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A handbook for engaging users

by Suzette Boyd

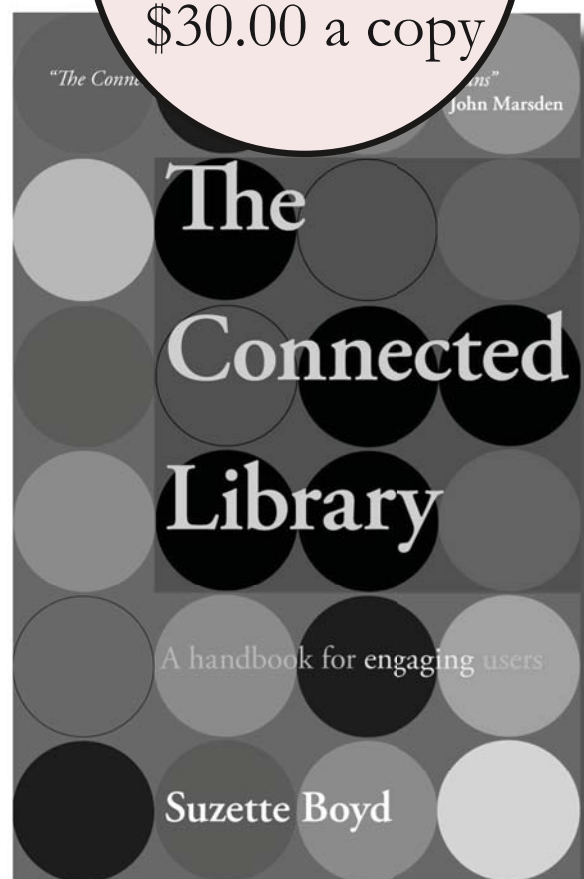
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Suzette Boyd, whose career spans thirty-six years as a highly regarded and successful teacher librarian, has earned her reputation for innovative ideas and practice by first and foremost connecting with her users. In *The Connected Library* she points the way to:

- Building connections and trust with students
- Communicating with and enlisting the support of all users
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- Marketing and promoting the library through an extraordinary array of ideas and activities
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- Becoming the cultural and educational hub of the school



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