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Synopsis

The Whole Library Handbook, now in its fifth edition, is an encyclopedia filled with facts, tips, lists, and resources essential for library professionals and information workers of all kinds, all carefully handpicked to reflect the most informative, practical, up-to-date, and entertaining examples of library literature. Organized in easy-to-find categories, this unique compendium covers all areas of librarianship from academic libraries to teen services, from cataloging to copyright, and from gaming to social media. Selections include Facts and figures on library workers Bookmobile guidelines 100 great libraries of the world Job search and recruitment techniques, and advice on how to deal with tough economic times Tips on writing articles and book reviews Fun with cataloging rules Famous librarians' favorite books Covering a huge spectrum of librarianship, this one-of-a-kind volume is both educational and entertaining.

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Like the four previous volumes in the Whole Library Handbook series, this update collects material from a variety of other sources and pulls it together into an interesting and fun guide, providing librarians with an eclectic combination of equal parts resources, advice, factoids, and inspiration.

Much of the content comes from sources copyrighted by the American Library Association, including ALA's guidelines, books, and American Libraries magazine. Material is divided into the same 10 broad categories as the previous editions, covering such areas as the profession, library operations,

technology, and advocacy. This volume concentrates on source material from 2006 to 2012, and 98 percent of the content is new to this edition. It is almost impossible to open this work to a section that fails to be entertaining, inspiring, and instructional. The Whole Librarian Handbook 5 delivers a strong update to this series that will not disappoint readers familiar with the earlier volumes. --David Tyckoson

"This title is a jewel of a ready-reference guide for busy librarians, i.e., all of us ... highly recommended as a quick starting point and pathfinder to more information for library- and librarian-related subjects. For both the newly minted and the well-experienced librarian." --Library Journal
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"Rarely does a reference book have such a user-friendly feel as Eberhart's tome. Even if earlier editions are on your office shelf, this new edition is clearly worth the investment for its updated ideas and enjoyable, practical approach to valuable information a must-have for media specialists." --Voya

Never trained as a librarian, I've been thrust into the role in a volunteer capacity. This book is definitely one for folks like me who want to help out but also be professional in doing so. Pick a subject and read a few pages on it. Put it aside for a while and look for something else. It's a great way to absorb all sorts of information. I wouldn't think to speak for those with library degrees but it'd be hard for anyone to not find something of value here.

Going to the top of my personal ready-reference shelf. This book has it all.

I am looking forward to a career in libraries although I have worked away from libraries for 10 years, since I got my degree. In order to update my training I have subscribed to several newsletters and blogs and this book has been a super tool. It has short chapters on important topics in libraries written by professionals in the field. As I look at position descriptions I can go to this book and read about issues in librarianship like copyright and about types of librarians. Highly recommended.

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