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Fowler, "Introduction To The Library And Information Professions" is a comprehensive introduction to the functions of information professionals based on models of communication theory who have the responsibility of diagnosing the information needs of their clients and patrons using information transfer theory. Of special note are the diverse issues focusing on the role of an information technology professional and the services they offer. Enhanced with the inclusion of three appendices (Codes of Ethics; Professional Organizations; Professional Journals), "Introduction To The Library And Information Professions" is an ideal and highly recommended addition to academic and community library staff development reference collections, and for college/university Library Science curriculums and supplemental reading lists. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Poorly written with little citational evidence. By Destry Shoots Again Too bad for this ambitious text, which tries to make a case for "theory" in library practice and thereby validate library and information sciences as professions worthy of increased respect. The authors make many off-hand claims with little textual evidence. They offer citations infrequently, and when they do attempt to substantiate their unwarranted claims, they often cite works that are grossly out of date. Grammar, logic, reasoning, and editing errors are abundant, which also reflects poorly on the press. This sloppy editing failed to check the use of phrases like "the human races" or claims that email use causes a flattening of organizational hierarchy, for example. Library science needs a text that not only calls for but makes concrete and coherent links between appropriate theories and existing practice, but those seeking such a text should continue looking.

An introduction to the library and information professions featuring a model of information transfer, the national information infrastructure, and the processes and functions and infrastructure of information professionals. This introduction to the functions of information professionals is approached through models of communication theory. Professionals have the role of diagnosing the information needs of clients using information transfer theory. Current trends and issues are discussed as they focus on the role of a professional and the services to be offered.

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