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This second edition covers 50 exercises (up from 35) and includes two new chapters—"What Is Information?" (chapter 2) and "Assessment" (chapter 11). For the most part, chapter progression mirrors the sequence of a typical information literacy course, starting with "Getting Ready for Research" and moving through "Books and Catalogs," "Periodicals and Databases," and "The Web and Scholarly Research." For each exercise, the authors provide a goal, a description, and tips for conducting the exercise. They also cite applicable ACRL "Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education, Standards, Performance Indicators, and Outcomes." Especially useful, chapter 10, "The Paper Trail Project," details a 15-week information literacy assignment that includes a description, grading rubric (new to this edition), student time line, and a nine-page sample project (updated to "Sex Trafficking"). Highly useful for both beginning and advanced college and university instruction librarians. --Stephen Fadel

Review

"Beginning with the basic question, 'What is Information?' and ending with a more intense 'paper trail project,' the exercises can guide librarians as they assist students in the direction of information literacy skill development. This book is recommended for all librarians who teach in a higher educational institution." --
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