The collection, written by an international team of scholars, presents a fundamental reassessment of how ancient libraries came into being, how they were organised and how they were used. Drawing on papyrology and archaeology, and on accounts written by those who read and wrote in them, it presents new research on reading cultures, on book collecting and on the origins of monumental library buildings. Many of the traditional stories told about ancient libraries are challenged. Few were really enormous, none was designed as a research centre and occasional conflagrations do not explain the loss of most ancient texts. But the central place of libraries in Greco-Roman culture emerges more clearly than ever.

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NSA  Notizie degli scavi di antichità.
SEG  Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum (1923–). Leiden.
TLL  *Thesaurus Linguae Latinae* (1900–). Leipzig.

Journal abbreviations not in *L’année philologique*:

*RendLinc*  Rendiconti della Reale Accademia dei Lincei.
*SL&I*  Studi Latini e Italiani.


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