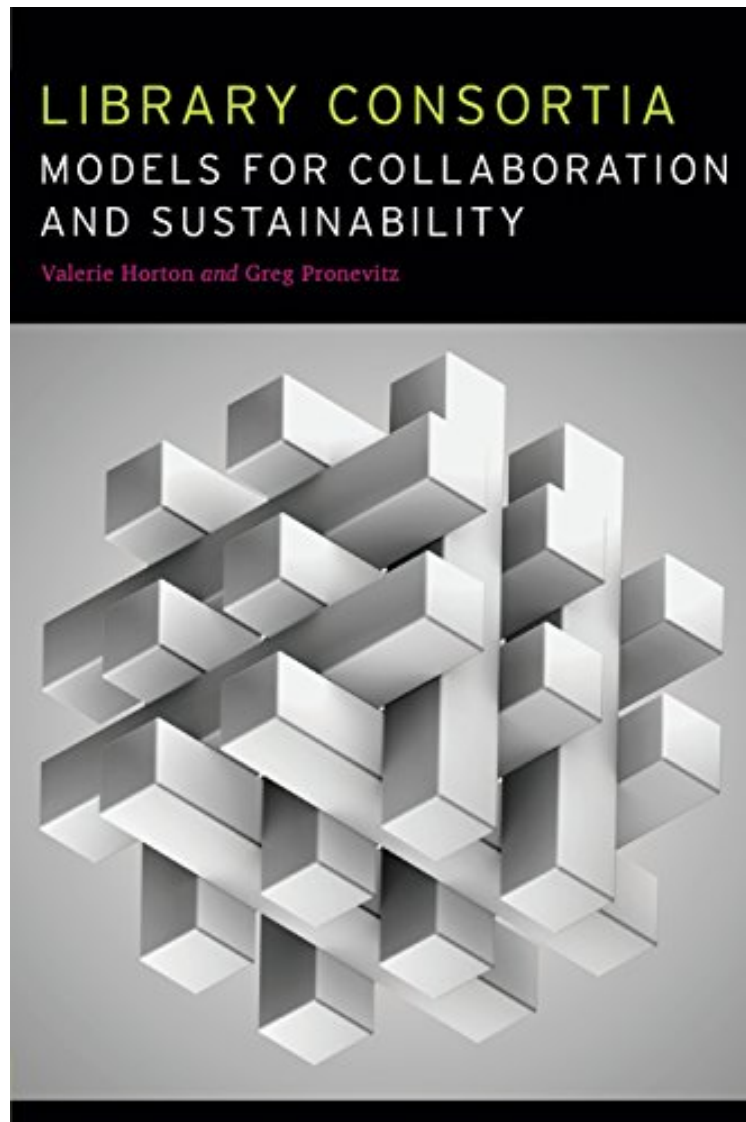


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Although these are times of crisis and uncertainty for library consortia (by one count, more than 65 consortia have closed since 2008), the collaboration that consortia offer helps libraries extend the value of every dollar spent. With over 35 years of experience managing five different library consortia between them, Horton and Pronevitz are uniquely qualified to show how consortia have been transforming themselves, offering new services and products while growing ever more important to the library community. Covering the history, current landscape, management approaches, critical trends, and key services that define today's library consortia, they highlight the current trends impacting consortia and the fiscal difficulties many have experienced since the 2007-2009 Recession. Present conclusions drawn from 16 case studies and the results of a recent survey on consortial environment and priorities. Look into current management practices and give an overview of consortia activities, such as such as e-book technology and delivery methods. Discuss the Discover to Delivery continuum, a key trend that allows libraries to maximize services. This book will help new library staff understand the full range of activities that take place in today's consortia, while also showing consortia managers, participants in consortial governance, and participating libraries methods for revising current practices, places for expanding services, and adopting new project ideas.

The editors and their team of experienced contributors discuss the past, present, and future of library collaboration, emphasizing the activities of consortia, the key services they provide, and their management techniques. Sixteen fascinating case studies show what can be achieved by diverse libraries working together. This important volume is a valuable resource for professional collections in academic and large public libraries." --VOYA Magazine

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