



## Collection Assessment and Management for School Libraries Preparing for Cooperative Collection Development Libraries Unlimited Professional Guides in School Librarianship

By Debra Kachel

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