• Annual Statistics of Medical School Libraries in the United States and Canada, 1977–1978, published by the Houston Academy of Medicine–Texas Medical Center Library, presents four groups of tables (summary statistics tables, rank order tables, rank summary tables, and salary tables) based on data received from 127 libraries whose parent institutions are affiliated with the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Members of the Association of Academic Health Sciences Library Directors will be billed $10 per copy; nonmembers should send $12.50 and a self-addressed mailing label to: Houston Academy of Medicine—Texas Medical Center Library, 1133 M. D. Anderson Blvd., Houston, TX 77030.

• Cataloging & Classification Quarterly, a new journal in the field of bibliographic organization, will appear in the fall of 1979 under the editorship of C. Donald Cook of the faculty of library science (University of Toronto).

The new journal now welcomes the submission of manuscripts for review and possible publication. Prospective authors are invited to request an “Instructions for Authors” brochure from C. Donald Cook, D.L.S., Faculty of Library Science, University of Toronto, 140 St. George Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 1A1 (requests should include a self-addressed envelope).

Papers are welcomed in such areas as the principles, functions, and techniques of descriptive cataloging; methods of subject analysis and classification; the administration and management of the cataloging function; the bibliographic record in an information network; and policies and planning leading to the enhanced use of bibliographic records in modern society.

The Cataloging & Classification Quarterly will emphasize full-length research and review articles; descriptions of new programs and technology; and material related to improving methods of bibliographic control for the future.

Volume 1, number 1 of the new journal is scheduled for publication in fall 1979. Subscriptions cost $25 a year and may be ordered from The Haworth Press, 149 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10010. Canadian orders must add $5 postage and handling; for orders outside the United States and Canada, add $10.

• The Library of Congress, in cooperation with the National Library of Canada, has announced the publication of CONSER Microfiche for winter 1979. Funded by a grant from the Council on Library Resources, Inc., CONSER Microfiche is a computer-output-microfiche listing of all records in the CONSER (CONversion of SErials) data base authenticated either by the Library of Congress or by the National Library of Canada.

USEFUL for cataloging and bibliographic verification, this new service provides access to approximately 75,000 records for serial publications. Approximately 21,000 records represent Canadian titles created or authenticated by the National Library of Canada. The remaining 54,000 represent titles published outside Canada and created or authenticated by the Library of Congress. These records are currently distributed on magnetic tape through the MARC Records Distribution Service of the National Library of Canada and the MARC Serials Distribution Service of the Library of Congress.

All records meet the standards of the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules (AACR) as applied by the Library of Congress and the National Library of Canada. Records authenticated by the National Serials Data Program (NSDP) and International Serials Data System (ISDS)/Canada also carry the registered ISSN and key-title for the serial. Records are in English only, with the exception of those for which English and French name and subject headings have been assigned by the National Library of Canada following its bilingual cataloging policy.

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• The Directory of Archives and Manuscript Repositories. The Directory, which contains information on 3,250 institutions throughout the United States housing historical records, was compiled by means of a nationwide survey of more than 11,000 libraries, archives, museums, and similar institutions.

The Directory reports on repositories that contain documents, photographs, architectural drawings, oral history interviews, and other source materials. Subjects cover a wide range, from athletics to zoology. Although the volume is primarily of interest to archivists and historical researchers, researchers from other fields will find much relevant information within its 905 pages.

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• The Index to the Library of Congress Cataloging Service Bulletin is now available in a final edition indexing bulletins 1-125, June 1945—Spring 1978.

This 90-page index, with 2,300 entries, includes a new section: an extensive table of contents for each bulletin. The index provides access to all changes to, and interpretations of, the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules as announced in Cataloging Service.

An annual cumulative index to Cataloging Service Bulletin beginning with no.1, Summer 1978, is also available. The index will be the same size as Cataloging Service Bulletin, three-hole punched, and printed on yellow paper. It is available for $5. Orders for the Index to bulletins 1-125 or for the annual cumulative index should be sent to Nancy B. Olson, Box 863, Lake Crystal, MN 56055.

• The Union Library Catalogue of Pennsylvania on Microfilm has been made available for sale by the Pennsylvania Area Library and Information Network and the Union Library Catalog of Pennsylvania (PALINET/ULC).

The Union Library Catalogue of Pennsylvania is a file of approximately 4½ million bibliographic entries listing locations of items in more than 200 libraries in Pennsylvania, of which 127 are currently active.

A main entry file compiled from 1936 through 1975, the catalogue was microfilmed in two stages and consists of two sequences: a main file of four million entries through the early 1970s with no single cutoff date and a supplement of 600,000 entries received through December 1975.

The Union Library Catalogue on Microfilm is available in the form of 16mm negative microfilm on 353 3M® cartridges, selected for their high-speed retrieval and specific indexing capabilities, which are compatible only with a 3M® cartridge reader or reader-printer.

The microfilm is accompanied by an index containing approximately 14,000 entries keyed to index register numbers on the 3M® cartridge reader, enabling rapid access to any entry in the film. An introduction to the index explains the scope, arrangement, and use of the Catalogue and identifies the symbols for library locations.

The inclusion of a location on a microfilm does not necessarily mean that the item is available for interlibrary loan from the institution that owns it.

The main file and supplement with indexes are available for $3,350 plus shipping. The main file with index may be purchased separately for $2,845 plus shipping, and the supplement with index may be purchased separately for $550 plus shipping.

Orders are to be placed with PALINET and Union Library Catalogue of Pennsylvania, 3420 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19104. Institutions will be invoiced the appropriate amount, and the film will subsequently be ordered shipped from the manufacturer.

• The writing of an annual report is a standard, yearly activity in most large library organizations. SPEC flyer/kit 49, The Use of Annual Reports, finds that administrators use reports for several reasons—as communication links with library users and university administration and as tools for developing public support and influencing acceptance of library goals and programs.

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current annual reports of members of the Association of Research Libraries, discusses the format, purpose, and content of reports issued over the past three years. It also suggests how reports can be used to advance the library’s position within the university setting.

The accompanying 109-page kit contains four complete reports and excerpts illustrating various approaches to report writing: four examples of a goals/future approach, five focusing on university-library relations and support, and seven illustrating ways to inform readers of internal library issues. Kit/Flyer 49, *The Use of Annual Reports* (November-December 1978), is available for $7.50 to ARL members and SPEC subscribers and for $15 to all others, from the Office of Management Studies, Association of Research Libraries, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036 (prepayment required).

- The New England Chapter of ACRL has published *A Directory of Bibliographic Instruction Programs in New England Academic Libraries*.

The computer-produced directory covers programs in 115 libraries in detail and includes an 83-page classified index. A limited number of copies are available for $2 each from the compiler, Joan Stockard, Wellesley College Library, Wellesley MA 02181. Orders must be accompanied by a check made out to ACRL New England Chapter and by a self-addressed label.

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*(Selected items will be reviewed in future issues of College & Research Libraries.)*

*Progress in Educating the Library User*, edited by John Lubans, Jr. (Bowker, 1978, $15.95), is meant to complement and update the 1974 volume, *Educating the Library User*, also edited by Lubans. The new volume includes fifteen papers on “recent international trends, innovations, and new directions in the field.”

Other recent works on bibliographic instruction include the *Proceedings* from the Southeastern Conference on Approaches to Bibliographic Instruction, March 16–17, 1978. Cerise Oberman-Soroka is the editor, and it is available for $7 from the Continuing Education Office, College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C.

Stuart Wayne Miller’s *Library Use Instruction in Selected American Colleges* has been issued as no. 134 in the Occasional Papers series by the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science.

Among other new titles in the Illinois Occasional Papers series are Helen Q. Schroyer’s *A Guide to a Course in Government Documents* (no. 135) and Gordon Stevenson’s *Andreas Schleiermacher’s Bibliographic Classification and Its Relationship to the Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress Classifications* (no. 136). Single copies of the Occasional Papers are available at $2 each and may be ordered from the Publications Office, 249 Armory Building, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL 61820.

Two recent reports in the British Library Research and Development series are *Curriculum Development in Librarianship and Information Science—Proceedings of a Workshop Held at the College of Librarianship, Wales* (BLR&D Report 5439, 1978, $13) and R. K. Fisher’s *Library Services to University Extension Students in the USA: A Critical Survey*, with a *Comparative Assessment of Equivalent Services in Great Britain* (BLR&D Report 5432, 1978, $7). Fisher, librarian at the University of Birmingham, was one of

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**Participants Rate Boston Conference**

What did participants think about the first ACRL National Conference held in Boston in November?

In order to obtain an answer to this question, conference planners inserted an evaluation questionnaire in every registration packet. Twenty-four percent of those who registered for the conference returned the questionnaire. Among this group, 35 percent rated the conference “excellent,” and 51 percent judged it “very good.”

A follow-up questionnaire mailed to 200 conference participants brought a similar pattern of response. Of the 185 persons who returned this questionnaire, 30 percent rated the conference “excellent,” and 51 percent judged it “very good.”

What did participants like about the conference? Their comments on the questionnaires singled out for praise the planning and organization of the conference, the absence of committee meetings, the manageable size, and the focus on academic librarianship. One participant noted that “the number of registrants was sufficient to provide intellectual stimulation, but not so large as to make participation difficult.”

At the heart of the conference schedule were the eight major invited papers and sixty-six contributed papers. One comment sums up the response of many people to the paper sessions: “From my perspective... the paramount achievement of the ACRL meeting was the contribution of papers. Librarianship has so far failed to follow the lead of every other discipline in using meetings for the broad dissemination of information. Some of the papers were first rate, others weak, but taken as a whole, the papers were a great success.”
the speakers at the 1978 Boston ACRL conference. (Both reports are available from the British Library R&D Department, Sheraton House, Great Chapel St., London W1V 4BH.)

ALA has recently published two new books by Robert B. Downs, 1978 recipient of the ACRL Baker & Taylor Academic/Research Librarian of the Year Award. The first is the second edition of his Books that Changed the World (ALA, 1978, $15). The second edition expands upon the first by including works from the ancient and medieval worlds and by enlarging its coverage of scientific writings. The second work, In Search of New Horizons: Epic Tales of Travel and Exploration (ALA, 1978, $15), includes twenty-four essays on major writings, ranging from Herodotus on the Persian Wars to Sir John Hunt on the climbing of Mount Everest.

Ruth Weinstock's The Graying of the Campus presents a short report on older persons returning to educational studies. The new study from the Educational Facilities Laboratories is designed to assist educators in planning and implementing necessary alterations and programs necessary for the "successful age integration of the campus." (Available from EFL, 850 Third Ave., New York, NY 10022, $8 paper.)

Pierian Press has issued as the second volume in its Library Research Guide Series Thomas G. Kirk's Library Research Guide to Biology: Illustrated Search Strategy and Sources (Pierian Pr., 1978, $8.50 cloth, $4.50 paper).


J. B. Howell is the editor of Special Collections in Libraries of the Southeast (Southeastern Library Assn., 1978, $15). Based on a regional survey conducted in 1977, this work is designed to update in part the Robert Downs 1938 survey. (Available from the Southeastern Library Assn., P.O. Box 987, Tucker, GA 30084.)

A new collection of articles on OCLC is included in Anne Marie Allison and Ann Allan's OCLC: A National Library Network (Enslow, 1979, $14.95). The editors solicited contributions from "individuals who were at the 'cutting edge' of OCLC—in regional networks, library schools, and libraries." They include Glyn Evans, Teresa Strozik, Jack William Scott, D. Kaye Gapen, Alan D. Hogan, and Harry Kamens. (Address for the publisher: Enslow Publishers, 60 Crescent Place, Box 301, Short Hills, NJ 07078.)

Another recent work on OCLC is Gabriele E. Cope's eighty-one-page volume, Coping with the OCLC Cataloging Subsystem (Ego Books, 1978, $8.40 prepaid. Available from the publisher, 6011 Meadowbrook Lane, Lincoln, NB 68510.)

The Canada Council has published the report of its Consultative Group on University Research Libraries. The report, entitled University Research Libraries, presents a review of the state of research libraries in Canada and offers a number of recommendations to the Council—among them the development of a national lending library; a program to maintain and develop specialized collections of national significance in Canadian university libraries; reserving funds for special acquisitions; and creation of a microform collection of Canadiana. The report is available from the Canada Council, P.O. Box 1047, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5V8. Price, Canada $2.50; other countries $3.

Donald Davinson, head librarian at Leeds Polytechnic, has prepared a revised edition of his

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work, *The Periodicals Collection* (Westview, 1978, $18.75). It is divided into three parts—the history of periodicals, their bibliographic control, and organization and management of periodicals.

Eva L. Kiewitt's *Evaluating Information Retrieval Systems: The PROBE Program* (Greenwood, 1979, $15.95) presents a case study of the ERIC/PROBE Project at Indiana University, a local program developed to search ERIC tapes. The volume "describes the history and methodology of computer retrieval system evaluation ... in order to determine the best way to conduct the evaluation of PROBE." An earlier article on PROBE by Kiewitt appeared in *C&RL*, November 1975.

*A Computer Network Protocol for Library and Information Science Applications* is the title of a report released by the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. It describes a "proposed computer-to-computer protocol for electronic communication of digital information over a nationwide library bibliographic network ... regardless of differences in computer architecture or operating systems" at the individual installations. Single copies of the report are available without charge from NCLIS (Suite 601, 1717 K St., N.W., Washington, DC 20036). Also available for sale at $2.75 from the Government Printing Office.

In his *Black Plots & Black Characters: A Handbook for Afro-American Literature* (Gaylord, 1979, $25), Robert L. Southgate gives plot summaries for ninety-five novels, plays, poems, essays, and folklore, followed by a dictionary on Afro-American literature and history and two bibliographies.

The New York State North Country Three Rs Council has prepared a *Guide to Indexed Periodicals: A List of Titles Currently Indexed by H. W. Wilson Co. Indexes*. The guide lists about 2,600 current titles included in the indexes as of late 1978. Copies are available at $2 from the North Country Reference and Research Resources Council, P.O. Box 568, Canton, NY 13617.

Recent library statistics for the 105 members of the Association of Research Libraries are assembled in *ARL Statistics, 1977-78* (ARL, 1978, $5). In her introduction, compiler Suzanne O. Franke notes a continuation of the themes for the 1970s: Allocation of the library budget has remained constant, with 58 percent used for salaries and wages and approximately 30 percent for materials; although materials expenditures rose 10.7 percent in the last year, volumes added increased only by .3 percent and number of current serials by 3.5 percent; although there was a 10.7 percent increase in expenditures for salaries in the last year, number of staff have increased by only 1.7 percent.

**COMPUTER-BASED CIRCULATION SYSTEMS**

*Library Technology Reports* has published an update of its July/September, 1975 report on automated circulation control systems. The new report by William Scholz describes and evaluates the following systems:

- LIBS 100 (CL Systems Inc.) / SCION (Systems Control, Inc.)
- (ULISYS Universal Library Systems, Ltd.)
- Gaylord's Circulation Control System
- 3M's Inventory Control System

The 92 page report is contained in the May, 1977 issue of LTR now available to non-subscribers as a single issue for $40.