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**Reference and Information Services: An Introduction, 4th Edition** ABC-CLIO

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 Skills for the School Librarian: Tools and Tips, 3rd Edition* Psychology Press

This book, first published in 1988, looks at the relationship between public policy and information and reports ways in which libraries respond to the need for public policy information. Chapters provide perspectives from a variety of library settings with different user groups who, in turn, have different information needs. This volume will stimulate you to examine the adequacy of your own reference services and to a greater appreciation of the dynamic relationship between public policy and information services.

*Reference Services in Archives* ABC-CLIO

"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."

**Library Reference Services and Information Literacy: Models for Academic Institutions** IGI Global

Digital Reference Services provides an overview of electronic reference services and software, and explores the opportunities that real-time digital reference services can offer in a variety of library settings. Experts in the field offer numerous reports and theory about the evolution of this new approach to answering reference questions. This well-referenced volume contains case examples, figures, useful Web sites, and case histories to show how the basic principles of digital reference services work. Librarians and students of information and library science will find this book helpful to enhance their library and electronic reference expertise.

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*Instruction in Libraries and Information Centers* Rowman & Littlefield

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.

**Information Services to Diverse Populations: Developing Culturally Competent Library Professionals** Routledge

This book, first published in 1989, examines expert systems applications in library and information science, and presents design and implementation issues encountered by librarians who have developed early systems. Systems for ready reference, online database access, and subject searching in online catalogues are all explored.

*Reference and Information Services in the 21st Century, Second Edition Revised* Neal Schuman Pub

By focusing on knowledge-based systems technology, the primary purpose and goal of this book is to improve the quality of reference service rendered in libraries. Within reference service, this book examines question-answering, a complex and difficult task. For those interested in the theoretical aspects of reference work, they have to look no further than the first chapter. In addition, the book features theoretical chapters on modelling the reference transaction, a chapter on the logic of ready reference work, and a chapter on the appropriate criteria to apply in selecting an expert system shell. Several practical chapters focus on what KBS work has already been done in the field and evaluate nearly fifty expert system development shells, so that readers can select the most appropriate shell for their domain. The subtitle of the book is applications, problems, and progress in regard to expert systems in reference work. Applications are covered most clearly in chapter 8 which reviews the more than extant prototypes. Chapter 3 covers what is feasible, chapter 4 models the reference transaction, and chapter 7 covers interface issues so that future applications can be more successful. Problems are covered throughout the book, starting with chapter 1 which discusses the traditional emphasis on reference sources. It argues that the field needs to shift toward procedural knowledge related to work in reference departments. The chapter on expert system feasibility reveals that there are alternative ways of conceptualizing the intellectual work of an expert, and, of course, chapter 9 directly points out limitations in extant systems. Encouraging words occur in chapter 1 about the shift to a balanced or complete paradigm for doing reference work. Similarly, the chapter on modelling is optimistic, in that reference work can be modelled and systems implemented which act like human experts. The final chapter tries to avoid the technological optimism inherent in many books on expert systems by identifying the near-term factors which will influence the development of expert systems. Key Features \* Historical background presenting the field's paradigmatic thinking \* Decision trees for basic formats of reference material \* Flowchart modelling the reference transaction \* Reviews of more than fifty extant KBS in general reference environments \* Evaluative criteria on more than forty expert system shells

*Information Brokers and Reference Services* ALA Neal-Schuman

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 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.

**International Aspects of Reference and Information Services** Libraries Unltd Incorporated Covering the essentials of reference work, this text addresses the fundamental issues that librarians need to be aware of, such as the growing need for electronic services and collections whilst still acknowledging the continued importance of print titles and in-person transactions.

*Information and Referral in Reference Services* American Library Association

Here is a refreshing new book that takes a unique look at the many aspects of reference librarianship. Written by reference librarians for reference librarians, this new volume explores the changing roles of reference services and offers advice and practical ideas to guide librarians through the increasingly tangled maze of duties being thrust upon the reference staff. Although the everyday work of the reference librarian is often taken for granted, these insightful chapters illuminate the essential service performed by the reference librarians as they facilitate access to information for a wide variety of users. Furthermore, this book helps reference librarians face the future by examining the technological and service developments that will challenge their profession. Opportunities for Reference Librarians addresses unique reference problems such as making use of the telephone as an information gathering tool, selecting reference material for the interdisciplinary field of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER), and helping non-law students with legal research. The fascinating anecdotes and encouraging discussions will be invaluable to reference library professionals for years to come. This important book covers a wide variety of topics of interest to reference librarians. Topics related to information systems are examined such as the limitations of end-user online services, and an evaluation of the Library of Congress Information system. Authoritative contributors make recommendations on how to design services to coordinate with the new technology and how to change librarians' roles so they can assist people in using these systems.

*Collection Management Basics* ABC-CLIO

The contradictory yet complementary relationship between libraries and information brokers is examined in this stimulating volume. Since its escalation in the 1960s, information brokering has challenged the role of the library in society. Librarians discuss their concerns about information brokers--the impact of brokers on reference services, the competence of brokers, abuse of library services by brokers, and whether libraries should provide competing fee-based services. Brokers share their own view as "entrepreneurs," providing background, offering advice, and explaining the risks involved in their business. This lively, often controversial discussion offers suggestions for improving relations between libraries and information brokers, while continuing to serve the public well.

*Reference Service* ABC-CLIO

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 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.

**Readers' Advisory Service in the Public Library** Rowman & Littlefield

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

**Internet Technologies and Information Services, 2nd Edition** PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd.

Now thoroughly revised for today's 21st-century library environment, this title provides a complete update of the classic Developing Library and Information Center Collections--the standard text and authority on collection development for all types of libraries and library school students since 1979. The well-established gold standard for teaching collection development, this text provides current and thorough coverage to all of the processes and issues surrounding managing library collections. This latest edition continues to cover all aspects of collection development and management, including subjects such as needs assessment, policies, selection process theory and practice, protection, legal issues, censorship, and intellectual freedom. The book represents a total restructuring of the previous work, and reflects changes brought on by new technology and the up-and-down economy. Students and practitioners alike will benefit greatly from this up-to-date and essential text.

**Expert Systems in Reference Services** Elsevier

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 in the 21st Century** Reference and Information Services

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 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.

**Reference Sources in Library and Information Services** American Library Association

"The fifth edition of Reference and Information Services: An Introduction is consciously aimed at arming the reference librarian with the skills, expertise, and mindset needed to keep up with changing resources and best practices"--

**Reference Sources and Services for Youth** Routledge

Filling a gap in the existing library and information science literature, this book consolidates recent research and best practices to address the need for diversity and social justice in the training and education of LIS professionals. • Addresses perennially important and emerging hot topics in librarianship, such as diversity, cultural competence, and social responsibility • Updates the ongoing discussion on cultural competence and diversity with new concepts, such as critical race theory • Authored by an expert who actively teaches and conducts research in the subject areas of library instruction and information literacy as well as diversity and social justice in librarianship

**The Reference Interview Today** ABC-CLIO

An excellent training tool for both new and experienced staff, Fundamentals of Reference will quickly become your fundamental reference!