DEVELOPMENT OF LIBRARY EDUCATION IN JORDAN

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The main aim of this thesis is to study and evaluate the library education movement in Jordan. An effort is made to give answers to three basic questions: what factors affect the development of library education in Jordan; what types and size of personnel the library and information system needs; and how best the existing library education system can respond to expressed needs? The thesis starts by giving a historical perspective of librarianship in Jordan, followed by an analysis of the present and future demands for qualified personnel. Then attention is turned to the way in which library education has developed during the last twenty-five years. In the last chapters (4-6) the main emphasis is placed upon analysing critically current trends concerning the education of professionals, paraprofessionals and library clerks in Jordan. Certain conclusions and recommendations are drawn up and a special model of library education for Jordan is developed.