

Preface

This special edition of the book is significantly quite special, in many senses. It is so special because the information journey of Dr T A V Murthy to whom it is dedicated to his achievement is an extraordinary one. This book tries to cover some of the major progress in LIS and it would have been incomplete if it did not include new development. As such, it must cross the usual borders of Information and Library Services.

Our aim is to explain the enduring concepts underlying all library and information systems, and to show the readers the concrete ways that these ideas affect the correctness, performance, and utility of the articles published .

Over the years, the disciplines LIS and various domains in it have changed in a number of important ways. This has created almost limitless Opportunities fiber new digital networks of greatly enhanced capabilities. Many domains in LIS have been influenced by Information technology which created the need to LIS professional for developing methods rather than using the methods and applications. This book is designed both to provide a fundamental understanding of the common LIS principles and to provide insight into some of the new progress that evolve in recent years. This book is designed to be used at many levels varying from an understanding of the basic concepts to a more advanced level . This would take this publication as a reference work for the researchers in the field.

We have received immense response to the Call for articles to this volume. We have received more than 150 submissions and we need to be more selective in choosing the best stuff. Consequently, we accept 40 submissions from many countries.

We would also like to thank the publishers the Society for Information Organization, the division of the Digital Information Research Ltd, UK for accepting our proposal to publish this book. We would like to acknowledge the great writings of the contributors who addressed varied concepts and techniques in their articles. This book has received its value when **Dr. Ingrid Parent**, the IFLA President agreed to write the foreword.

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