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**Women's
information services
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a global source book**

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A multitude of women's information centres and women's archives, their activities as diverse as their geography, are working to strengthen the position of women. They aim to give women a voice, empowerment and a living history, and to support effective decisions and advocacy by making available women-specific information. As noted in the UNESCO preface, they are an invaluable tool for policymakers, NGOs and all who work for new partnerships in development.

Women's information services and networks: a global source book provides the reader with a guide to these services and what they do. Chapter 1 considers the impact of information technology, including the potential of electronic networking. It is followed by regional chapters on Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Central and Eastern Europe and the former USSR; a directory of information services; an annotated bibliography and a resource list. The directory overlaps the website given below; other components are available only in the book. It is thus a quick reference for librarians and library users, an access point for those with no Internet connection, and a source of additional information.

This is the third book in the Gender, Society & Development series, which is intended to be especially relevant to resource-poor areas and those working to include these areas in networks. It is also a part of the International Information Centre and Archives for the Women's Movement (IIAV) project 'Mapping the World' (website at <http://www.iiav.nl/mapping-the-world>).

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