, and recently smaller academic libraries have recognized the need to provide numeric data services and support. This guidebook serves as a primer to developing and supporting social science statistical and numerical data sources in the academic library. It provides strategies for the establishment of data services and offers short descriptions of the essential sources of free and commercial social science statistical and numeric data. Finally, it discusses the future of numeric data services, including the integration of statistics and data into library instruction and the use of Web 2.0 tools to visualize data. Written for a general reference audience with little knowledge of data services and sources who would like to incorporate support into their general reference practice Combines information on establishing data services with an introduction to available statistical and numeric data sources Provides insight into the integration of statistics and data into library instruction and the social science research process

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Reference Sources and Services for Youth

This book is an essential overview of what it means to be a library and information professional. Hirsh provides a broad overview of the transformation of libraries as information organizations, why these organizations are more important today than ever before, and the various career opportunities available for information professionals.

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International Aspects of Reference and Information Services

Search skills of today bear little resemblance to searches through print publications. Reference

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service has become much more complex than in the past, and is in a constant state of flux. Learning the skill sets of a worthy reference librarian can be challenging, unending, rewarding, and-- yes, fun.

Guidelines for Reference and Information Services in Public Libraries

Based on the latest research in communication theory but tailored specifically for real-world application, this updated manual speaks equally to the needs of students preparing to enter the profession and those who are already fielding reference inquiries. The authors, working in consultation with a stellar advisory board of scholars and practitioners, present a convenient and comprehensive resource that will teach you how to understand the needs of public, academic, and special library users across any virtual setting—including email, text messaging, and social media—as well as in traditional and face-to-face models of communication. Packed with exercises and examples to help you practice effective reference transactions and avoid common pitfalls, this book tackles the fundamentals of the reference interview, from why it's important in the first place to methods for setting the stage for a successful interview and techniques for finding out what the library user really wants to know; covers the ins and outs of the readers' advisory interview; examines a wide range of contexts, such as children, young adults, parents, seniors, adults from diverse communities, and those with disabilities; presents case studies of innovative reference and user encounters at a variety of

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libraries; offers updated coverage of virtual reference, including new research, virtual reality transcripts, and a look at crowd-sourcing reference via social media; features new content on common microaggressions, with guidance on how to use awareness of emotion as a factor in reference interactions to ensure better outcomes; discusses topics such as respecting/protecting privacy, overcoming assumptions, implicit judgment, the importance of context, determining the real information need, and many other lessons learned from challenging reference encounters; and thoroughly addresses policy and training procedures, as well as the unique challenges faced by paraprofessionals and non-degreed staff. Find your bearings in the continually evolving hybrid reference environment through proven strategies, advice, exercises, and research from three experts in the field.

Evaluating Reference Services

International Aspects of Reference and Information Services

Libraries today provide a wider variety of services, collections, and tools than at any time in the past. This book explores how reference librarianship is changing to continue to help users find information they need in this shifting environment.

Research Like a Librarian

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An introductory text on various aspects of reference services—that requires your students to think! An Introduction to Reference Services in Academic Libraries is a comprehensive textbook that presents compelling case studies and thought-provoking essays that teach the principles of reference services. Eighteen authorities from private and public academic libraries around the United States offer unique perspectives and solid information in an active learning format that requires students to think and learn. The book provides a stimulating starting point for those learning about planning, managing, and evaluating reference services. An Introduction to Reference Services in Academic Libraries is a valuable teaching resource that helps college teachers to move beyond traditional passive learning to more effective active learning. Each chapter's interest-sparking activities and questions challenge students to dynamically search out solutions to specific problems. The text takes a broad, informative—and at times amusing—look at the foundations of reference services, using the uniquely creative activities and questions to make difficult topics such as virtual reference services, relational reference, academic portfolios, and reference cost calculators easy to learn. The book is thoroughly referenced, and many chapters include charts and special activities to help spark student engagement in the learning process. Over thirty tables and figures make complex information easy to access and understand. An Introduction to Reference Services in Academic Libraries includes discussions on: virtual information literacy tutorials the minimal and maximal models of reference functions—and the smooth transition to the

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trriage model marketing strategies to attract male faculty the reference desk as impediment to accessibility relational reference virtual reference—including instant messaging and software issues guidance, assistance, and instruction of students reference assistance, outreach, and instructions maintaining high quality service—while maximizing the time of reference librarians collection development policies evaluating reference costs diversity librarians ranking on level with faculty positions the importance—and development—of teaching portfolios unusual library patrons and more! An Introduction to Reference Services in Academic Libraries is a stimulating teaching resource that is perfect for library school students, entry-level academic librarians, library support staff, mid-career librarians new to academic libraries, and library school faculty.

Reference and Information Services: An Introduction, 5th Edition

Offering a broad overview of consequential changes in the landscape of reference services, this guide also provides practical guidance on how to meet the new challenges they present. For the past decade, librarians have been lamenting the demise of reference services. Encouraging recent research shows that reference librarians are actually in more demand than ever; however, nearly everything about reference has changed—from technologies, tools, and techniques to models of service. What are these changes, and how can the profession respond to and

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prepare for shifting priorities and user needs? In this volume, business librarians Diane Zabel and Lauren Reiter bring together a host of experts to answer these timely questions. Topics range from the education and training of professionals to meeting the needs and wants of employers. Covered are trends in chat reference, research consultations, do-it-yourself reference, tracking trends with user populations, assessment, and data-driven decisions about reference services. Grounded in the principle that regardless of the evolutions in service, the user remains at the center of reference, this guide offers readers an exciting look at the future of this important public service. Informs librarians of trends currently affecting the profession and shows how to deal with them Covers a wide array of topics, from those affecting the education of reference services to assessment of services Provides an in-depth look at new models in reference services

Reimagining Reference in the 21st Century

"Works of Dr. Shiyali Ramamrita Ranganathan (S.R. Ranganathan) need no introduction. They are renowned not because they cover certain facet of library and information science, but because they have been written by the father of library science in india, Dr. Ranganathan. These library science classics have been reprinted to make Dr. Ranganathan's work available to the current generation of librarians and for those to come."

Envisioning the Future of Reference: Trends, Reflections, and Innovations

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Reference/information Services in Iowa Libraries

This guide constitutes The Library Association's policy statement and recommendations on the nature and quality of library provision in reference and information services in public libraries. Based on current good practice, it identifies the key areas and main factors which provide a benchmark for acceptable standards of practice.

Information Services Today

Information in today's modernized world has become much more attainable with the use of technology. A resource that has fallen victim to this are library services. What was once a staple of knowledge and communication has failed to keep pace with recent advancements in information service providers. Library practitioners need to learn how to manage change, build influence, and adapt their services to remain relevant within local communities. Libraries can continue to play a key role in future aspects of information provision, but proper research is a necessity. *Managing and Adapting Library Information Services for Future Users* is a collection of innovative research that encapsulates practices, concepts, ideas, and proposals that would chart pathways for libraries of all types to envision and understand how to thrive and remain relevant in the competitive information provision environment. It is expected to motivate

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librarians and information scientists to probe further into how libraries would better serve user communities of the 21st century who have options of accessing information from sources other than from libraries. While highlighting topics including artificial intelligence, human design thinking, and alternative finance, this book is ideally designed for librarians, information specialists, architects, data scientists, researchers, community development practitioners, policymakers, faculty members, and students seeking current research on emerging advancements in library optimization.

Conducting the Reference Interview, Third Edition

Reflecting the dramatic changes shaped by rapidly developing technologies over the past six years, this new fourth edition of "Reference and Information Services" takes the introduction to reference sources and services significantly beyond the content of the first three editions. In Part I, Concepts and Processes, chapters have been revised and updated to reflect new ideas and methods in the provision of reference service in an era when many users have access to the Web. In Part II, "Information Sources and Their Use," discussion of each source type has been updated to encompass key resources in print and on the Web, where an increasing number of freely available sources join those purchased or licensed by libraries. A number of new authors are contributors to this new edition, bringing to their chapters their experience as teachers of reference and as practitioners in different

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types of libraries. Discussions of services in Part I integrate digital reference as appropriate to each topic, such as how to conduct a reference interview online using instant messaging. Boxes interspersed in the text are used to present scenarios for discussion, to highlight key concepts, or to present excerpts from important documents. Discussions of sources in Part II place more emphasis on designing effective search strategies using both print and digital resources. The chapter on selection and evaluation of sources addresses the changing nature of reference collections and how to evaluate new types of sources. Each chapter concludes with an updated list of additional readings to guide further study. A new companion website will provide links to Web-accessible readings and resources as well as additional scenarios for discussion and example search strategies to supplement those presented in the text.

INFORMATION SOURCES, SERVICES AND SYSTEMS

Examines the issues of reference context and discoverability in school, public, and academic libraries, as well as within the reference publishing community.

Reference and Information Services in the 21st Century

Information Sources in Science and Technology: A Practical Guide to Traditional and Online Use presents

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a selection of traditional and online methods of using information sources in science and technology, including people, organizations, literature, hosts, and databases. This text serves as a reference book that helps the reader choose sources of information and their guides, includes a routine for finding and using information, and offers tips on searching and obtaining literature in a usable form. This book is comprised of nine chapters and begins by explaining how to choose type(s) of information source that is likely to be most helpful. The chapters that follow present guides on people, organizations, and literature as sources of information. A chapter on information services focuses on those organizations that supply information or references to information that could be helpful. These services range from answering telephone queries to supplying collections of relevant documents, and from broadcast television information to direct connection with computer databases. The next chapters discuss ways of searching the literature and computer databases, obtaining literature in a usable form, and organizing and presenting information. This book concludes by considering current awareness or keeping up-to-date with information about recent developments. This monograph is intended for librarians and information officers, especially for those working in scientific or industrial environments, practicing scientists and engineers, and students associated with these professions.

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