Library Consortia

Description: Library Consortia: Practical Guide for Library Managers provides the latest information on library consortia and their aim of fulfilling the educational, intellectual, informational, and social aspirations of users through the cooperative provision of superior quality library resources and services. The main service that a consortium offers to its member organizations is negotiation of licenses with good pricing and legal conditions.

The book presents an accounting of different licensing systems, along with key elements of the negotiation process that will help members of consortia gain maximum benefit. Since the majority of publishers and agents are foreign based, the consortium helps to solve legal problems concerning the adaptation of the licenses to the concerned country's law, which the book discusses in detail.

- Discusses the success stories of library consortia
- Presents a detailed guide and criteria for establishing a library consortia
- Includes consortia models and detailed examples
- Explores governance issues in library consortia
- Offers analysis on licensing and pricing models, along with further examples that relate to different licensing models and pricing mechanisms

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