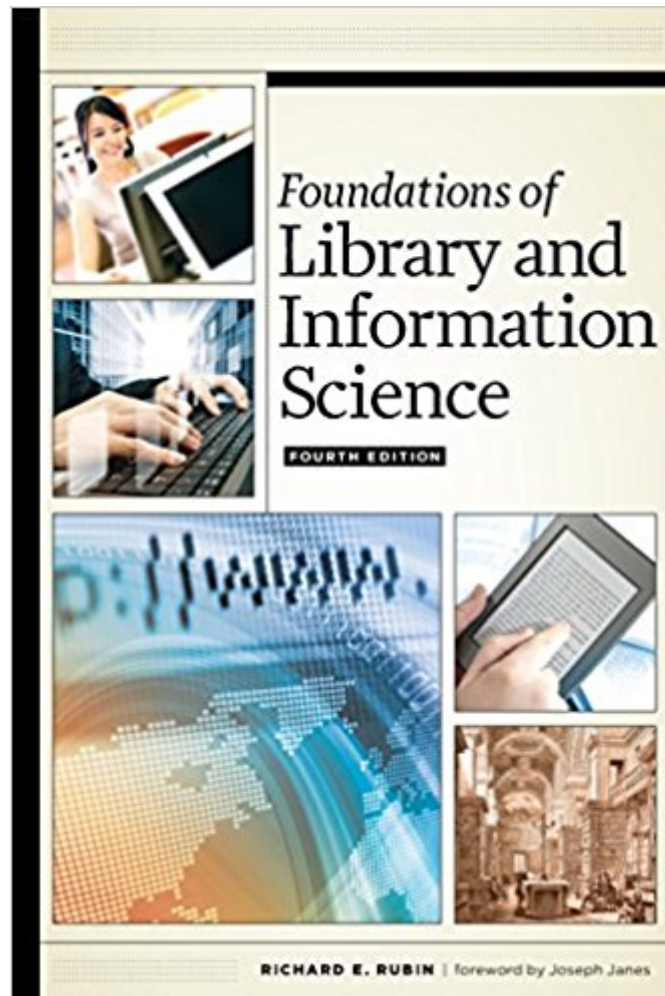




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# Foundations Of Library And Information Science



## Synopsis

Much has happened since the last edition of this benchmark text was published. Today's LIS professionals are experiencing both excitement and trepidation as sweeping societal, technological, political, and economic changes affect our users and institutions and transform our discipline. We are increasingly part of a sophisticated infrastructure: the boundaries of knowledge creation, acquisition, organization, dissemination, use, and evaluation are rapidly blurring, creating new challenges. Similarly, we are also part of a changing environment: an aging population, a ubiquitous and evolving internet, the proliferation of social media and mobile devices, significant financial stresses on public institutions, and changing information policies affecting creators and distributors of knowledge. The profession demands constant growth, continuous learning, and open minds, and the new edition of Rubin's book offers a firm foundation of knowledge and guidance for LIS students and professionals alike. Responding to the many changes occurring both in the field and in society at large, this text includes comprehensive coverage of the history and mission of libraries, from past to present; digital devices, social networking, and other technology; the impact of digital publishing on the publishing industry and the effects of eBooks on libraries; values and ethics of the profession; how library services have evolved in the areas of virtual reference, embedded librarianship, digital access and repositories, digital preservation, and civic engagement; new and ongoing efforts to organize knowledge, such as FRBR, RDA: Resource Description and Access, BIBFRAME, the Semantic Web, and the Next Generation Catalog (Catalog 2.0); the significance of the digital divide and policy issues related to broadband access and network neutrality; the concept of intellectual freedom, and how it plays out in the real world; legal developments like new interpretations of copyright related to mass digitization of books (Google Books) and scholarly articles; the continuing tensions in LIS education between information science and library science; and initiatives to integrate libraries, archives, and museums (LAMs). Spanning all types of libraries, from public to academic, school, and special, this book illuminates the major facets of library and information science for aspiring professionals as well as those already practicing in the field.

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In ten substantial chapters, Rubin (*Human Resource Management in Libraries: Theory and Practice*, Professional Reading, LJ 9/15/91) surveys library and information science, noting its significant components and depicting its contexts. Unlike encyclopedias and dictionaries that comprise the bulk of the available resources dealing comprehensively with the field, this is an integrated treatment, essentially a textbook intended to be read and discussed by library school students and instructors. Like many textbooks, the prose is often dry, and the analysis is sometimes cursory. But Rubin concisely and clearly presents numerous lively topics for discussion?the question of librarianship as a profession, the differences among types of libraries, gender segregation across job types, censorship, etc.?throughout the work's examination of politics and policies, technology, information organization, ethics, and history. (Some topics, such as the Z39.50 standard, might have been more precisely described.) Texts for further reading are enumerated at the end of each chapter as well as in a selection appended to the main text. Additional appendixes include a variety of reprinted documents and lists of academic, print, and electronic resources pertaining to the field. Students and faculty in library and information studies programs will benefit from Rubin's extensive text.?Dean C. Rowan, Whittier P.L., CA Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Designed to explain today's information environment to students in library and information science and practitioners in the field, this book offers much of the same content and organizational structure as its previous edition, focusing again on the many social, political, intellectual, and economic factors affecting libraries. This edition does, however, contain new discussions on the impact of the Internet, competitive intelligence, filtering, homeland security issues, digital libraries, metadata, and the ever-evolving environment of libraries and library science education. Some of the changes facing libraries are also explored, among them scholarly publishing, diversity, preservation, and

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There are a lot of examples in the book, which is irritating to me because I feel like it is over done. However, the chapters are clear and the information is very good.

had to have this for school. it was okay. i would say for the subject matter, it was pretty easy to read and had enough flow and design so you would not get bored.

This text covers many topics from the history of librarianship, capitalism and democracy, diversity, gender, values and ethics, intellectual property and freedom, plus many many more. The chapters are easily digestable and create curiosity to explore topics further in depth later on. Introduces readers to key concepts and thinkers in an engaging way.

I am going to keep this one in my personal library. It's easy to read with helpful information.

This was a required text for a class, so I wasn't expecting much, but I was very happily surprised. I understand that there's a new version of the text coming out; whether this version or the next, I would say that it's a must-have for people starting off in the LIS field. Well written, great information, and lots of ways to get more information if you're interested. Rubin shows a real grasp of the material and communicates it well.

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