This book comprehensively explores information literacy policy, information use, lifelong learning and information literacy training in relation to workplaces and health and public libraries in the United Kingdom and Europe.

Part 1 examines information policy from a historical perspective and considers the characteristics of the information society and how information policy has evolved. To complement this background analysis, this section provides evaluation criteria to assess the effectiveness of information policy documents. An international context is provided with the inclusion of information literacy policy and digital policy trends in the US and Australia.

The chapter titled The Challenge of the Work Environment seeks to raise awareness of information use in the workplace. Interestingly, the book points out that this is an under-reported area. The two key approaches to information use appear to be focused on teaching information literacy skills and the theoretical aspect of information literacy. The Scottish Government Library is included as a case study to examine information literacy training programmes in the workplace. This section also explores information literacy in health libraries and the framework and policies developed thus far in the UK and Sweden. The author concludes that more must be done to develop health information literacy skills for both library staff and library users.

Another chapter explores the role of public libraries in information literacy and informal learning. The research highlights the importance of links between schools and public libraries in developing information literacy skills amongst the population. Approaches to information literacy in the UK are discussed, and this is supplemented by a discussion on information literacy initiatives in the US.

Crawford and Irving present a range of thought-provoking ideas for developing information literacy skills and awareness in workplaces, health libraries and public libraries. The book is well organised and presented logically, and the case studies are helpful in understanding current trends. The book is recommended for librarians working in health and public libraries who wish to gain insights into current and future trends in information literacy in the UK, Europe and US.

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