Paul Sabovik, catalog department librarian at the University of Arizona, Tucson, died July 14, 1988. He came to the United States in the 1960s after spending 10 years as a political prisoner in his native Czechoslovakia. He had served more than 10 years with the library and university. Sabovik earned his Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from Yale University in 1973 and his MLS from SUNY/Geneseo in 1977.

Ruth Scibird, curator of the Stanford Collection and a member of the Stanford University Library staff for forty years until her retirement in 1962, died recently at the age of 96. She attended Washington State College until illness forced her to withdraw in her junior year. She was later persuaded to attend Stanford and work in the library. In 1922 she became an assistant in the Reference Serials Division. In 1924 she became an assistant in the Reference Division and remained there until her retirement. In 1951 she was appointed curator of the Stanford Collection. Upon her retirement the University trustees appointed her curator emerita.

*Acquisitions Manual: Guidelines for Librarians, Bookdealers, and Publishers,* edited by William Ilgen and Deborah Jakubs (95 pages, 1988), has been published as number 21 in SALALM’s Bibliography and Reference Series. The manual is trilingual in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. Its two parts address in detail the major areas of the acquisitions process for Latin American materials from initial offer to final payment. Part I presents bookdealers and publishers with a series of norms for the elaboration of their lists and catalogs and libraries with similar norms for the preparation of their order forms. Part II outlines the steps normally taken by libraries in selecting and acquiring materials for their collections, and discusses the implications of these procedures for all concerned. The price is $18 (plus $2 shipping, prepaid) and may be ordered from the SALALM Secretariat, 728 State Street, Madison, WI 53706. ISBN 0-917617-18-5.

*AIDS: A Guide to Research Resources,* prepared by Thomas Lindsay et al. (43 pages, June 1988), was first prepared by the Library of the University of California, Berkeley, as a handout for a seminar given in October 1987 for faculty researching AIDS from a wide range of perspectives. The guide contains 217 annotated entries for index and abstract services, monographs, periodicals, articles, conference proceedings, and databases relating to the subject. Five broad subject areas (public health and biomedical, business and economics, education and psychology, the humanities, and legal issues) allow for some specialization. Particularly useful is a “Chronology of Landmark Developments” that highlights the years before the disease was identified as AIDS. Copies are $15 until September 30, 1988, $20 thereafter, with proceeds going to support the work of the Library’s AIDS Information and Awareness Project. Order from AIDS Publication, Room 245, Main Library, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720.

*American Library History: A Bibliography of Dissertations and Theses,* by Arthur P. Young (469 pages, 3d revised ed., July 1988), contains 964 annotated listings of master’s theses and doctoral dissertations as well as 219 unannotated citations to papers and reports. Ranging over the past 60 years, the entries are grouped by 14 different topics, those of particular interest being “College and University Libraries,” “Library Associations,” and “Biographical Studies.” Copies may be ordered for $39.50 from Scarecrow Press, 52 Liberty Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840. ISBN 0-8108-2138-9.

A nice companion piece to the above work is Arthur Young’s *Higher Education in American Life, 1636–1986: A Bibliography of Dissertations and Theses* (448 pages, June 1988). This bibliography covers such crucial issues as philosophy of education, business and education curriculum, church and state, finances, military education, Native Americans, liberal arts, state aid, student activism, and women. Studies of individual institutions, biographies, and topical works comprise the majority of the 4,500 citations. The book is available for $49.95 from Greenwood Press, 88 Post Road West, P.O. Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881. ISBN 0-313-25352-8.

*Basic Statistics for Librarians,* by I.S. Simpson (242 pages, April 1988), illustrates techniques for performing such statistical analyses as estimating the use of core collections, the coverage and overlap of abstracting journals, or allocating sufficient

Although not targeted for librarians, Scarecrow's *Handbook of Research Methods: A Guide for Practitioners and Students in the Social Sciences*, edited by Ronald L. Smith (728 pages, 1988), covers statistical methodology more comprehensively and straightforwardly. Each chapter examines a step in the research process from determining the variables and operational definitions to writing the report. The handbook is available for $35.00 from Scarecrow Press, 52 Liberty Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840. ISBN 08108-2116-8.

**Business Serials of the U.S. Government**, edited by Priscilla C. Geahigan and Robert F. Rose (86 pages, 2d ed., July 1988), was developed by the ALA Reference and Adult Services Division's Business Reference and Services Section. The guide, which lists 183 serials on various business and public affairs topics, is designed for small to medium-sized academic and public libraries. Annotations for each entry describe the nature and scope of the publication and how it may compare to related titles. A subject index has been included in this second edition. The book sells for $11.95 from ALA Publishing, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. ISBN 0-8389-3349-1.

**Comedy on Record: The Complete Critical Discography** by Ronald L. Smith (728 pages, 1988), lists virtually every comedy album released in America, including regional or otherwise obscure pressings. The records are evaluated in depth for general interest, for artistic or critical merit, in relation to social events of the time, as they relate to the artist's career, how valuable they are to the collector, and, of course, how funny they are. Copies are available for $57.00 from Garland Publishing, 136 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. ISBN 0-8240-8461-6.


**The Criss-Cross Directory of NASA "N" Numbers and DOD "AD" Numbers, Volume 2**, edited by George Mandel (447 pages, 1988), is a joint venture of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Aerospace Division of the Special Libraries Association. Because government-sponsored research reports can have as many as three different report numbers, and in many bibliographic citations only one number is listed, the reference value of this cross-index to science and technical libraries is vast. This volume covers the period 1979–1986 and correlates the NASA Report Series numbers, the NASA "N" numbers, and the NTIS "AD" numbers. Volume One, published in 1984, covered the period 1962–1978. The new volume costs $55.00 (checks payable to SLA/Aerospace Division) and may be ordered from George Mandel, Chief, Technical Information Services Division, NASA Lewis Research Center, 21000 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, OH 44135. A few copies of Volume One are still available for $20.00.

**Delaware Tercentenary Almanack & Historical Repository**, by Christopher L. Ward (55 pages, 1938), is an illustrated booklet published 50 years ago to commemorate Delaware's 150th anniversary. In assembling an exhibit to commemorate the state's 200th birthday this year, the University of Delaware Library staff discovered a carton containing several hundred copies of this publication, which bills itself as a compendium of information about Delaware, "lavishly embellished and enlivened with felicitous illustrations by the most eminent artists and accurate maps and plans by the most ingenious cartographers." A free copy is available to any library requesting one while the supply lasts. Send a mailing label and $.54 in postage to the Office of the Director, University of Delaware Library, Newark, DE 19717-5267.


**The Directory of College and Research Librarians in Illinois**, prepared by the Communications Committee of the Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries (an ACRL chapter), is the 5th edition of this directory. Copies may be ordered for $5.00 from the Illinois Library Association, 33 W. Grand Ave., Suite 301, Chicago, IL 60610.

**End-User Searching: Services and Providers**, edited by Martin Kesselman and Sarah B. Watstein (230 pages, July 1988), examines services available from BRS, DIALOG, H.W. Wilson, and IAC, as well as end-user services in specific subject areas, including business, science, technology, health, and consumer services. Other chapters cover starting an end-user service and training end users. The book is available for $26.00 from ALA Publishing, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. ISBN 0-8389-0488-2.

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*Guideline: Codes for Named Populated Places, Primary County Divisions, and Other Locational Entities of the United States and Outhlying Areas* (3,844 pages, 4th ed., 1988), includes a complete listing of populated places from the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) of the U.S. Geological Survey. The report contains an exhaustive list of counties, incorporated and unincorporated places, census designated places, primary county divisions, Indian and Alaskan native areas, military bases, national parks, airports, and ground transportation points. The guide is in four looseleaf binders and costs $120.00; order from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161. FIPS PUB 55DC-04/KJQ.

If what you want is only the standard numeric and alpha codes that Federal agencies use in designating worldwide geographic locations in data processing programs, then try *Worldwide Geographic Location Codes*, published by the U.S. General Services Administration (412 pages, 1987). Part 1 indexes numeric codes for U.S. counties and cities; part 2 catalogs alpha and numeric codes for U.S. possessions and other outhlying areas; part 3 lists similar codes for foreign countries. Copies may be ordered for $19.00 from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Dept. SSMC, Washington, DC 20402. S/N 022-003-01144-7.

*Higher Education Leadership: Enhancing Skills through Professional Development Programs*, by Sharon A. McDade (125 pages, 1987), traces the typical career paths of academic administrators, showing what skills they usually gain through on-the-job training and other sources. The author then discusses what skills and knowledge are most necessary, based in part on similar positions outside of academia, and surveys different programs available nationwide, eliciting their strengths and weaknesses. Published as ASHE-ERIC Higher Education Report no. 1-55653-039-0. ISBN 0-913317-40-3.

*How to Use a Research Library*, by David Beasley (164 pages, May 1988), is a short guide for the student new to library research. Based largely on the tools and search methods the author used at The Research Libraries of the New York Public Library, the book covers catalogs, bibliographies and other reference tools, online searching, and interlibrary loan. It is available for $24.95 (cloth) or $8.95 (paper) from Oxford University Press, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. ISBN 0-19-504245-X.

*Images of Blacks in American Culture: A Reference Guide to Information Sources*, edited by Jessie Carnie Smith (384 pages, June 1988), examines how certain images have been recognized as characteristic and realistic portrayals of Black Americans and how negative stereotypes have been perpetuated in art, history, literature, film, TV, music, and children's books. Copies are available for $49.95 from Greenwood Press, 88 Post Road West, Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881. ISBN 0-313-42844-3.

*The Spring 1988 issue of Library Trends* (Vol.36, no.4) focuses on library literature in the 1980s. Edited by Patricia F. Stenstrom and Dale Montanelli, the articles examine publishing trends and the selection and use of the literature. Of particular interest are Stephen E. Atkins on "Subject Trends in Library and Information Science Research, 1975-1984" and Richard D. Johnson on "Current Trends in Library Journal Editing." Copies are $15.00 (plus $1.00 shipping) from the Journals Department, University of Illinois Press, 54 E. Gregory Drive, Champaign, IL 61820. ISSN 0024-2594.

*Library Publications Programs* (117 pages, June 1988) has been published as SPEC Kit #145 by the ARL Office of Management Services. Its focus is on programs that are centralized and formal, and it discusses staffing, organization, and budgeting for library publications efforts. The kit contains the results of a survey of 16 libraries with strong programs, job and committee descriptions, program questionnaires, reports and program descriptions, and policy and procedure statements. Individual SPEC Kits are available for $20.00 (plus $5.00 shipping), prepayment required, from SPEC, Office of Management Services, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

*The Linked Systems Project: A Networking Tool for Libraries*, edited by Judith G. Fenly and Beacher Wiggins (138 pages, 1988) has been published by OCLC in cooperation with the Library of Congress. The LSP is a collaborative project to develop computer-to-computer links among the Library of Congress, RLG, WLN, and OCLC. The twelve papers cover such topics as the Standard Network Interconnection (SNI) of communication protocols, authority records exchange, and inter-system searching. Copies are available for $13.50, prepayment required for non-members of OCLC, from OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Dept. 630, Box ONB, Columbus, OH 43265. ISBN 1-55653-039-0.
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Primary Resources in History: A Guide to the Microform Collections of the University of Missouri-Columbia Libraries (175 pages, 1987) describes the 600 microfilm collections of historical source materials held by the University of Missouri-Columbia. Included in the collections are personal and public correspondence, broadsides, handbills, cartoons, diaries, addresses, advertisements, account books, journals, memoirs, bills, laws, and other documents. A subject index provides access. Copies may be purchased for $9.00 from Special Collections, University of Missouri Libraries, Columbia, MO 65201-5149.

World Film Directors, Volume Two: 1945-1985, edited by John Wakeman (1205 pages, 1988), surveys the lives and works of 119 directors who came into prominence after 1950. Comparable in scope to H.W. Wilson's Twentieth Century Authors, the volume brings together much information that has been scattered among other film sources and individual biographies. Academic critics and popular reviews are quoted as commentary on each director's oeuvre. The book may be ordered for $90.00 from The H.W. Wilson Company, 950 University Ave., Bronx, NY 10452. ISBN 0-8242-0763-7.

September


26—Standards: Annual meeting of the National Information Standards Organization, Mumford Room, Madison Building, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. A major topic will be the development of a standard common command language. Contact: NISO, P.O. Box 1056, Bethesda, MD 20817; (301) 975-2814.

October

11-14—Office automation: 15th Information Management Exposition and Conference, Javits Convention Center, New York. Sessions will be held on developments in FAX transmission, computer graphics, PC networking, optical disks, and security. Contact: Show Manager, INFO 88, 998 Summer St., Stamford, CT 06905; (203) 964-0000.

11-14—Health sciences: Annual Meeting of the South Central Regional Group of the Medical Libraries Association, Lubbock Plaza, Lubbock, Texas. Speakers include Congressman Major Owens and Johnnie Lou Avery. Contact: Anne Trump, Texas Tech University, HSC Library, Lubbock, TX 79430; (806) 743-2204.

14-16—Inter-American: The second annual San Antonio Inter-American Bookfair, HemisFair Park, San Antonio, and sponsored by the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, will feature writers Carlos Fuentes, Larry McMurtry, and August Wilson. The event will offer readings, author receptions and panel discussions, and publisher's book exhibits of Latin American and United States authors. Contact: Rosemary Catacalos, Literature Program Director, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, 1300 Guadalupe St., San Antonio, TX 78207-5519; (512) 271-3151.


20-21—Off-campus services: Off-Campus Library Services Conference, sponsored by the Central Michigan University Libraries and the CMU Extended Degree Program, Charleston, South Carolina. Featured speakers include: