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ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSFORMATION IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES: DISCOURSE, PROCESS, PRODUCT

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The book gives librarians leverage to think outside traditional bureaucratic structures and re-think how libraries serve their patrons. It examines existing structures and proposes new organizational models and lays out a process for planning organizational transformation and implementing a new organization. Seven chapters offer a radical vision of library transformation, proposing a collaborative process for changing academic libraries into organizations fit for the second quarter of the 21st century and beyond. Academic libraries are changing in the face of information technologies, economic pressures and globally disruptive events such as the current pandemic. *Organizational Transformation in Academic Libraries: discourse, process, product* presents a clear analysis of organizational patterns and divisions of labour in the future of the academic library. Gives specific organizational models and presents a process for planning and implementing organizational transformation. Advocates for, and supports the radical

transformation of, library organization and workflow structures. It proposed a collaborative process for transforming academic libraries into future-ready organizations.

BOOSTING THE KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY: KEY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INFORMATION SERVICES IN EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTS

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Boosting the Knowledge Economy: key contributions from information services in educational, cultural and corporate environments

presents a comprehensive, international and up-to-date review of the key contributions of information services to the Knowledge Economy. Chapters contributed by experts in different areas of LIS focus on the crucial roles libraries, archives, and museums are playing in their home institutions—private, public, non-profit—as much as their impact on the economy and society as a whole. The book provides new insights into the value of information services in the context of the Knowledge Economy. It also presents an overview and analysis of cutting-edge practices in information services, with a particular focus on learning services and their particular contribution to LAMs' (Libraries, Archives, and Museums) brand awareness and to social capital-building and introduces a collaborative reflection on the role of information professionals at challenging times, with implications for the design of educational programs in the information field.

HANDBOOK OF RESEARCH ON ACADEMIC LIBRARIES AS PARTNERS IN DATA SCIENCE ECOSYSTEMS

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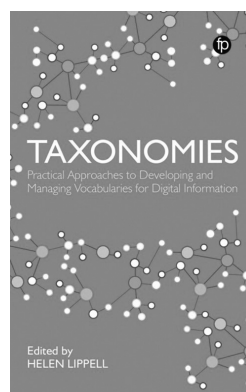
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This handbook provides a global perspective on current and future trends concerning the integration of data science in libraries. It provides

both a foundational base of knowledge around data science and explores numerous ways academicians can reskill their staff, engage in the research enterprise, contribute to curriculum development, and help build a stronger ecosystem where libraries are part of data science. Covering topics such as data science initiatives, digital humanities, and student engagement, this book is an indispensable resource for librarians, information professionals, academic institutions, researchers, academic libraries, and academicians.

TAXONOMIES: PRACTICAL APPROACHES TO DEVELOPING AND MANAGING VOCABULARIES FOR DIGITAL INFORMATION

Helen Lippell



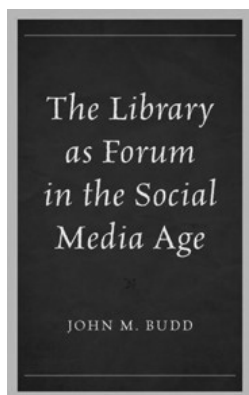
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Taxonomies: practical approaches to developing and managing vocabularies for digital information is a comprehensive guide to building, implementing, and using taxonomies. Featuring contributions and case examples from some of the world's leading experts, the book supports professional development through practical advice and real-world case studies. Readers will learn best practice for the

everyday realities of working with stakeholders, sponsors and systems to ensure that taxonomies remain useful and relevant. Addressing all the key stages of the process of building and implementing a taxonomy, including scoping, user testing and validation, and the creation of governance processes, the book is invaluable for the optimization of systems for users and stakeholders alike.

The Library as Forum in the Social Media Age

John M. Budd



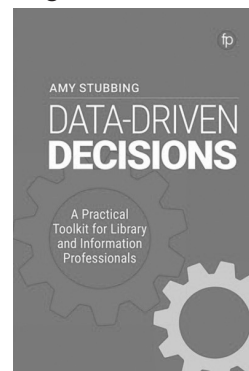
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A major thrust of the book is that the library can be the locus for informed conversations, typified by evidence and truth. We begin with a description of the library what it is, what purposes it can serve, what contributions it can make to civil discourse. As we will see, the theme of liberty runs throughout the commentary. Another chapter explores what discourse is, how discourse theory can inform civil conversations, and what kinds of discursive practices achieve the goal of civility. This is, admittedly, a tall order, but it is absolutely necessary to fulfil the promise of the book. The chapter further presents examples of topics that are components of political conversations today, as well as

substantive sources that can inform those conversations. The final chapter returns to the library. The spirit and substance of providing a venue for civil conversation are discussed at some length. The conclusion presents how the library can be the exemplar for civil conversation. The audience for the book is not limited to librarians, but extends to all who are interested in, and committed to, reasoned discussion of the political issues that divide us today. Examples of topics of conversation conclude the last chapter. The purpose is to illustrate just how the fraught topics can be discussed in a civil and considered manner. The ultimate purpose of the book is to present a realistic manner by which political conversations can take place, fostered by libraries.

DATA-DRIVEN DECISIONS: A PRACTICAL TOOLKIT FOR LIBRARIANS AND INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS

Amy Stubbing



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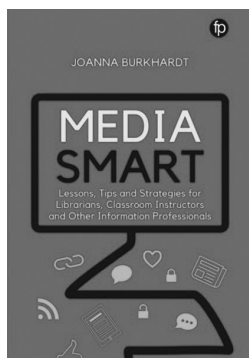
The book walks readers step-by-step through each stage of implementing, reviewing, and embedding data-driven decisions in their organization, providing accessible visualizations, top tips, and downloadable tools to support readers on their data journey. Starting with the absolute basics of using data, the author creates

a framework for building skills and knowledge slowly until the reader is comfortable with even complex uses of data.

Data-driven Decisions: a practical toolkit for librarians and information professionals begins with an exploration of the foundations of data-driven decisions in libraries including a look at the impact of the current financial climate on resources, theoretical foundations of data collection and analysis, and how this book can be used in practice. The next section takes readers through the data-driven decisions model, providing a guide for understanding and a manual for implementation of the model. Finally, the book provides further perspectives and reading surrounding analysis and implementation of data-driven decisions. This section aims to give supplementary and focused information on different areas of data-driven decisions which can be included in processes once the reader understands the foundation of the book from earlier chapters.

MEDIA SMART: LESSONS, TIPS AND STRATEGIES FOR LIBRARIANS, CLASSROOM INSTRUCTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS

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Media Smart: lessons, tips and strategies for librarians, classroom instructors and other

information professionals is an invaluable toolkit for navigating the fraught information landscape. From the history of media manipulation to practical applications of media literacy, this book will offer a thorough grounding in teaching students to defend themselves from mis- and dis-information. It discusses how technology affects the information we receive, offers a brief look at the psychology behind how we process information, describes the various means by which media can be manipulated and provides tips about how to recognize and avoid false or misleading information. Featuring numerous classroom exercises and case studies specific to each aspect of media manipulation, this book is essential reading for students and educators in communications, media and information literacy as well as librarians and anyone interested in developing their media literacy skills.

WEB-SCALE DISCOVERY SERVICES: PRINCIPLES, APPLICATIONS, DISCOVERY TOOLS AND DEVELOPMENT HYPOTHESES

Roberto Raieli



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Web-Scale Discovery services: principles, applications, discovery tools and development hypotheses summarises and presents the state-of-the-art in WSDS. It promotes a middle-way

between finding the best tool for each particular need and the search for the most reliable systems and identifies basic theoretical problems and offers practical solutions for librarians. The volume offers a summary of ideas from around the world, giving a new perspective that is backed up by strong theory. Offering a vision for libraries, this book also allows archivists, museum specialists, computer scientists, commercial operators, and interested users to

deepen their culture and information literacy. The book lays out the state-of-the-art in WSDS for contemporary libraries and institutions. It presents an innovative take on information retrieval and digital document management and grounds thinking on a bibliographic basis, combining academic, practical and commercial aspects. Offers a perspective on how WSDS and discovery tools are seen and used internationally.

