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Smith does a fine job of comparing and contrasting various schools of thought and of providing matrixes, examples, and plans. She reviews the rise and acceptance of information literacy, traces a continuum from older ideas of isolated library skills to this more inclusive life skill, and presents a frame for curriculum development with five pages of excellent instructional objectives by category and grade level. One chapter addresses curriculum implementation; others offer a terrific overview of effective teaching and testing techniques. Helpful unit- and lesson-planning designs are included. In the last chapter, two school librarians talk about their experiences with in-depth units using this design. Most chapters end with useful checklists for implementation as well as extensive endnotes and references. This powerful book will illuminate the inexperienced and reinvigorate veteran school librarians.—*Mary R. Hofmann, Rivera Middle School, Merced, CA*

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#### Review

"Educators are well aware of the nationally imposed pressure to raise student test scores in all areas of the curriculum. No matter the subject area, one necessary educational skill remains constant?information literacy. This work combines numerous studies, research papers, and professional positions to empower the school librarian. Living in the "information age," the library's role is instrumental in academic success by students, as indicated by numerous studies. This title uses the results of research such as the Colorado Study and Information Power: Building Partnerships for Learning, to justify the librarian's leadership role in teaching and evaluating information literacy skills. This volume reads like a textbook on how to teach as well as like a public relations piece on the importance of library media programs. The very thorough contents pages will guide the user to the sections that are of importance to the task at hand. Recommended." -

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