

***Managing
Today's
Public Libraries***
Blueprint for Change

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Managing Today's Public Library Darlene E. Weingand, 1994-03-15 Marketing concepts such as product mix line and item are brought into the context of public libraries Focus is always on the library client as the author covers subjects from the public library mission leadership and technology to service priorities staff development and evaluation This dynamic work treats the complex nature of public library service as an opportunity for excellence and diversity It will serve as a primary source for public library personnel at all levels of management in libraries serving communities of varying sizes and structures Knowin' All Them Things that Ain't So Thomas H. Ballard, 1985 *Strategic Library Management* William Webb, Unravel the complexities of library management with this resource rich guide designed for today's career professionals While maintaining a friendly and conversational tone it delves deep into the core principles and methodologies in managing modern libraries You'll begin with an exploration of the fundamental principles of library management including mission setting user centricity stewardship and the importance of collaboration and accessibility The guide also navigates the terrain of intellectual property rights and copyright issues providing the reader with the knowledge to ensure compliance while maximizing resource usage It sheds light on complex themes like user privacy data protection and inclusivity all of which play a pivotal role in today's digital age You'll be presented with practical insights into professional ethics disaster planning protection of library materials and the process of recovery after a disaster The guide emphasizes the value of continuous improvement innovation and strategic decision making based on data With a detailed focus on the evolving role of public libraries in the digital age this book provides strategies to adapt to changing user needs and expectations It concludes with real world case studies a template for a strategic plan and a comprehensive list of further readings and resources In essence this is a must have guide that not only teaches you what library management is but also shows you how to do it effectively This is an essential companion for library professionals aspiring to navigate the complexities of managing a library in today's ever evolving landscape **Small Public Library Management, Second Edition** Cindy Fesemyer, Christina Jones, 2025-11-05 Most libraries in the US are small in size and rural in location And since most of them don't require a degree to be hired as Library Director many new hires step into the position with limited management or librarianship experience This handbook will quickly get new directors up to speed on managing staff drafting budgets crafting policies overseeing a building and its collections and strengthening the library's place in the community The authors with years of small library management experience between them offer expert guidance on all those topics and many more besides Small public library directors at all stages of their career as well as their board members and library trustees will benefit from this handbook's up to date perspectives on what it takes to run your library in today's post pandemic politically polarized technologically advanced socially isolated world receive to the point advice on governance strategic planning human resources policy development facilities services and programs and other foundational tasks become informed on how to

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Planning Organizing Leading Controlling Staffing Communicating Each section features case studies each with the case description and three responses from library leaders from a wide variety of library types and sizes Library Management Problems Today Case Studies will allow students to put themselves in the center of actual library problems and ask What would I do

Current Practices and Future Plans of Public Library Webmasters Primary Research Group, 2005 The new report from Primary Research Group is based on interviews with webmasters from the San Jose Public Library the Salt Lake City Public Library the Alexandria Library the Los Angeles Public Library the Charlotte Mecklenburg County Public Library the Houston Public Library the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh the Colorado Virtual Library and the Boston Public Library A free sample chapter is available for download A few of the report s conclusions are summarized below CONTENT MANAGEMENT Libraries take widely varying approaches to the issue of how should control the website and who should be empowered to add content to the site Some libraries prefer to centralize access in the hands of just a few librarians who act

as gatekeepers to the website Others prefer to empower as many librarians as possible to contribute to the site and to oversee their own contributions to the site To achieve this some libraries have purchased off the shelf content management systems while others have developed in house content management systems that allow non technical librarians to function independent of the need for technical help

THE IMPACT OF CASCADING STYLE SHEETS

CSS Cascading style sheet that allow librarians to edit entire sites or subsets of site with one click of the mouse have become popular ways to introduce some uniformity and lower the labor demand of editing public library websites Cascading style sheets are important because librarians are finding more and more reasons to add more and more content to their sites Public library websites have often quickly become unwieldy monsters that voraciously eat up librarian time Correcting and editing these beasts by hand is dangerous and cascading style sheets allow proper measured feeding without loss of limb

MOST POPULAR PAGES

Some of the most popular pages on the public library websites surveyed were the events calendar basic library info page database gateways and children s and teen pages

STAFFING

Relative to the importance of the library website to the overall success of the library the size of most library web staffs when such staffs exist is quite small Usually one to three individuals run the website and they often have other responsibilities The strategy that most have pursued to overcome their small staffs is to devolve responsibility for content to subject specialist librarians and to empower them to be able to edit the portions of the website for which they are responsible

UNIQUE CONTENT

Most librarians interviewed stressed the need to develop unique content that would draw traffic to the website Among the type of content mentioned were interactive storytelling and educational games reading lists and contests book reviews by librarians posted online subject guides and events calendars

CHILDREN S TEEN SERVICES

One of the most vibrant areas for website development has been services for children and teens This age group grew up with access to the world wide web and it is truly the only generation for which web use and communication is as natural as turning on the television for most Americans Libraries have responded with books clubs personalized spaces interactive stories and games and other features aimed at this audience Nonetheless many libraries have just scraped the surface of their potential in this area We like what the Charlotte Mecklenburg County Public Library has done in this area developing unique content focused marketing and web teams to create a unique site for Charlotte area children

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Many libraries have plans to digitize their special collections or at the very least to digitize finding aids for those collections and increase access to them through the library website We expect that this will soon become a major area of public library investment and a challenge for website administrators who must devise access schemes to digitized resources

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