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## Preface

New roles for librarians and other information professionals and new goals and new directions for libraries are the themes that tie together the topics covered in the 1993 volume of *Advances in Librarianship*, Vol. 17.

In his chapter, Huwe advocates a role shift for the profession, positing that collaborative reference services create information alliances by combining shared analytical skills and previously fragmented knowledge, thus creating added value. Huwe presents two models of effective collaboration between librarians and other professionals, one in law libraries and the other in academic libraries.

Major issues associated with the shift from library ownership of publications to libraries providing access to published information regardless of location or ownership are reviewed in the chapter by Rutstein, DeMiller, and Fuseler. Specifically, they address changing patterns in scholarly publishing, copyright issues, the impacts of a new electronic environment on users, staff, budgets, and long-range considerations.

Potter explores the many options facing libraries in planning to provide user-friendly as well as cost-effective access to electronic information. This chapter covers the technological developments that make the present plethora of options possible and lists the factors that need to be considered as part of any planning process.

Changes in direction for research libraries, both present and projected, are discussed in the chapter by Stevens from his vantage point as a longtime director of a Northern American research library. Evolutionary as well as revolutionary developments in such key components of library services as the catalog and access to published journal literature are addressed by Norgard and co-authors, who present a major review of the research and development concerning online catalogs. Sassé and Winkler analyze the challenges, especially in the areas of bibliographic control and user access, faced by libraries working to integrate electronic journal access into more conventional modes of information dissemination.

Developing methodology for outcome assessment has become mandatory for educational institutions, including libraries and learning centers, as

governing bodies increasingly stress accountability. de Leon Clarke and Clawson present a case study, "Output Measures for Evaluating the Performance of Community College Learning Resources Programs," that provides valuable details on the practical and political processes involved in developing and gaining acceptance for a comprehensive set of measures. This chapter provides a valuable addition to the literature and will be especially useful for those beginning or refining the assessment process, be it in or beyond the community college audience.

"New Patterns for Scholarly and Business Communication in Denmark" are discussed by Clausen, who reports on a Danish delphi study, which was designed to predict future developments in the use of information technology in everyday life as well as in science and business. The implications of Clausen's findings go beyond Denmark, affecting the European Economic Community (EEC), where plans for a Pan-European integrated system of information provision are under way, and beyond the EEC for national and regional network designers in general.

More international connections are advocated by John, whose chapter covers the history of United States involvement in the International Federation of Library Associations, stressing an action plan for the future that would broaden the involvement of the United States library and information professional community.

When I became editor of *Advances in Librarianship*, one of my goals was to return the publication of this serial to an annual basis so that thoughtful analysis of current issues could be brought before the profession while they were of maximum use. I am pleased to present the current volume as a step toward meeting that goal.

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