



Providing Effective Library Services for Research

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Description

The emphasis on principles and techniques in the book means that it is perfect reading for busy practitioners but it is also eminently suitable for students and researchers trying to get to grips with this tricky area. Researchers rely on libraries to provide the information they need; equally, supporting research is a fundamental reason for libraries' existence. This book is first to explore the crucial relationship between libraries and researchers, focusing on developing and managing effective library services to support research and researchers. It covers researchers' information-seeking behaviour, their needs and wants; reviews the management and service response; and then places these issues into a wider strategic context. Key topics are: • what is research? • current issues in the research community • defining research and researchers • collection management in support of research • the researcher's toolkit • the information literate researcher • the role of the library in supporting research activity • futurewatch. Readership: This book will inform and advise all those who work with researchers in libraries, combining practical advice with an exploration of fundamental issues relating to the relationship between research and libraries. It will be essential reading for all who work in academic and research libraries.

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