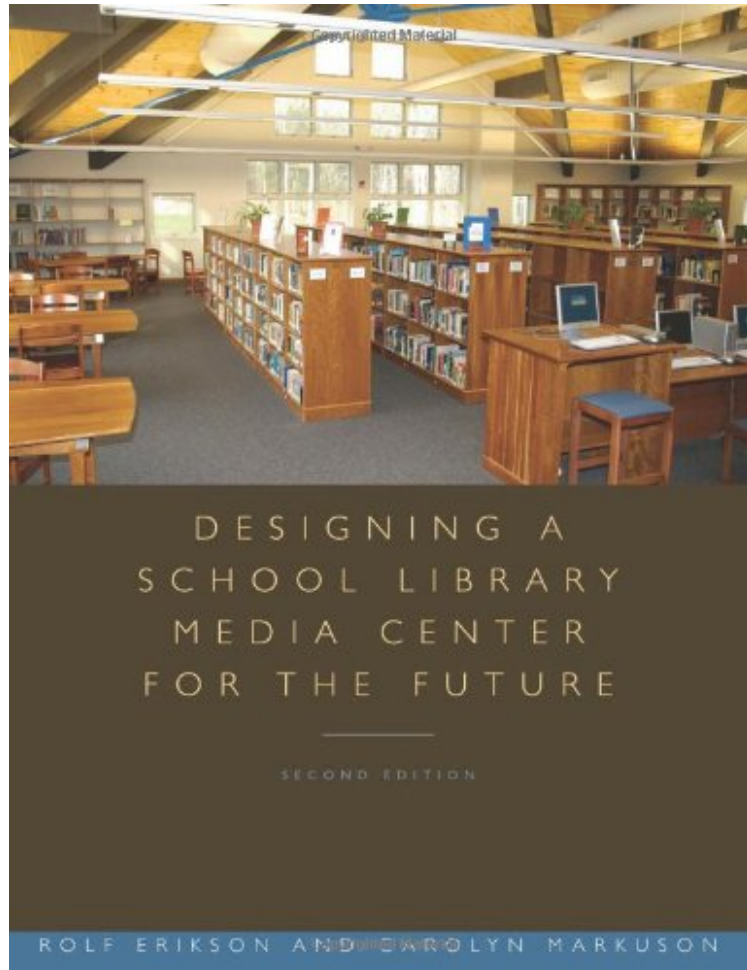


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From School Library JournalThis book covers researching, planning, constructing, and moving into a new school media center. The chapters dealing with overseeing specification and bidding processes and meeting accessibility guidelines are particularly helpful. The text is broken into manageable bites with headings, listings, and sidebars that explain technical terms. Useful diagrams include the very necessary progress flow chart, a bubble diagram, and flat and three-dimensional architectural sketches. Cartoons and quotations lighten things up. Excellent appendixes include architectural symbols; space allocations and adjacencies; sample data forms; shelving, table, and chair measurements; furniture specifications and manufacturers; a list of selected readings; and some terrific Web sites. Buy this book for yourself and for all of the stewards of your project.-Cindy Darling Codell, Clark Middle School, Winchester, KYCopyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. "With flowcharts, a glossary of technical terms, diagrams, photographs, addresses of useful Web sites, and a bit of cartoon humor, two library design and renovation specialists clarify the entire process of planning a school media center that will successfully serve its school for decades... The lucky few who actually find themselves able to remodel or design a new media center could benefit greatly from consulting this book. Recommended."About the AuthorRolf Erikson has been a school library facility consultant for fifteen years and has consulted on over eighty projects for public and independent schools, both in the United States and internationally. He has thirty years experience as a school library media specialist at all levels, K 12. Most recently, he was school library director at Minuteman Regional High School in Lexington, Massachusetts. Previously, he was director of library and audiovisual services at the Frankfurt International School in Oberursel, Germany. His professional experience also includes K 12 classroom teaching. He has an M.S. in instructional technology from the University of Wisconsin Stout and a B.A. in art education from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota. He has presented workshops on school library design for national, regional, and state professional library organizations, and has taught courses on school library facilities design at the graduate level.Carolyn Markuson is founder and president of biblioTECH, which offers consulting services to schools, public libraries, and regional library systems. Previously she was supervisor of libraries for the Brookline, Massachusetts school district. Her professional experience includes working in several school, public, and special library environments as well as leadership positions in state, regional and national professional library organizations. She has a doctorate in curriculum media and technology from Boston University and a C.A.G.S. (Public Administration) and M.L.S. from Rutgers University. As a librarian, system director, and consultant, she has worked with school systems, librarians, and architects both in the USA and abroad to design school library facilities that facilitate learning and welcome students. Most recently, she has been involved in the development of community library projects in the northeast in which both school and public libraries function in a single facility. In addition to facilities design, her consulting services have included the development of strategic plans, and comprehensive school library program evaluations for school systems seeking state of the art school libraries.