el's Rush Building, home of the university's School of Library and Information Science.

- **David Kasar**, professor, Graduate Library School, Indiana University, has been awarded a grant from the Pacific Cultural Foundation to return to Taipei in December to direct a workshop at National Taiwan Normal University.

- **The Pittsburgh Regional Library Center** will receive $99,304 for the first year of a project to develop and produce an on-line union list of serials for Pennsylvania. The State Library of Pennsylvania awarded the contract for the project to the center. Funds were provided under the Library Services and Construction Act, Title III.

- The North Shore Unitarian Veatch Program of Plandome, New York, has awarded the **Andover-Harvard Theological Library**, Cambridge, Massachusetts, a grant of $57,250 for one year to complete the cataloging of the books, periodicals, and manuscripts of the Universalist Historical Society Library. The Universalist Library, founded in 1834, was given to the Harvard Divinity School in June 1975 by the society and forms a part of the school's Universalist and Unitarian collections.

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  - **January 9–14**: The forty-first annual **National Audio-Visual Association (NAVA) Convention** and Exhibit will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Georgia World Congress Center. For more information write NAVA Convention, 3150 Spring St., Fairfax, VA 22031; (703) 273-7200.

- **February 14–17**: The **Association of American Library Schools' 1980 Conference** will have the theme "New Mandates for Library Education: Implications of the White House Conference." For information contact Janet Phillips, Association of American Library Schools, 471 Park Ln., State College, PA 16801; (814) 238-0254.

- **March 3–5**: "The LRC and the Life-Long Learner" will be the theme of the fifteenth annual **Community College Learning Resources Conference** to be held at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville. For more information and registration, contact Peggy Mills, John A. Logan College, Cartersville, IL 62081.

### February

- **MEETINGS**

  - **March 19–22**: **Library History Seminar VI**, with the theme "Libraries and Culture," will be held at the Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas. The program will offer thirty-one selected papers during the day and will feature addresses by major speakers at the evening sessions. The registration fee of $75 ($35 for students) includes two meals. For information write LHS–VI Coordinator, Graduate School of Library Science, University of Texas at Austin, Box 7576, University Sta., Austin, TX 78712.

### Continuing Education Opportunities

The following continuing education activities have been listed with ACRL's Continuing Education Clearinghouse. If your organization is sponsoring an activity that you think may be of interest to ACRL members, please send the pertinent details to the ACRL Office, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

### January

  Contact: Director, Continuing Office of Continuing Professional Education, Drexel University, 32d and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19104; (215) 895-2153.

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- **8—Environment**: Environmental Information Resources, workshop, Drexel University. Fee: $55.

Contact: Director, Office of Continuing Professional Education, Drexel University, 32d and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19104; (215) 895-2153.

  Contact: Successful Library Management Associates, P.O. Box 488, Grayslake, IL 60030; (312) 866-8073.

- **22, 28; March 7, 14—Accounting**: Accounting for Librarians Institute, Rosary College Graduate School of Library Science, River Forest, Illinois. Fee: $100.
  Contact: Continuing Education Programs, Rosary College Graduate School of Library Science, River Forest, IL 60305.

- **27–March 1—Statistics**: "Statistical Methods for Professional Librarians," workshop, University
of Minnesota Department of Conferences; location: Louisiana State University, Graduate School of Library Science, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Contact: John S. Vollum, Program Director, Department of Conferences, 222 Nolte Center, 315 Pillsbury Dr., SE, University of Minnesota, MN 55455; (612) 373-3137.

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Contact: see Statistics, February 27.


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18, 25; May 2, 9—Automation: Library Automation Institute, Rosary College Graduate School of Library Science, River Forest, Illinois. Fee: $125.

Contact: Continuing Education Programs, Rosary College Graduate School of Library Science, River Forest, IL 60305.

19—Bibliographic Instruction: "Teaching Bibliographic Research Skills," workshop, University of Wisconsin–Parkside Library/Learning Center, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Contact: Jim Nelson, University of Wisconsin–Extension Communication Programs, 610 Langdon St., Madison, WI 53706; (608) 262-3566.

21-22—AACR 2: Maine Conference on AACR 2, workshop, Chase Hall, Bates College Library, Lewiston, Maine.

Contact: Mary E. Dudman, Bates College Library, Lewiston, ME 04240; (207) 784-2949.

May


Contact: Alternative Acquisitions Project, Temple University Library, Philadelphia, PA 19122.

August


Contact: John Faughey, Department of Librarianship, Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic, Northumberland Building, St. Mary's Place, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8ST, England.
Retired Librarian of Congress, L. Quincy Mumford answers librarians' questions about the new CUMULATIVE TITLE INDEX TO THE CLASSIFIED COLLECTIONS OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, 1978

the unique 132 volume, single-alphabet listing of virtually every work classified by LC since 1897.

Background: Librarians have been asking penetrating questions about the Cumulative Title Index to the Classified Collections of the Library of Congress (TLC) ever since it was first announced. We distill what we believed to be the most significant of these questions and discussed them with retired Librarian of Congress Dr. L. Quincy Mumford, whose 21 year regime (1954-1974) witnessed such relevant landmarks as the beginning of MARC and the Introduction of the Shared Cataloging Program. Here are some of the questions and his answers.

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A small number of exceptions to the above listing are represented by the Library's highly selective RECON (REtrospective CONversion) Program which after several years has only just reached its 150,000th record (most of which covered 1968 and 1969 English Language reprints).

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million unique non-MARC LC records may have been added by OCLC participating libraries. This, of course, leaves 4 million non-MARC records in the Classified Collections that are not in the OCLC data base.

The main reasons for the relative lack of OCLC overlap, as indicated above, are the size and international nature of the Library of Congress holdings when compared to those of even the largest of the OCLC participants.

COMPARISONS OF HOLDINGS

The overwhelming relative strengths of the LC collections in specific subject areas are best illustrated in the biennial report, *Titles Classified by the Library of Congress Classification: National Specialized Count* (published by the University of California at Berkeley under the auspices of the organization "Chief Collection Development Officers of Large Research Libraries"). This study compares the holdings of LC to those of 27 major U.S. research libraries in individual LC Classification Schedules.

The 1977 edition of this report shows that the Library of Congress holdings are often two or more times as large as those of second-place libraries in a wide variety of significant subject areas, including American History (Classes E-F), Social Sciences (H-Hx), Language & Literature (P-Pz), Technology (T-Tx), and Bibliography and Library Science (Z). In a telephone survey conducted by Carrollton Press during September, 1979, of the 20 largest members of the Association of Research Libraries, it was learned that although 16 of them are currently OCLC participants, none submit significant numbers of retrospective LC records to OCLC. (A possible exception to this is the University of Texas, which has sent OCLC approximately 20,000 retrospective records to date.)

LC CLASSIFICATION NUMBER CHANGES

Tens of thousands of LC Classification-Number changes will have been picked up and printed in TLC. In many cases where participating OCLC libraries derive their cataloging data from old LC printed cards it would be beneficial if they would consult TLC entries before they conduct the retrospective cataloging to the OCLC data base.

Access to up-to-date LC Classification numbers, of course, will also be extremely important to libraries converting from Dewey to the LC Classification system. Moreover, OCLC participants can refer to TLC to find LC Class Numbers for those OCLC records which show only Dewey call numbers.

Carrollton: Dr. Mumford, you've demonstrated the usefulness and unique coverage of the LC Title Index. But the set is expensive (even with our pre-publication prices and extended payment plans). How can librarians justify its cost?

Mumford: I think the cost effectiveness of the set is best illustrated by the fact that for a one-time expenditure which is less than the year's salary of a cataloger, TLC will go on year after year saving time and money for a library's Reference, Acquisitions and Cataloging Departments — and do so during those future years when inflation will have increased staff salaries and other costs.

Looking at it another way, TLC records cost only $1.78 per thousand at the pre-publication price — and even less if paid in advance. The arguments for ordering the set now and paying in advance also seem impressive to me. Those libraries which ordered Mansell's Pre-1956 Imprints edition of the National Union Catalog when it was first announced paid less than half of today's price for that set. Also, the 10% prepayment discount on the Title Index amounts to a healthy $1,143. It is therefore obviously advantageous for libraries to get their orders on record now at the pre-publication price. That way, they'll be certain to get the "Z" volumes at the same price they paid for the "A" volumes.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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Higher Education Act: A bill amending and extending the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965 passed the House of Representatives on November 7. The bill, H.R. 5192, would increase the HEA Title II-A College Resources program basic grant to $10,000. It would continue the Title II-C Strengthening Research Libraries program without major change except that recipients of Title II-C grants would not be eligible for II-A basic grants. The extension bill would add a new Title-D, creating a National Periodicals Center.

Tax Deductions for Manuscripts Donation: Norman Tanis, California State University, Northridge, library director, and Daniel Boorstin, librarian of Congress, testified at October 22 hearings before the Senate Subcommittee on Taxation and Debt Management in support of the Artists Tax Equity Act of 1979 (S.1078). The bill would provide a tax credit to authors or artists who donate literary, musical, or artistic compositions or papers to a library or museum. The tax credit would be equal to 30 percent of the fair-market value of the gift.

Title II-A Basic Grant Deadline: The Office of Education has announced that the grant application deadline for College Library Resources basic grants for FY 1980 will be December 21, 1979. The announcement appeared in the November 9 Federal Register (pp.65,186 - 65,187) and is contingent upon the expectation that funding will be available for the program. For further information about basic grant applications, call Frank Stevens, U.S. Office of Education, (202) 225-9530.

NCLIS Sponsors January Meeting on NPC

The National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) will sponsor a meeting entitled "The National Periodicals Center Legislation and Implementation: Next Steps" on January 18, 1980 at the Palmer House in Chicago just before the ALA Midwinter Meeting. NCLIS has invited representatives of organizations that support the legislation for a National Periodicals Center to participate in the meeting, but representatives of other organizations, as well as observers, may also attend and will have an opportunity to express their views.

The tentative agenda for the meeting calls for the discussion of the NPC legislation now in Congress, differences in language between the NCLIS legislative proposal and the congressional legislation, possible amendments to congressional legislation, legislative strategy, the Arthur D. Little report, and possible steps to put NPC legislation into effect.

At its September, 1979, meeting in Colorado NCLIS passed a resolution that the commission's testimony at Senate hearings in October "recommend that the final wording of Part D of H.R. 5192 (a bill that would create an NPC) reflect the essence of the NCLIS Final Draft Legislative Proposal of July 19, 1979, and the implications described in the System C model in the Arthur D. Little Study." C&RL News suggested incorrectly in the November issue (p. 325) that the resolution implies NCLIS support for a "decentralized" NPC. Ed.