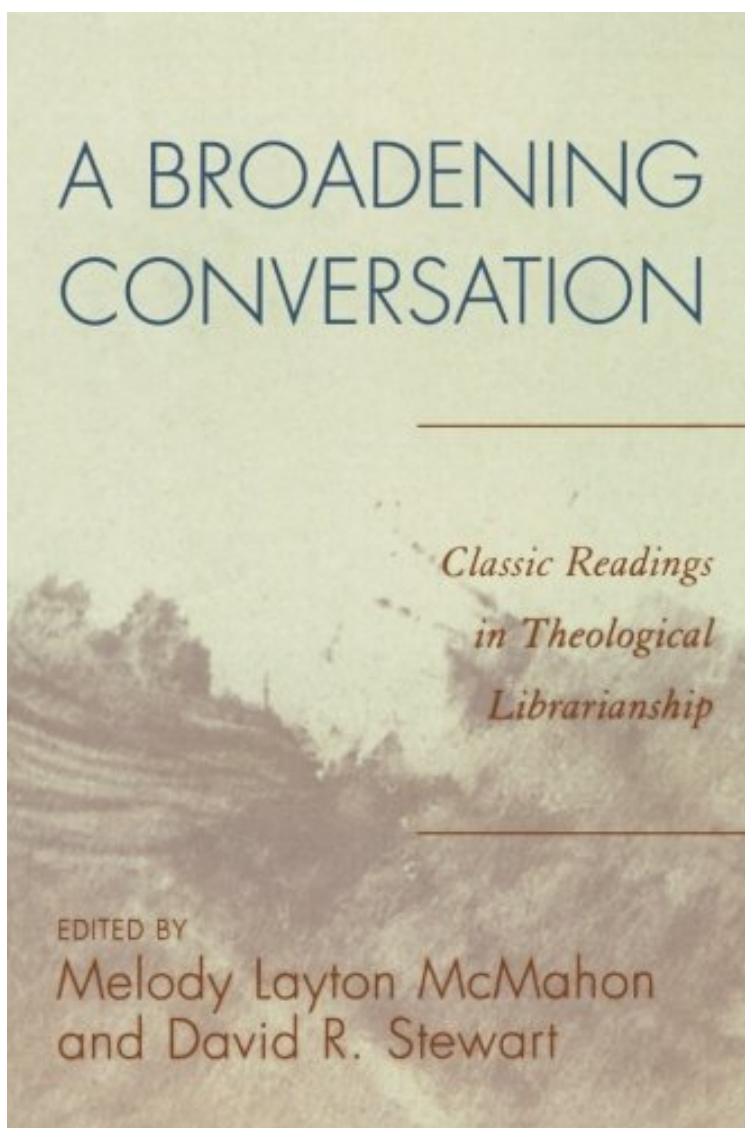


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As the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) celebrates the important milestone of its 60th anniversary this year, the editors have brought together in a single-volume anthology some of the best contributions to this field. Essays and papers from the past sixty years are grouped into six topical chapters (theological librarianship's characteristics, dimensions, educational role, settings, development within ATLA's sixty years, and most noteworthy changes), each of which is introduced by a present-day theological librarian. This collection is likely to be valuable in many ways: as a compendium of wisdom and "best practices" over several generations, as a means of securing a grasp of how ATLA's importance and influence as an association has grown over time, and even for the way it brings back to light the life and work of so many fine librarians, Raymond Morris (Yale Divinity Library) and Julia Pettee (Union Theological Seminary) among them. Even more important, *A Broadening Conversation* affirms vividly that (instead of the ethos of tradition and continuity that one might suppose) a mix of trusted routines with perpetual change is what has always been on the menu for theological librarians in their daily work. This is at the heart of what continues to make theological librarianship such a challenging and rewarding vocation.

Characterized as an exploration of the attic of the American Theological Library Association, the anthology presents 44 articles that have shaped the profession over the past few generations but are no longer easily accessible. They cover the distinctive character of theological librarianship, theological librarians at work and as educators, contexts and constituencies of theological libraries, reflections and reminiscences of the Association, and changes and challenges. (Reference and Research Book News, August 2006) Melody Layton McMahon and David R. Stewart have compiled an anthology of some of the best contributions to the field of theological librarianship.... Every theological librarian can profit from the book, which is meant to be a fun, thought-provoking read for working professionals. (The Christian Librarian, November 2008) This book is an invitation, not only to theological librarians, but also to faculty and administrators, to broaden our conversations on teaching theology and religion and on the values we share. (Beth Bidlack Teaching Theology Religion) About the Author Melody Layton McMahon is Catalog Librarian and Liaison to Religious Studies at the Grasselli Library, John Carroll University, University Heights, OH. David R. Stewart is Director of Library Services at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN. He was previously Associate Librarian at Princeton Theological Seminary.