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This authoritative and wide-ranging textbook provides a comprehensive overview of the changing functions of higher education libraries and the organizational cultures in which they operate. It offers an assessment of the impact of such changes on service delivery from both provider and user perspectives, and considers the future role of the academic library. The new edition has been completely updated, with a new chapter on performance measurement and more extensive coverage of: accessibility; information literacy; portals; digital libraries; copyright; institutional repositories; virtual and managed learning environments; and management of change. Written in a readable and accessible style, the book focuses on: • the library in the institution; • users of the academic library; • the impacts and opportunities of ICTs; • human resources; • management and organization of resources; • collection and access management; • the academic library building; • library systems and networks; • specialist services; • management and professional issues; • performance measurement. Readership: This textbook is an indispensable introduction to the range of issues facing academic libraries. Invaluable for new information professionals and for students on information and library studies courses, it also makes stimulating reading for education administrators and academic library managers in both higher and further education. While the book considers emerging scenarios in the United Kingdom in depth, it also draws examples from institutions elsewhere in the world, and is of broad international interest.

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