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Planning GIS Services in Libraries

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) represent, for many, an entirely new way of looking at information by adding a graphic, spatial dimension to problem solving. *Issues & Innovations in Geographic Information Systems* describes 20 different GIS projects currently in place and addresses key questions for those planning to implement GIS services in academic and research libraries. The OMS Systems and Procedures Exchange Center (SPEC) also offers a [web-based resource center](#) to allow for updating, links to related sites, and continued learning on each topic. *Transforming Libraries # 2: Issues & Innovations in Geographic Information Systems*, was also published as *SPEC Kit 219*. Single copies are available for \$34 each.

Study Examines the State of Multimedia Services in Research Libraries

More than 20 years after the introduction of the videocassette player and recorder, video collections and services in academic research libraries remain uneven in size and quality. In many cases, users do not have adequate access to tens of thousands of essential resources[[arrowhorizex]]motion pictures, videocassettes, and optical discs.

This OMS Occasional Paper, written by Kristine Brancolini, Indiana University and Rick Provine, University of Virginia, summarizes the findings of three SPEC surveys conducted in 1990, 1993, and 1995. It provides a historical overview of how multimedia has evolved over the last five years, and takes a glimpse into the future. It specifically addresses provision of service and looks at the availability of library equipment for playing multimedia items and looks ahead at new emerging multimedia technologies. A case study of the University of Virginia Clemons Library and survey results from the 1993 and 1995 surveys are included, as well as a selected readings list. *Video Collections and Multimedia in ARL Libraries: Changing Technologies* is available for \$31 (\$24 for ARL members).

SPEC Examines Library Internet Training

OMS SPEC Kit 220, *Internet Training in ARL Libraries*, examines the Internet training services offered by ARL libraries. In particular, it looks at targeted clientele; frequency and focus of training sessions; and the equipment used for carrying out such high-demand instruction.

Compiled by Jon Cawthorne, University of Oregon and Richard Bleiler, University of Connecticut, this Kit contains over 150 pages of useful samples of actual training handouts, PowerPoint presentations, and course descriptions and schedules. A summary *SPEC Flyer*, survey results, and selected readings list are also included. [SPEC Flyers](#) are available online. *Internet Training in ARL Libraries* is available for \$46 (\$31 for ARL members).

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