

# THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

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Following close on the heels of Guy R. Lyle's work on college library administration comes Louis R. Wilson and Maurice F. Tauber's *The University Library; its Organization, Administration and Functions* (University of Chicago Press, \$5.00) by another North Carolina librarian, Dean Wilson, and his former student, Maurice F. Tauber. Both books grew out of library school courses, summarizing the authors' experience, the appropriate professional literature, and a considerable amount of personal investigation. Recording what is known about academic library administration up to now, they offer a point of departure for new developments.

*The University Library* is encyclopedic. A glance at the authors' names, the table of contents, the bibliographies and the index will make a university librarian exclaim, "This is it!" Starting from general principles of management and instruction, the book explores all university library activities. The opening and closing chapters contribute to the philosophy of librarianship. Other sections investigate the past and future of cooperation, library resources, mechanical appliances, and our stock-in-trade, the book or what it is about to become.

Librarians employed in universities will use Wilson and Tauber to obtain practical guidance, to justify budget requests, to recruit promising students by demonstrating the scope and variety of university library service, and to reinforce their faith in the meaning and value of their work.