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Preface

The concept of collection mapping was first published by the author in 1986 under the title *Computerized Collection Development for School Library Media Centers*. Since that time, the author has written about the technique in several publications. Now, however, it has become necessary to rethink the entire concept as the world of high technology dawns upon the library media center in the school. No longer can collections be a group of books and a sprinkling of audiovisual materials. Instead, the library media center must become one node in a world wide information network.

The purpose of this book is to provide guidance in mapping the collection to the school library media specialist. But the book is also designed to undergird a course in collection development for the school library media specialist. Armed with this manual and a group of readings from the professional literature, the instructor may teach the entire spectrum of collection building in school library media centers. The disk that accompanies this volume provides various practice files and templates that can be used on Macintosh or IBM computer systems. It is wise to save a copy of these files so that as practice takes place, the pristine files are available when mistakes are made by the novice and templates are changed or data destroyed.

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