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and Background; How the Young Adult Problem Patron has been Created; Developmental Misunderstandings and the "Ideal Patron" Syndrome; Dichotomized Service; Resistance to Library Use and Learning as a Social Process; Inadequate Assumptions About Adolescent Information-Seeking; Conclusion; References

Historical Perspectives on Problem Patrons from the British Public Library Sector, 1850-1919 Problems of Enforcement; Theft, Damage and "Proper" Use; Female and Juvenile Patrons; Loafers and Gamblers; Conclusion; References; Difficult Library Patrons in Academe: It's All in the Eye of the Beholder; Introduction; How Well Do We Know Our Patrons?; Do We Unwittingly Create "Difficult" Patrons Through Our Failure to Appreciate Their Needs?; Do We Label Patrons as Difficult Because They do not Conform to Our View of How Information Research should be Conducted?

Responding to the Difficult Patron Requires an Attempt to Re-Conceptualize Our Service Implications for Staff; Conclusion: Responding to the Difficult Patron; References; The Difficult Patron in the Academic Library: Problem Issues or Problem Patrons?; Introduction; Literature Review; Labeling the Academic Library User; Eliminating Sources of Conflict and Tension Between Faculty and Library Staff; Collection Development and Weeding; Circulation Matters; Reserves; Interlibrary Loan Issues; Reference Desk Issues; Purchasing of Electronic Resources; Course-Related Instruction

Faculty-Librarian Relationship Student-Librarian Working Relationship; Student Needs and Procrastination; Recommendations and Conclusion; References; Personal Safety in Library Buildings: Levels, Problems, and Solutions; The Problem: The Public Building as a (Potentially) Dangerous Place; Why Libraries?; Levels of Security; Level 1: Perfect Security; Level 2: Extremely Good Security; Level 3: Very Good Security; Level 4: Commendable (Pretty Good) Security; Level 5: So-So Security; Level 6: Token Security (Better than Nothing); Level 7: No Protection (Rotten Security); Security Measures

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This insightful book shows you how to deal with an issue as old as the library profession: interacting with problem patrons. It looks at this fact of life that affects almost every facet of library work and provides practical solutions--some developed within the field and some borrowed from other professions--that will improve reference services for those you serve and make the work of your library staff less stressful, more productive, and increasingly meaningful.

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