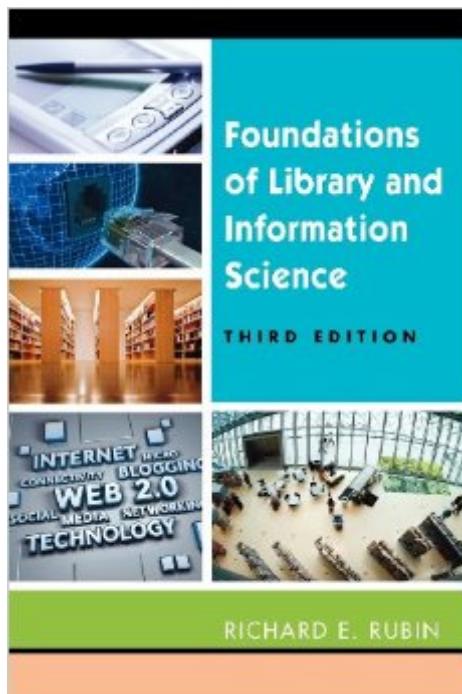


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Synopsis

To meet the evolving needs of a dynamic profession, the new edition of Richard Rubin's best-selling text has been streamlined using feedback from faculty, students, and an outstanding Editorial Board: Kendra Albright, SLIS, University of South Carolina; Joseph Janes, The Information School, University of Washington; Michele Cloonan, GSLIS, Simmons College; and Michael Stephens, GSLIS, Dominican University. Rubin observes in his preface, 'Our profession demands constant growth, continuous learning, and very open minds.' Accordingly, this meticulous revision of his landmark text includes a completely fresh discussion of the most current issues and key technological developments in the field. Rubin explores the ever-growing impact of the World Wide Web, the impact of blogs, wikis, and social networks on services, electronic publication including e-books, digital libraries, digital preservation, mass digitization, and digital repositories, and Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR). His unique insights into these technologies and their impact on library services, policies, and legal standards are all part of why this book forms the essential foundation one needs to succeed as an information professional. Rubin integrates contemporary coverage with a detailed and accessible account of the fundamental principles of information science and technology, information policy, intellectual organization, and ethical issues and principles across all types of libraries: public, academic, school, and special.

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Customer Reviews

I was assigned the Third Edition (2010) of Richard Rubin's textbook Foundations of Library and

Information Science for a course in my first semester of a Master of Library Science degree program. Anytime I see the word “Foundations” in a textbook title I prepare myself for a yawnfest. The word usually signifies a broad but shallow overview of a subject that cursorily and dryly touches on a lot of topics without providing enough detail to render any of them interesting. Not so with Rubin’s book. It provides an excellent overview of the library and information sciences and does so in an engaging and stimulating manner. LIS is a pretty diverse discipline, encompassing a lot of occupations and areas of scholarship, but Rubin manages to give them all their fair due. He provides a comprehensive overview of this broad field of study, but also succeeds in exploring the subject in satisfying depth, delving into matters of both theory and practice. While I was reading the book, every time I thought to myself, “but what about this?” sure enough, within a few pages Rubin had answered my question. The writing is crystal clear and concise and doesn’t put the reader to sleep. In fact, his text is often engaging and inspires enthusiasm for the profession. Although the intended audience is students just starting out on the road to librarianship, Rubin’s take on the profession is neither pat-ourselves-on-the-back congratulatory nor rosily optimistic. He gives a balanced perspectives on the pros and cons of library work and doesn’t shy away from discussing the challenges librarians face in the Digital Age. The organization and design of the book is very user-friendly, with lots of helpful lists and tables.

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