

continues by providing presentation tips, tricks, and shortcuts. The final chapter, with anecdotes, examples, and exercises provided by the contributing trainers' own experiences, should be read by all instructors. The volume concludes with three appendices, with trainer biographies, sample handouts, and a URL list. The book's companion Web site can be found at <http://www.notess.com/teaching/>.

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THE NEW OPL SOURCEBOOK: A GUIDE FOR SOLO AND SMALL LIBRARIES. Siess, Judith A. *Medford, NJ: Information Today, 2006. xxiii + 427pp. \$39.50. ISBN 1-57387-2415.*

*The New OPL Sourcebook: A Guide for Solo and Small Libraries* is the third edition of the book that began as *The Solo Librarian's Sourcebook* in 1997 and then evolved into *The OPL Sourcebook* in 2001. In this new edition, Judith Siess continues to expand the book with new thoughts and ideas, information, Web sites, words of wisdom from a wide variety of sources and librarians, and the ongoing definition of who and what a solo or OPL (one-person librarian) is. For those unfamiliar with this term, Siess defines an OPL as "someone who works in a one-person library, who is the only librarian (or only professional librarian) in a library or information center. The OPL does everything: acquisitions; cataloging; circulation; reference; even dusting the shelves and vacuuming the library, if necessary" (p. 3). Also included is information on international libraries and the solo librarians that run them. Throughout the book, ideas and sections are clearly defined, and main ideas are bullet pointed. While not everyone may agree with all of Siess's ideas, she tells it like it is, clearly wanting all solo librarians to stand on their own and be successful.

This book is divided into two main sections. The first section, which includes Chapters 1 through 8, discusses topics such the definition of an OPL, their history, general concepts of management, time management,

planning and prioritizing, financial matters, communication, marketing and advocacy, the information superhighway and technology, education, downsizing and outsourcing, knowledge management and the future of one-person librarianship. The second section, edited by John Welford, includes Chapters 9 through 19 and lists helpful resources, which are arranged by subject area. Resources consist mainly of Web sites, but also included are print resources like books, articles, journals, and directories, plus associations and organizations. Subjects discussed include: business, government, journalism, legal, languages and literature, computers, library information, medicine and health, science, engineering and technology, social sciences, and miscellaneous information like fun stuff, calculators, and travel. Most entries (but not all) are annotated with a brief summary of the site, useful information about it, and the person(s) responsible for its content if known. There are many international sites listed under a wide selection of subjects, and language of the site is also listed if not in English. The Web sites that are included are great and will surely be a wonderful surprise for library patrons. Chapter 20 is an extensive bibliography and sources cited, followed by author information and an index.

*The New OPL Sourcebook* is a fantastic resource for the solo or one-person librarian, because it provides a basic outline of everything one needs to know to successfully run a library. It's a great one-stop-shop on many topics and issues that solos will face. Some of the topics will likely be familiar, but some things need repeating. While this book is geared and written for the solo or one-person librarian, its content and list of resources will be of interest to librarians in all libraries, including academic and public. Also, check out Siess's blog OPL Plus (Not Just for OPLs Anymore) at <http://opls.blogspot.com>.

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