

retired in 1955, he worked to achieve a remarkable renaissance of the University's neglected libraries. He also served a five-year term as executive secretary of the Association of Research Libraries, and played a major role in the Farmington Plan and rebuilding the war-ravaged libraries of Europe.

After his retirement from Penn at the age of 70, David went on to plan and establish the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, a major research collection for American business and industrial history, at Longwood, Delaware. Then he established the Maritime Library at the Mystic Seaport Museum in Connecticut. During these "retirement" years he also served as chairman of the Board of Trustees at West Chester State Teachers College and guided it through a difficult transition.—*Richard De Gennaro, University of Pennsylvania.*

JOHN M. SEKERAK, former agricultural sciences librarian at the University of California, Davis, died on April 2 in Sacramento. He previously held positions at Modesto Junior College and American River College, and also undertook foreign assignments for the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organi-

zation in Sudan and Bangladesh. His subject bibliography, *Grapes, Viticulture, Wine and Wine Making*, was sponsored in 1975 by the American Society of Enologists.

CAROLINE M. SHILLABER, former librarian of the Graduate School of Design, Harvard University, died on March 22. She had been associated with Harvard since 1931, when she became assistant librarian of what was then the library of the Departments of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning. In 1951 she moved to MIT, where she served until 1963 as librarian of the Rotch Library of Architecture and Urban Planning. In that year she returned to Harvard as librarian of the Graduate School of Design.

JOLAN G. SZENDREY, of the Department of Special Collections and Archives, Rutgers University, died on April 12. She had been with the Rutgers libraries for 33 years and was well known for her work as agricultural librarian at the College of Agriculture and Environmental Science. She also worked as associate librarian at the Library of Science and Medicine. ■■

NEW TECHNOLOGY

• Alos Micrographics Corporation has developed a desk-size rollfilm reader-printer that utilizes a dry printing process. The reader is for 16mm rollfilm in open reels or cartridges. Film drive and film tension are controlled by solid-state electronics. The dry printing process produces high resolution, high contrast positive prints from both positive and negative films. The use of monocomponent toner makes toner refill simple. Contact: Alos Micrographics Corp., P.O. Box 407, Walden, NY 12586; (914) 778-7511.

• CLASS has announced a multi-user version of its Checkmate serials control software system that allows access to the system from more than one location, so that up to three persons can check in periodicals or look up records for reference. The system works with a TRS-80 Model 16 microcomputer, and requires a Xenix operating system and a hard disk containing at least 8 megabytes. The cost is \$4,500. The single-user version of Checkmate will continue to be available for IBM PC and IBM PC-XT microcomputers only. Contact: CLASS, 1415

Koll Circle, Suite 101, San Jose, CA 95112; (408) 289-1756.

• Collector's Data Service is a new database that will go online on June 15. Designed to provide buyers and sellers of fine collectibles with a comprehensive communications link, it may also be of service to special collections and acquisitions librarians. Available to anyone with access to a computer and modem, the service has no membership fees, minimums, or monthly charges—the only costs are for connect time for users and listings for sellers, both handled by on the spot credit card validation. The major categories of collectibles include rare books, art, musical instruments, antiques, and stamps. Lists of stolen property will be carried, along with newsletters, events calendars, auction listings, and shows. For more information, contact Collector's Data Service, 420 W. Mercer, Seattle, WA 98119; (800) 435-0100.

• The Dukane Corporation now offers a Manual Direct Projection microfilm reader which projects sharp images downward through high resolution

optics onto a comfortably angled 15-degree screen. The 18x20-inch screen allows full page viewing of reference materials through an 18x lens or a zoom lens with a range of 13x to 23x. Contact: Dukane Corporation, Audio Visual Division, 2900 Dukane Drive, St. Charles, IL 60174; (312) 584-2300.

• **Informatics General Corporation** has introduced software that reduces online time and costs when accessing and searching multiple remote databases. PC/NET-LINK will simplify the selection of one or more databases from DIALOG, BRS, or other retrieval services, with automatic connect, disconnect, log-on and log-off down to a particular file. The software runs on an IBM PC with hard disk drive or on an IBM PC-XT, and requires a printer, a Hayes Smartmodem 1200 or Genasys Tellios telecommunications software to operate. For more information, contact Joseph Simpson, Informatics General Corporation, Library Services Division, 6011 Executive Blvd., Rockville, MD 20852; (800) 638-6595.

• **The Library Corporation** is now marketing a laser disc system, BiblioFile, that contains the complete retrospective Library of Congress MARC file, the company's ANY-BOOK acquisition data for a million English language books, 20,000 publisher names and addresses, and indexes by LC card number, ISBN, ISSN, author, title, and title key-word. BiblioFile laser discs are recompiled and replaced each month. The system, complete with Sanyo or IBM PC microcomputer, Pioneer disc player, and Laser Data controller, is currently available for a yearly subscription price of \$3,800. Libraries already having access to either type of microcomputer will receive a discount. The Library Corporation anticipates that the subscription price will drop within the next year because of improvements and cost modifications in laser disc technology. For more information, contact Brower Murphy, The Library Corporation, P.O. Box 40035, Wash-

ton, DC 20016; (800) 624-0559.

• **Northrup Services at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center** has completed engineering plans and design for a deacidification facility that will use two 7,500-book capacity chambers and appropriate support equipment for a minimum production capacity of 500,000 books per year. The facility, for which funds have been requested in the Library of Congress 1984 supplemental budget, is slated to be built at Fort Detrick in Frederick, Maryland, and is planned for completion in 1986. It will be used to deacidify the Library's new incoming paper material while also being applied to a large number of current collections that have been identified as candidates for preservation. Important engineering research undertaken in the past year by the Library of Congress has reduced the treatment time to five days, refined procedures, and decreased the quantity of diethyl zinc used in the process. The result is a technically successful process at low unit cost that is safe to staff, the environment, and the books being deacidified.

• **OCLC, Inc.**, installed its first M300 Workstation at the Mossey Learning Resources Center, Hillsdale College, Michigan, on March 21. The workstation, an IBM PC to which OCLC has added special hardware and software, serves libraries as an online terminal for access to the OCLC central computer system and can also be used as a multipurpose microcomputer. Hillsdale will use the M300 for cataloging, interlibrary loan and retrospective conversion via the OCLC Online System, dial access to non-OCLC databases, and as a budget management tool and word processor. OCLC plans to install approximately 1,200 workstations this year.

• **Small Library Computing** has developed an acquisitions program for use with an IBM PC or other microcomputer using the MS-DOS or CP/M-86 operating systems. The program, Bib-Base/Acq,

Microcomputer users, unite

If you are using or plan to use a microcomputer in your job, there is now a user group for you. The ALA Public Library Association's Microcomputer Task Force invites your participation in its campaign to develop a national database of library microcomputer users.

Library microcomputer user groups have been suggested by the PLA Task Force as the best way to share knowledge, information, and expertise in this rapidly changing and developing field. The Task Force is creating a database of library microcomputer users to facilitate the formation of regional groups. The database includes the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of users, as well as type of computer owned and software applica-

tions employed. Coded by geographic region, information in the database can be accessed by a variety of categories within a specified region or across the nation. Details on access will be made available at the ALA Annual Conference in Dallas and through other sources.

A listing in the database indicates your willingness to share knowledge and, where appropriate, to establish a local or regional library user group. Membership in the database is free and open to those who work in any type of library. Request an application form by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Carol F. L. Liu, Queens Borough Public Library, Central Library, 89-11 Merrick Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11432. ■■

features a full-screen editor and uses variable-length records containing MARC-tagged variable-length fields. The database may be searched by author, title, call number, or order number. The cost

is \$895. An operating manual and a demonstration version of the program are available separately. Contact: Small Library Computing, 837 Twining Road, Dresher, PA 19025; (215) 884-1722. ■■■

PUBLICATIONS

Notices

• *The 18th Annual Report of the National Endowment for the Humanities* contains brief descriptions of NEH programs and policies, and a complete list of all NEH grants, entered by the division and program in which they were funded, for fiscal year 1983. Single copies are available from the NEH Public Affairs Office, Room 409, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20506.

• *The Assistant/Associate Director Position in ARL Libraries*, SPEC Kit #103 (100 pages, April 1984), reports on the varying responsibilities, qualifications, and management styles of the senior manager position. The kit contains survey results, documents concerning the position from eight libraries, and a short list of readings. Single copies may be purchased for \$15, prepaid only, from the SPEC Center, Office of Management Studies, Association of Research Libraries, 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

• *The Comet Halley Handbook: An Observer's Guide* will undoubtedly be in demand as the famous comet becomes visible to the naked eye in 1985-1986. The handbook provides a current orbit of the comet that includes observations through January 1983; the expected behavior of the comet in terms of brightness, coma diameter, and tail lengths; observing conditions for the comet; historical, physical, orbital, and ephemeris data from 1982 to 1987. It may be ordered for \$4.75 from Dept. 36-EN, Superintendent of Documents, Washington, DC 20402 (033-000-00892-9).

• *The Directory of Public Domain (and User-Supported) Software for the IBM Personal Computer* (109 pages, January 1984) catalogs hundreds of public domain programs already available for the IBM PC. Other user-supported programs, those which the authors distribute with a request for a donation, are also listed. Programs are listed for word processing, communications, DOS and BASIC utilities, games using color graphics, Pas-

cal, spreadsheet templates, RAM disks, and others. Copies are \$4.95 from the PC Software Interest Group, 1556 Halford Ave., Suite 130, Santa Clara, CA 95051. ISBN 0-915835-01-0.

• *"Documenting America": Assessing the Condition of Historical Records in the States*, edited by Lisa B. Weber (72 pages, 1984), summarizes the findings and recommendations of historical records assessment and reporting projects completed in nearly two dozen states in 1982-1983 with grants from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. These projects, carried out by State Historical Records Advisory Boards, analyzed the condition of historical records programming in four areas: state government records, local government records, historical records repositories, and statewide functions and needs. The Na-

Seed information no longer scattered

Science and horticulture librarians will be pleased to note that the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries is planning to publish a comprehensive list of locations for both old and current seed catalogs. Although ephemeral, seed catalogs contain much valuable research information for agricultural historians. The Council's list, developed with the cooperation of the National Agricultural Library, will direct researchers to nursery and seed companies, nurserymen, historical societies, museums, and libraries that have such collections.

If you have or know about a collection of seed or nursery catalogs and have not yet received a questionnaire from the Council, contact: June Rogier, Co-Chairman, CBHL Nursery and Seed Catalog Project, P.O. Box 39, Chanhassen, MN 55317.