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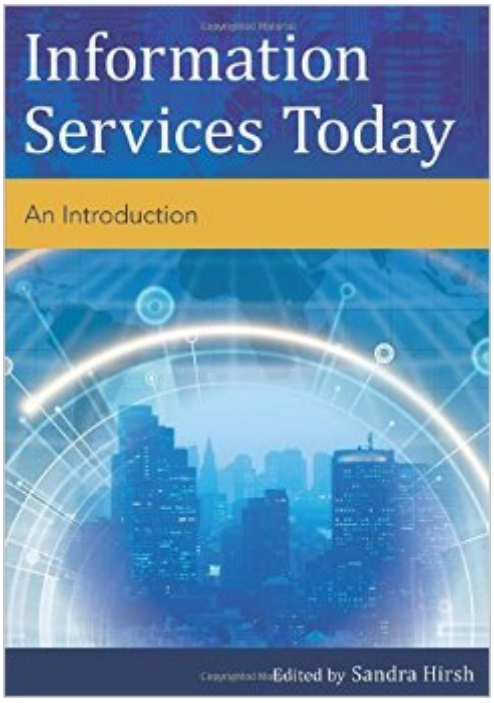

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Synopsis

This book is an essential overview of what it means to be a library and information professional. Hirsh provides a broad overview of the transformation of libraries as information organizations, why these organizations are more important today than ever before, and the various career opportunities available for information professionals.

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Information Services Today is, first a foremost, a really good read, and particularly as it’s technically a textbook. As a student going for my Master’s in Library and Info Science (LIS), I’m often sidelined or sidetracked researching small details that LIS professionals are already quite knowledgeable about-such as the infinite number of acronyms and abbreviations used in the field. Thankfully, Info Services Today has four pages worth of explanations, ranging from ASRS to ISIS to CCBY. Itâ ™s just one small example of the myriad of thoughtful details in this textbook that I found very helpful. And like the LIS discipline itself, the book brings together many different voices through its contributors, covering a multitude of topics all combining to provide diverse perspectives and unique points of view. I learned about Management Skills for the Information Professional, which covers management of employees, collections, budgetsâ ”everything you need to be aware of when in a management role. I read all about maker spaces and tips to go about putting them in place in your own library. And the final chapters gave excellent advice on searching, interviewing and landing the perfect post-degree LIS job: thoughtful, helpful advice from an expert, I Need a Library Job’s

(INALJ.com) CEO Naomi House.The book comes with multimedia extras like websites to explore for more detail on a particular topic, materials that can be constantly updated as new information and studies come out; and there are a series of webinars co-hosted through Library Journal, featuring Dr. Hirsh and selected chapter authors discussing hot topics & trends in their area.Instructors can use this book to help their students learn all about the field.

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