

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE PERSPECTIVES:

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PREFACE

Professor Etim's compendium, in my view, provides fresh insights, perspectives and approaches to managing information. The book is divided into three sections.

Section One presents research papers in information and knowledge management in libraries and information centres. The chapters also review the various positive changes that ICT has brought to libraries and how these changes have enabled the library and allied institutions to provide better services.

Section Two continues with the challenges of information dissemination to different user groups in Nigeria. In this section, the author brings fresh insights on the much neglected theme of the role of information on the empowerment of women and on job creation. Many readers will find this portion of the compendium particularly illuminating.

In Section Three, the scholar presents the information profession as not only about technology but also concerned with people, hence her devotion to information literacy (a term we owe to Paul Zurkowski). Professor Etim believes that information literacy is pivotal to the pursuit of lifelong learning and central to achieving both personal empowerment and economic development.

Two things are clear from Professor's Etim instructive compendium:

- (a) There are tremendous approaches and strategies available to the librarian who is willing to taken advantage of them.
- (b) With an understanding of change and how it affects us, armed with clear planning tools and strategies, fear and concern can be converted to clear and non-threatening opportunities to provide improved service.

In this compendium the simple is said simply and the difficult is said clearly. Professor Etim has endeavoured to make her research reports reflective, provocative and enlightening.

I recommend this enlightening compendium to all information professionals. Students will find much that is of interest in the compendium.

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