

challenges facing our libraries today cannot be met without massive increases in funding; finding such funds is obviously the biggest challenge of all. Theological libraries have no access to public money and have no real likelihood of getting it; they are almost totally dependent on freewill offerings, whether through church budgets or by direct donation. It will require all the managerial and entrepreneurial skills that we as librarians and school administrators can muster to convince those who hold the purse-strings of the central importance of adequate resource-based, service-oriented libraries to the enterprise of theological education.

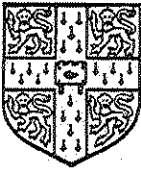
Not only theological faculties and principals, but also the leaders of our churches need to 'own' their libraries, as Don Huber suggests,¹⁰ not merely in the juridical sense, but also in a personal sense. If we are concerned about the future of theological education in this part of the world, we must be doubly concerned about developing adequate library services; for nothing is more basic to the development of informed and critical theological students than the availability of adequate resources and services for the support of theological research. Let us make the next decade the decade of development for theological libraries!

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¹⁰ *ibid*, p.60.



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