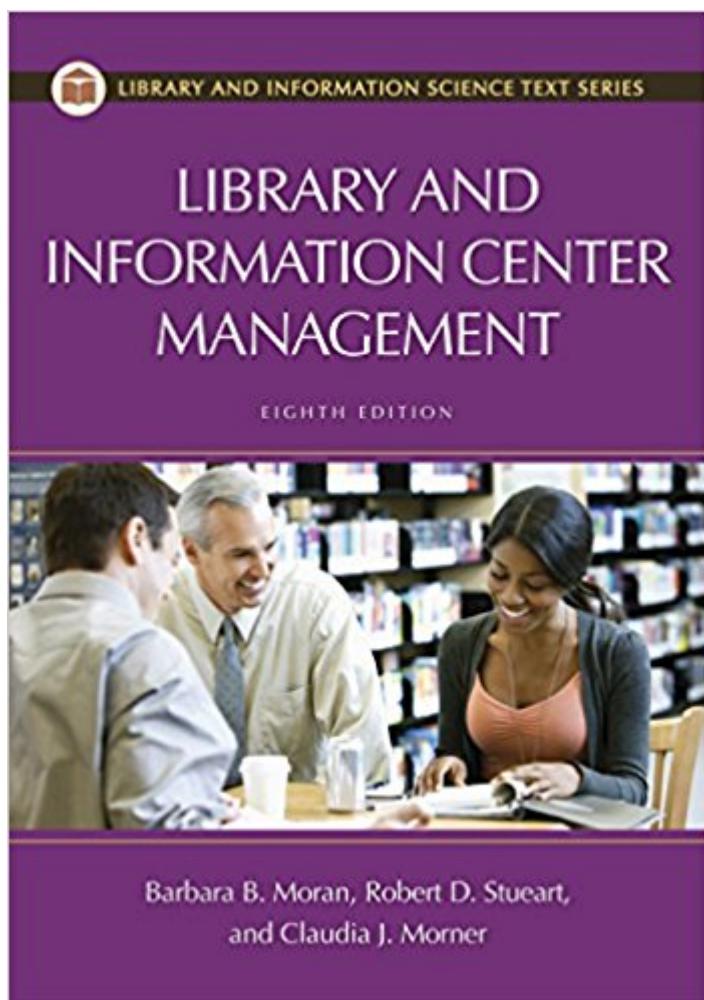


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Customer Reviews

I was assigned the 8th edition of this book as a text for a grad school course in library management. The textbooks in this ABC-CLIO series are sort of like the workhorses of library science education; they aren't flashy, but they get the job done. The Library and Information Center Management volume by Moran, Stueart, and Morner is better written than other textbooks I've encountered in this series and makes for more engaging reading than Bopp & Smith's volume on Reference and Information Services, for example. The text is not thrilling, but it won't put you to sleep either. The tables, charts, diagrams, and lists help make the material easier to digest. The book suffers from the faults of any general overview text. Just as a course can only move as fast as its slowest student, this book has to accommodate the

novice. The section on hiring and firing, for example, is written as if it were directed at readers who have never applied for a job before. However, while most introductory texts tend to provide unilaterally shallow coverage to a lot of topics, this book is surprisingly comprehensive and appears to provide just about everything you'd want to know when entering a management position, short of real-life experience itself. Its structure moves progressively from theory to practice, starting with management theory, then strategic planning, human resources, and ending with more nuts-and-bolts practical matters like budgeting and fund-raising. Overall, it's a little heavy on human resources and people skills, and could use a little more meat on matters like facilities management and financial management. The chapter comparing different budgeting techniques was the one area that was rather bewildering, and everyone in my class had trouble understanding it. For the most part, however, the authors do a fine job of explaining library management in a concise, well-organized, and accessible manner. As far as textbooks go, it does its job well. I rented this book, but if I ever find myself in a management position, I will probably buy it. It would serve as a good reference for anyone managing a library or a department within one.

This latest edition of Library and Information Center Management builds on past editions, but it does so with its eyes absolutely set on the future. The entire notion of what libraries are and what they can be is constantly changing, and so do the ideas of managing such institutions. This book takes those changes -- and potential changes -- into account when presenting challenges for library management. Rather than simply restating text from previous editions or from other management texts, Moran and her associates build upon ideas that have proven themselves AND give context for how to apply these principles to a modern library. Combining historical perspectives, current trends, and looking to what may come down the pike for all of us. Okay, perhaps the title of this is a tad hyperbolic, but this book IS a wonderful resource for a student, a manager, a librarian who has a manager, or for anyone interested in understanding how and why libraries and information centers work the way they do.

I love this textbook. I have learned many managerial skills from reading this for class. It's very informative and interesting.

Very thorough book for those who are in library school or becoming an information professional. This book details lots of topics for those who are considering being supervisors, managers, and directors with libraries or informational agencies.

An extremely thorough presentation of the subject. This was a textbook for the class I took on library administration. A very dry book (of course) but very helpful as a management resource.

Great for class

Thanks

I enjoyed the exercises in this book. Very real life and current information.

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