irritating and could have been easily repaired by a good editor.

But I do not mean to be overly critical. In spite of its defects, the book is clear and easy to understand. It provides a general frame of reference which is applicable to any type of library. In expanding on the principles presented, the authors draw on examples from recent academic library management literature as well as that of public and school libraries. The book does not duplicate other library management publications such as Lowell's Management of Libraries, Rogers and Weber's University Library Administration, or Hamburg's Library Planning and Decision Making Systems. It is a practical and useful guide to the world of library management.—Dale B. Canelas, Assistant Director for Public Services, Stanford University Libraries.


Anyone needing quick, easy access to the major literature of current, general interest on technical services will find this new bibliography useful. The serious researcher will still need to use Library Literature, but the person wanting to become familiar with a topic probably will find sufficient entries in this book without struggling through excess material. The authors promise a supplement, which will be necessary if the book is to remain topical.

Most of the 1,274 entries have dates within the past ten years. Those with earlier dates are bibliographies and reviews of a year or are concerned with general principles and topics of historical interest, such as the emergence of approval plans, or do not date readily (e.g., repair and preservation of materials). Foreign material is not included, but selected ERIC documents are. Each entry is briefly annotated, and bibliographies in the material are mentioned with pages or number of references listed.

The book is divided into seven broad subject headings with each heading subdivided into several smaller areas and arranged in chronological order. The topics included are organization of technical services and management and administration of the acquisition, organization, maintenance, and circulation of materials, serials, and special materials. There is a name index and a separate subject index.

Most technical services librarians and teachers of technical services courses will want a copy. Others without access to Library Literature or without the time to use it adequately also will find this book helpful.—Martha Willett, Technical Services Librarian, Indiana State University, Evansville.


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