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Fundamentals of Collection Development and Management. 2d ed. By Peggy Johnson. Chicago: ALA, 2009. 407p. \$70.00 (ALA members \$63.00) softbound (ISBN 978-0-8389-0972-0).

Peggy Johnson's goal is for this book to serve as an introduction to collection development and management for students while also being a resource for experienced librarians. She blends history, theory, and practical tips into a solid introduction to the major issues of collection development and management,

As in the first edition, Johnson begins with a chapter discussing the history of collection development and briefly introducing some of the major issues. In the next six chapters she discusses major responsibilities of collection work in all types of libraries: organization and staffing; policy, planning, and budgets; developing collections; managing collections; marketing, liaison, and outreach activities; and collection analysis. The first edition's chapter on electronic resources has been eliminated; discussions of electronic resources are integrated into the other chapters, reflecting the changing role of electronic resources in library collections over the last five years. The chapter on collaborative collection development and management is substantially longer than in the first edition, exploring collaborative purchasing, storage, and electronic archiving, among other topics. Johnson also has added a new chapter on scholarly communication issues.

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