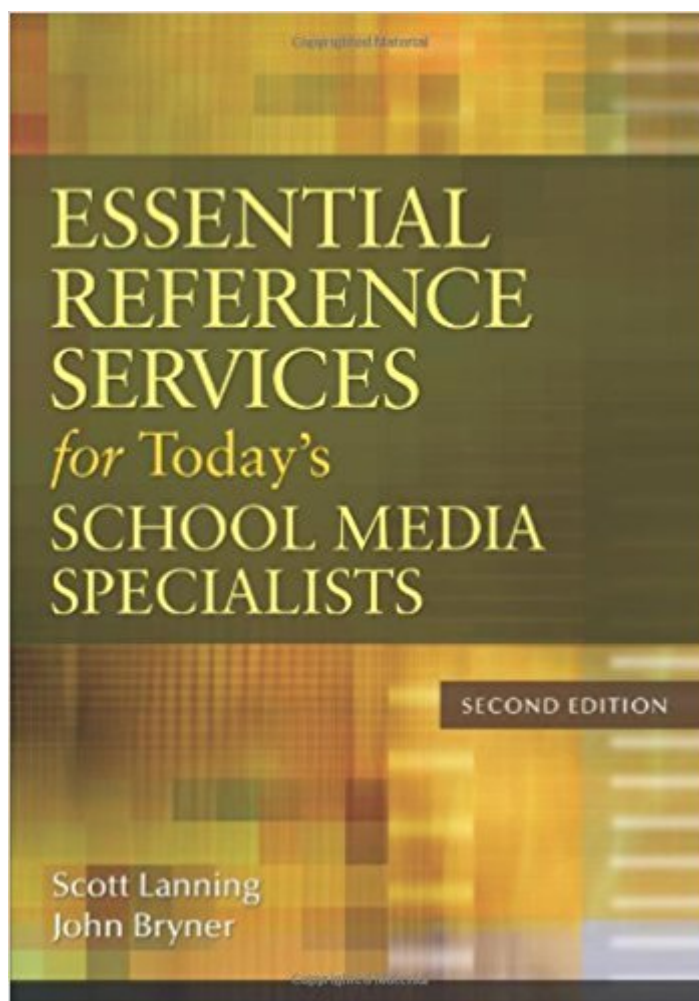


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Lanning and Bryner's 2004 book has been updated to reflect the new learning-skills standards of the American Association of School Librarians. The content focuses on core reference skills, electronic resources, and leadership. The first few chapters discuss information literacy,

evaluation of resources, the role of print resources, and the reference interview. These are followed by chapters on the library catalog, electronic resources, and the Web as a reference tool. Finally, there are several chapters dealing with the teacher-librarians' instructional and leadership roles. The authors use a very accessible tone while providing the basics. A chapter on information-seeking behaviors would have been a good addition. However, for a simple introduction to reference services for teacher-librarians, this book does a satisfactory job. --Lesley Farmer

This book took a boring subject - reference services - and actually breathed into it a breath of life. Good ideas and sound practices to use to make reference services user friendly are mixed in with scenarios to give a real world feel to the advice.

This is a great introductory title for Reference Services as well as serving as an overview of all library related services and resources. Scott Lanning encapsulates information into brief explanations while giving great examples to further understanding. It's a great book for LIS students because Lanning does in one chapter what professors spend an ENTIRE semester teaching, and Lanning does it in a way that's easy to understand! I wish I would have had this resource at the beginning of my Library and Information Science coursework- it really would have helped make all the esoteric theories more concrete and understandable.

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