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Gregory, Gwen Myer, ed. *The Successful Academic Librarian: Winning Strategies from Library Leaders*. Information Today Inc., 2005. ISBN 1573872326. $39.50. Purchase from Amazon.com.

This book, penned by experienced academic librarians, provides background information and guidance to people in all stages of their academic library careers. It's an excellent text for students, new librarians, and old hands; the content is brief enough to be interesting, yet lengthy enough to be useful. Gregory has gathered articles on a broad spectrum of topics, including pieces on interviewing, research, service, promotion, dossier creation, departmental work, and tenure and promotion. Also included are unique chapters on making the transition from public to academic libraries and on moving from the U.S. to Canada. An excellent annotated bibliography caps off the book.

Though it is intended for all groups, *The Successful Academic Librarian* may prove particularly useful for students and new graduates. Its real-world scenarios can help new librarians to gain a little experience with the everyday knowledge that many feel is lacking from MLS programs.

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