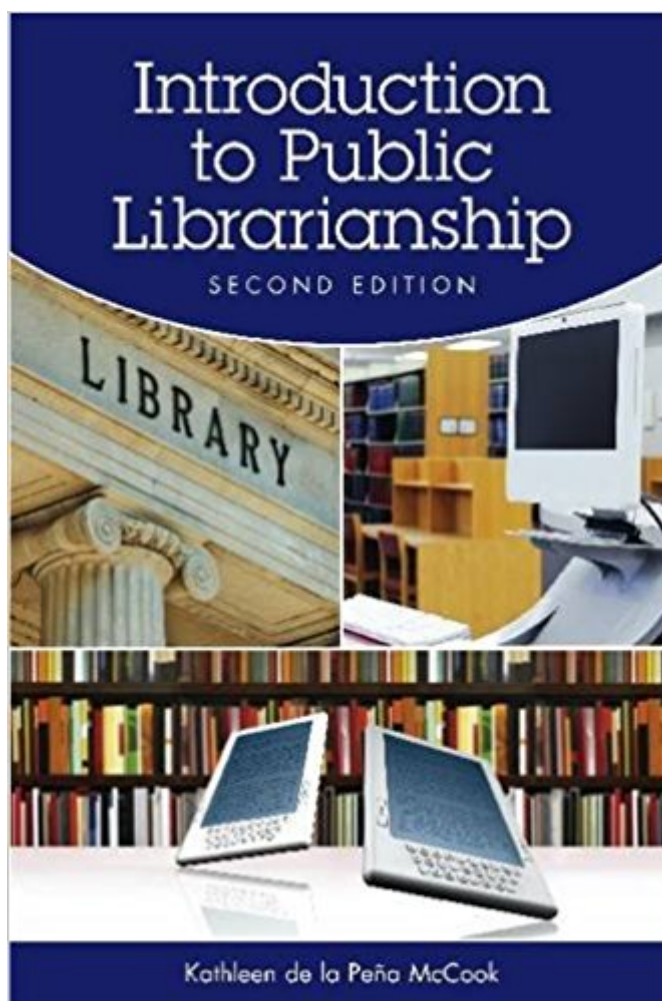


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Introduction To Public Librarianship, Second Edition



Synopsis

Here is the much anticipated second edition of author Kathleen de la Peña McCook's groundbreaking one-of-a-kind resource that is used in libraries and universities across the nation and definitively sets the standard for public librarianship literature. Cited as one of the top twenty researchers in library science, de la Peña McCook, a distinguished university professor and renowned public library scholar, has thoroughly revised and updated every one of the book's chapters to provide both professionals and LIS students with the most current and comprehensive introduction to public librarianship. McCook covers every aspect of the public library, from its earliest history to its current incarnation in the 21st century information environment. Following three engaging chapters on the history of public libraries, her thorough Table of Contents includes: * Statistics, Standards, Planning, Evaluations and Results * Organization, Law, Funding, Politics, Publicity * Administration and Staffing * Structure and Infrastructure. Web sites. Library 2.0 * Adult Services * Youth Services * Associations, State Library Agencies, Standards, Rankings and Quality of Life * Global Perspectives on Public Libraries * Human Rights: A New Paradigm for Public Library Service Readers will especially welcome the new coverage of Web 2.0 and its massive impact, as well as global perspectives on the public library, and insight into the relationship between public library services and human rights. Exhaustively researched and expansive in its coverage, *Introduction to Public Librarianship, Second Edition* continues to live up to the description that appeared in *Public Libraries* (September/October 2007): a fact-filled compendium of valuable information, a handbook for the working librarian, educator, and researcher.

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"Most chapters have been extensively revised to reflect recent developments and current tools. Introduction to Public Librarianship is the most comprehensive one-volume text on this topic -- one of the go-to texts for public librarianship." --Booklist

Great resource!

As a student librarian, you may not be surprised to read that I love books. I collect them; I have a pretty good collection so far. Among my collection are numerous school texts...but on these, I only keep the ones that I really like, that I cannot bear to part with. Introduction to Public Librarianship is one of these books. I have enjoyed reading the history of public libraries in this country, and the writing is thought-provoking enough to have necessitated margins full of my notes. Also, with its compact size, this book is one I can read in a variety of situations--not just on my desk.

This highly readable textbook is the best one I've purchased for the past eleven MLIS courses. It is a logical progression of the history, importance, impact and future of public librarianship. The only thing better than this textbook is taking the course Dr. McCook teaches at University of South

Florida alongside using her textbook!

Came in perfect condition. This is a text for my graduate coursework.

Great!

Pretty thorough textbook, but extremely lengthy chapters.

Nice new addition. The writing is good, though it does tend to flow to the left (anyone using Howard Zinn as a objective source is suspect!) but the information about librarianship is solid.

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