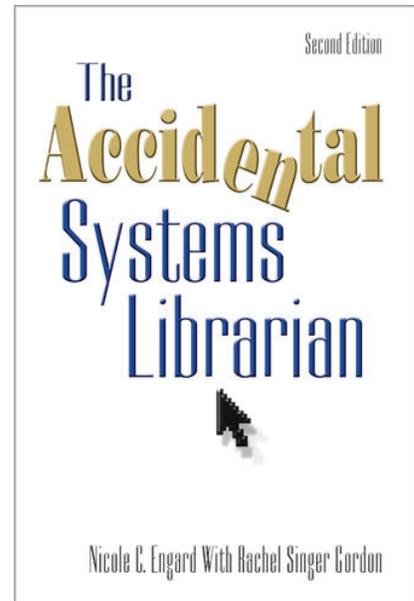


For Immediate Release

Contact: Rob Colding
Information Today, Inc.
(609) 654-6266, ext. 330
rcolding@infotoday.com

The Accidental Systems Librarian, Second Edition

New Edition of Popular Book Focuses on Open Source Software, Web-Based Technologies, and the Importance of Networking for Systems Librarians



October 22, 2012, Medford, New Jersey—Information Today, Inc. (ITI) announced the publication of *The Accidental Systems Librarian, Second Edition* by Nicole Engard with Rachel Singer Gordon.

In this update of Rachel Singer Gordon's *The Accidental Systems Librarian*, Nicole Engard takes the approach that anyone with a solid foundation in the practices and principles of librarianship and a willingness to confront and learn about changing technology can serve effectively in a library systems position—with or without formal technology training. She offers practical advice on using research, communication, and organizational and bibliographic skills to solve various systems problems, geared to helping both “accidental” and “planned” systems librarians develop the skills needed to succeed and the confidence necessary to excel. This second edition will prepare systems librarians for managing the latest library technologies including mobile devices, open source software, social networks, Wi-Fi, ebooks, cloud computing, virtual reference, and much more.

“Depending on how one counts, librarianship has existed for hundreds if not thousands of years. For much of that time, the principles and processes of librarianship have remained rather constant. I believe they include the collection, organization, preservation, dissemination, and sometimes evaluation of data, information, and knowledge. These processes are the ‘what’s’ of librarianship. They don’t change very much. On the other hand, the ‘how’s’ of librarianship evolve as technology evolves,” says Eric Lease Morgan, digital projects librarian for Hesburgh Libraries, University of Notre Dame. “*The Accidental Systems Librarian* is a book about the most recent ‘how’s’ of librarianship, specifically the management and use of computers in libraries. It provides a thorough and excellent introduction to the field.”

—more—

Chapters include:

- Defining Systems Librarianship
- Desktop Software You May Need to Master
- Web Applications You May Need to Master
- Other Technical Areas You May Need to Master
- Organization of Knowledge
- Research Techniques
- Networking
- Instruction Techniques
- Independent Study
- Administration and Management
- Integrated Library System Migration
- Life Lessons

In addition to the foreword by Eric Lease Morgan, the book features a list of web resources, recommended resources, and an index. Readers can visit the companion website at tasl.web2learning.net to get updates and new information that will be of interest to systems librarians.

Praise for *The Accidental Systems Librarian, Second Edition*

“The focus on open source software and the importance of networking for systems librarians are powerful additions to this new edition of *The Accidental Systems Librarian* ... Very well done. ... an instant classic that every systems librarian will want.”

—Edward Iglesias, author,
An Overview of the Changing Role of the Systems Librarian

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Nicole C. Engard is the vice president of education at ByWater Solutions. She directs the company’s open source education endeavors and works with systems librarians on a daily basis. In addition to her responsibilities at ByWater, Engard writes about technology, systems, and libraries on her blog What I Learned Today at www.web2learning.net.

The Accidental Systems Librarian, Second Edition (328 pp/softbound/\$29.50/ISBN 978-1-57387-453-3) is published by Information Today, Inc. (ITI) and is available wherever professional books and ebooks are sold. For more information, contact the publisher by calling (800) 300-9868; faxing (609) 654-4309; emailing custserv@infoday.com; or visiting the ITI website at www.infoday.com.

###