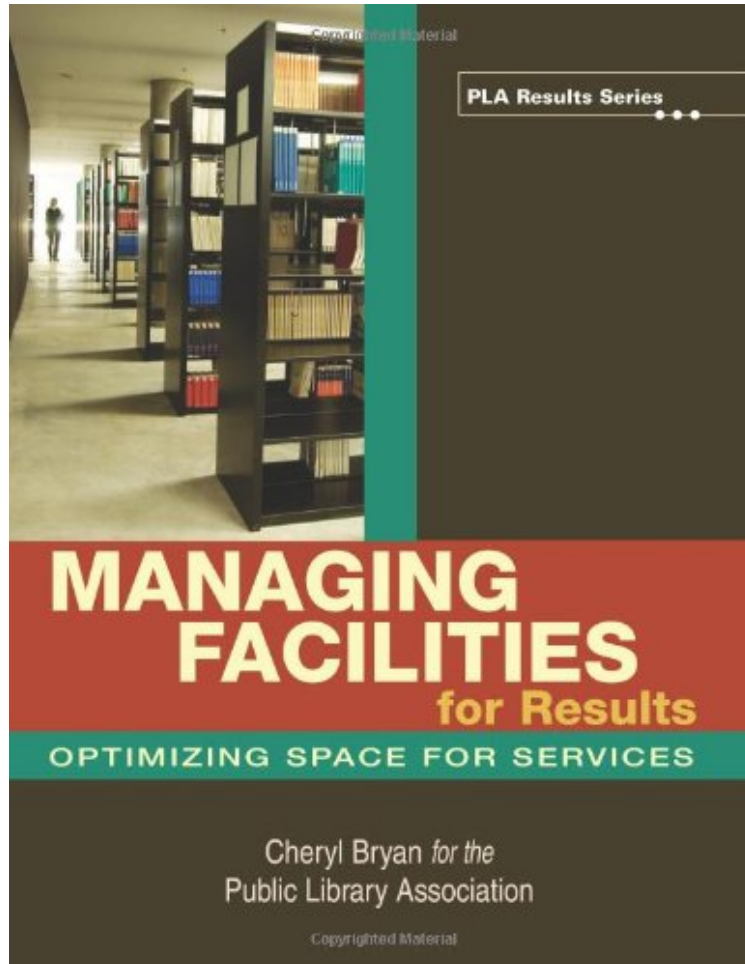


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Very highly recommended and invaluable instructional reference and resourceBy Midwest Book ReviewAt the request of the Public Library Association, Cheryl Bryan (Assistant Administrator for Consulting and continuing Education at the Southeastern Massachusetts Library System) has written "Managing Facilities For Results: Optimizing Space for Services". As a library experiences increases in their patronage and collections, space is a perennial problem. In order to avoid the expenses of building additions to an existing library, or the costs of building a newer and larger library, library boards and library staff members try to carve out new service areas within the space of their existing library structure. "Managing Facilities For Results" is designed to help the library staff to prioritize new services that need space, make plans and identify appropriate locations, present their case to their funding authorities, conduct a 'gap analysis', find resources to reallocate and

determine what new items are needed, and to identify building professionals to assist with alterations. Enhanced with twenty-three workforms to support the information and collection process, three toolkits (one providing technical assistance on calculating square footage, one for assessing the message, and one for complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements), and with real-life examples of small to large-sized libraries, "Managing Facilities For Results" is a very highly recommended and invaluable instructional reference and resource for any librarian, library staff, or library board facing the need to provide more and different services within their existing library structure.

Carving out new service areas within existing space, forgoing massive additions or expensive new buildings, offers a cost-effective solution for budget-conscious libraries. Building from the proven Results Series model, this volume dovetails with the basics outlined in *The New Planning for Results: A Streamlined Approach*. This new hands-on workbook in the Results Series guides library directors, staff, and boards through the process to

- * Prioritize new services that need space
- * Make plans and identify an appropriate location
- * Present the case to funding authorities
- * Conduct a gap analysis
- * Find resources to reallocate and see what new items are needed
- * Identify building professionals to assist with alterations

It is supplemented with 23 workforms to support the information and collection process. Three toolkits provide technical assistance on calculating square footage, assessing the message, and complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. With examples ranging from small to large small public libraries, the process is equally valuable for school, special, and academic librarians who are faced with similar space repurposing challenges. Any library can embrace these practical, proven techniques for addressing community needs -- by creating a blueprint that prioritizes services and creates the space for them within their existing facility.

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