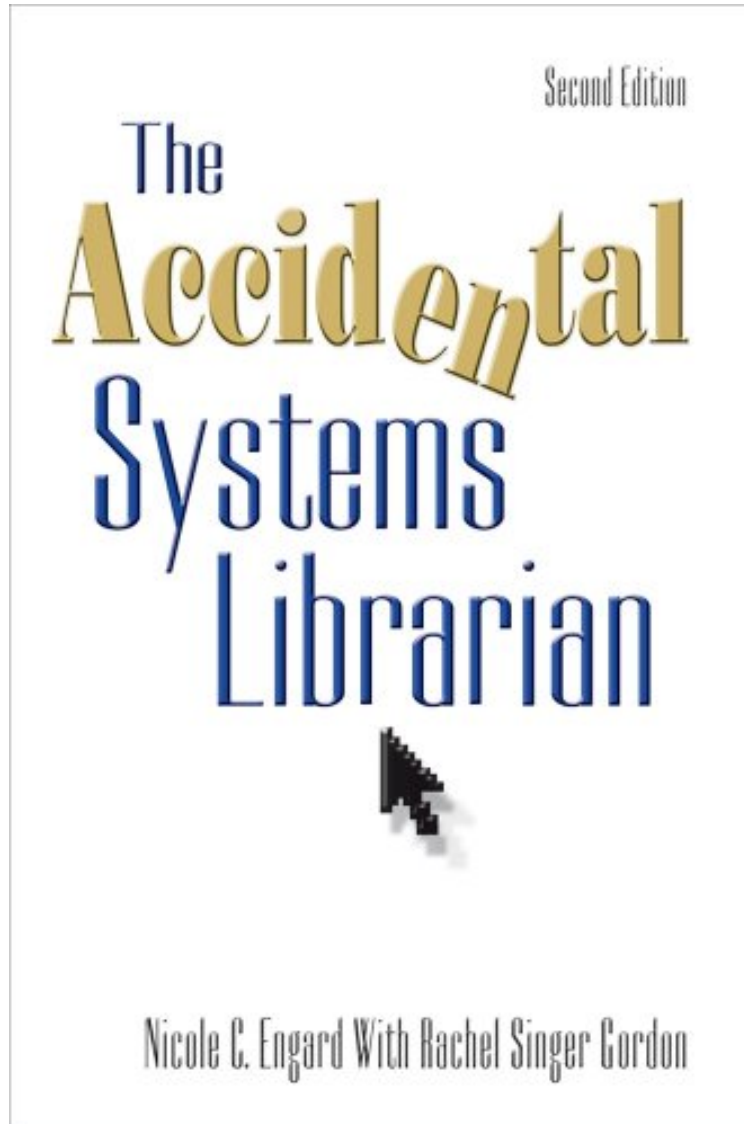


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immediately relevant to me, and I made a note to come back to it and learn what my colleagues from a library background were being taught. I finally got around to reading it ten years later, after the second edition came out. I found it to be a mostly complete introduction to library systems, with only a couple of small oversights. It is so influential in the field, I consider it the springboard from which I started to write *The Myth and Magic of Library Systems*. Library IT and systems work is complicated, and anyone in the field should have a bookcase full of books in both specific technical areas and in general philosophy, style, and strategies (in addition to electronic resources). If you are working in library systems, you should definitely buy this book to get a librarian's perspective on library systems, but don't stop here. I personally supplemented this section of my bookshelf with the *Accidental Librarian*, *The Accidental Library Manager* (which I found more helpful), and the ALA [glossary] of library and information science. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Interesting, but dated and superficial
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This new edition of *The Accidental Systems Librarian* prepares readers to manage the latest library technologies: mobile devices, open source software, social networks, WiFi, ebooks, and much more. Nicole C. Engard's advice on using research, communication, organizational, and bibliographic skills to solve various systems problems is geared to helping both "accidental" and "planned" systems librarians develop the skills they need to succeed and the confidence they need to excel.

"This new second edition of *The Accidental Systems Librarian* delivers a practical and perceptive guide to the ever growing career niche where technology blends into the work of library professionals. Nicole C. Engard gives a thorough accounting of the tasks involved with this kind of work sprinkled with helpful personal insights. As a one who accidentally fell into the profession myself, I recommend Nicole's book anyone considering-or already involved-with this corner of the profession." --Marshall Breeding, independent consultant, author, and creator of *Library Technology Guides*. "The focus on open source software and the importance of networking for systems librarians are powerful additions to this new edition of *The Accidental Systems Librarian* ... Very well done. ... an instant classic that every systems librarian will want." --Edward Iglesias, author, *An Overview of the Changing Role of the Systems Librarian* "A great resource for those of us in this role by accident or choice. If you need new ideas on how to manage and master new technologies, acquire new skill sets, and use life lessons to solve problems and achieve career goals, this is the book for you." --Cheryl Ann Peltier-Davis, archives digital librarian, NSU Archives, Nova Southeastern University (Florida) "Nicole C. Engard has written a well-rounded introduction to the trials, tribulations, treasures, and treats of systems librarianship. With this guide in hand, accidental (and new) systems librarians will be prepared to handle almost anything the job throws at them." --Ruth Kneale, intentional systems librarian and author, *You Don't Look Like a Librarian*
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