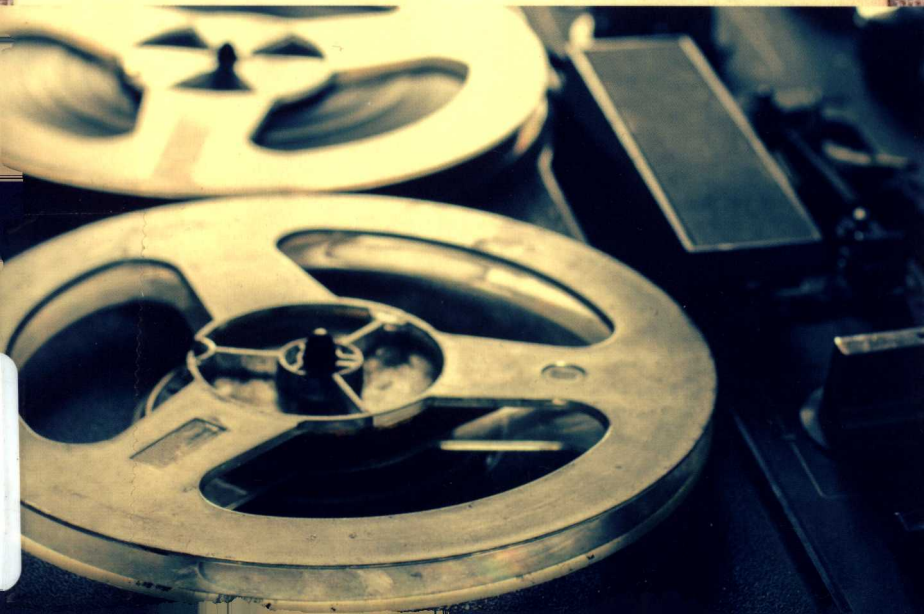


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Preface

MY STORY

MY DEAR FRIEND, COLLEAGUE, AND ADVISOR LORIENE ROY BEGAN THIS collection of stories with her story in the foreword. Now I'll tell you some of my story.

My library career began in 1990 when I graduated from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Texas at Austin. I was one of Dr. Roy's first students at the beginning of her career as a professor. She inspired me to become a public librarian, and I have worked at the San Marcos (Texas) Public Library my entire professional career. I am a cataloger.

Dr. Roy and I stayed in touch after I completed my MLIS, and I always enjoyed sitting with her at the alumni suppers held during the Texas Library Association Annual Conference. It was at one of these conference suppers that the dean of the Texas school, now known as the School of Information, implored the practicing librarians present to consider returning to school for a doctorate so that we could teach. He mentioned many of the prevailing statistics about the "graying" of the profession and the fact that many of his faculty were quickly becoming *emeriti*. Dr. Roy gently kicked me under the table and whispered, "You." I took up Dr. Roy's challenge, and she served as my committee chair for the dissertation on which this book is based.