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*To our families with thanks for their support and understanding*

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# PREFACE

Knowledge has never been static. It constantly develops and expands, from one stage to another due to the ever inquiring human mind bestowed by Allah (S.W.T.). In recent years, information explosion has been very profound, to the extent that librarianship in the traditional sense can no longer cope with the issues of servicing the ever expanding knowledge explosion. Fortunately, the development of information and communication technology (ICT) contributed immensely toward overcoming the issues of librarianship. With the development, so many recent issues relating to library and information science need to be studied and understood, especially by librarians and information scientists. The publication of this book is a step in the right direction toward promoting understanding on the ever expanding fields of librarianship and information science.



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# INTRODUCTION

The subjects on library and information science have never been static, rather ever expanding, in line with the development of knowledge. In recent years the development is rather fast, mainly due to the development of information and communication technology (ICT). This book contains eleven chapters related to contemporary issues in library and information science. The chapters are divided almost equally between librarianship and information science. Those related to library science include chapters related to intellectual freedom, collaboration among librarians, reference services and preservation. On the other hand, those related to information science are on innovation model, OPAC, E-Book and on-line databases. In most cases, the dichotomy is not clear cut for in many cases, the chapters touch on both librarianship and information science. The most obvious is the chapter on training needs of reference librarians. However, all these chapters have not been subjected to intense research and further advanced research are welcome.