



Customer-Based Collection Development: An Overview

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ALA Editions, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. New.. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. This traditional top down approach to collection development definitely has its drawbacks; even after spending a good deal of time, energy, and resources, librarians are sometimes frustrated to find that their library's collection is not being used as they anticipated. But there is another strategy that is gaining momentum. This book gathers together the best practitioners in the emerging field of customer-based collection development, whose goal is to find out what library users need and want and manage collections accordingly. Speaking from firsthand experience, professionals from a variety of academic and public libraries *Offer strategies for planning and implementing a customer-based collection program *Summarize its potential impact on a library's budget *Discuss cataloging implications, and other day-to-day operational issues *Present guidelines for evaluating and marketing Customer-based collection development is one way for libraries to navigate the rapid changes in what users expect of libraries, and this new anthology is an important guide to this approach.



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