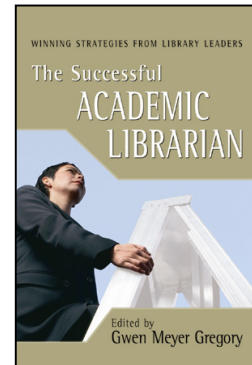


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The Successful Academic Librarian

**New book offers expert advice on how to build a
flourishing career and avoid potential pitfalls**

October 18, 2005, Medford, New Jersey—Information Today, Inc. (ITI) has announced the publication of *The Successful Academic Librarian: Winning Strategies from Library Leaders*, edited by Gwen Meyer Gregory.

The new book addresses a complex profession that involves diverse job classifications, educational focuses, academic cultures, and professional obligations. Chapters by Gwen Meyer Gregory and nearly 20 expert contributors cover a range of issues critical to both new academic librarians and seasoned pros who wish to sharpen their skills and keep up with changes in the field. Gregory said her intention was to produce a practical book that could serve as “an antidote to the stress and burnout that almost every academic librarian experiences at one time or another.”

“This book helps fill a gap that is often left between what may be covered in a course about academic libraries offered in an LIS program, and what a new librarian actually needs to know as s/he embarks on a career as an academic librarian,” according to advance reviewer Janet Swan Hill, Associate Director for Technical Services at the University of Colorado Libraries. Hill said, “A special strength of the work lies in its contributors, who represent a wide variety of types of academic libraries, from community colleges to large research universities. ... Library school faculty teaching courses in academic librarianship would do well to recommend this book to their students.”

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The Successful Academic Librarian includes the following chapters and features:

- Start at the Beginning—Your Job Responsibilities and How to Accomplish Them, by *Rebecca Miller* with *Nancy Sosna Bohm*
- Building Strong Collaborative Relationships with Disciplinary Faculty, by *Elizabeth O. Hutchins*
- Building the Profession—Research, Creative Activities, and Publication by Academic Librarians, by *Joan Beam* and *Cathy Cranston*
- Time Served is Time Well Spent—Making the Most of Your Service Commitments, by *Michelle Mach*
- Faculty Status, Promotion, and Tenure—What Are You Getting Into?, by *Gwen Meyer Gregory* and *Mary Beth Chambers*
- “Come on Down! You’re the Next Contestant”—One Librarian’s View of the Interview Process, by *Karl Bridges*
- Mentors—How to Find Them, How to Use Them, by *Verla J. Peterson*
- Continuing Education—Planning Your Future, by *Kris Swank*
- Unions in Academic Libraries, by *Tina Maragou Hovekamp*
- What Have You Been Up To?—Documenting Your Career, by *McKinley Sielaff*
- Up North—Comparisons and Contrasts of U.S. and Canadian Academic Libraries, by *Don Taylor*
- Notes From a Cataloger—Success in Technical Services, by *Wendy Baia*
- Witches Brew Or Gourmet Gumbo—Tenure in the Library, by *Molly E. Molloy*
- Moving to the Academy in Mid-Career—A Field Guide for the Experienced Librarian, by *Anna Gold*
- A View From the Top—What the Director or Dean Is Looking For, by *Benjamin Wakashige* and *Emily Asch*
- Afterword, by *G. M. Gregory*
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