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

- A discussion of the history of the concept of corporate authorship and “a workable solution to the problem” is presented in Michael Carpenter’s Corporate Authorship: Its Role in Library Cataloging. After finding inadequate both the theory that an author originates his material and the theory that an author assumes responsibility for his work, Carpenter proposes a new theory, based on corporate utterances, in his effort to supply a solution to the problem of documents that cannot be identified by an individual personal author’s name. The 1981 hardcover book, no. 34 in Contributions to Library and Information Science, is available through Greenwood Press at $27.50.

- Developing Microform Reading Facilities, by Richard W. Boss and Deborah Raikes (Microform Review, 1981, $39.95), discusses the development of the microform service area. It is designed to aid librarians in selection and preparation of space and purchase of equipment.

- The first issue of the Haworth Press’ Special Collections journal, Theatre and Performing Arts Collections (vol. 1, no. 1, Fall 1981), edited by Lee Ash, includes articles on theatre materials in the Library of Congress; the Billy Rose Theatre Collection of the New York Public Library; The Players, New York; The William Seymour Theatre Collection; Princeton University Library; Bibliographic Control; a directory of Performing Arts Resources; and a list of theatre and drama awards, among many other theatre-related contributions. The new journal, which will be published quarterly, will be divided into issues relating to collections in The Arts, The Sciences, The Social Sciences, and The Humanities. Subscriptions are $85 per year. Other titles this volume will be Biochemistry Collections, Gerontology & Geriatrics Collections, and Science/Fiction Collections: Fantasy, Supernatural & Weird Tales.

- The Haworth Press has also announced another quarterly journal, Resource Sharing & Library Networks. This journal, edited by Ward Shaw, is devoted to the practical aspects of setting up, maintaining, and improving all areas of library cooperation, with a particular emphasis on reports of specialized technical and managerial experiments and experiences. Volume 1, no. 1 (Fall 1981) includes “Library Planning for Future Networks” (Nolan Pope); “The Integrated Library

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• Online Searching: A Primer, by Carol H. Fenichel and Thomas H. Hogan (Learned Information, 1981, $12.95 plus $2 postage), is intended as a basic introduction to all facets of online searching. The hardcover book is divided roughly into four parts: the online industry; the mechanics of searching; equipment, the reference process, costs, charging policies, and administrative aspects, and non-bibliographic databases.

• Kelly Warnken’s The Information Brokers: How to Start and Operate Your Own Fee-Based Service is a how-to guide which takes the reader through the process of becoming an information broker, from conducting an initial market study in the community, setting up an office, to getting and keeping clients. The hardcover book, available through R.R. Bowker Company (1981) at $24.95, is the second volume in the Information Management series and a companion to Fee-Based Information Services: A Study of a Growing Industry.

• Personnel Administration in Libraries, edited by Sheila Creth and Frederick Duda (Neal-Schuman Publishers, 1981, $19.95 plus postage and handling) provides a discussion of effective recruitment, management and utilization of library personnel. Among the chapters are “The Legal Framework of Personnel Management” (Arthur Curley); “Staffing Patterns in Libraries” (Margaret Myers); “Personnel Planning and Utilization” (Sheila Creth); ”Recruitment and Selection” (Billy R. Wilkinson); and ”Labor Relations” (Frederick Duda).

• The Changing Context of Information: An Introductory Analysis, by K.J. McGarry (Shoe String, 1982, $19.50), aims to encourage beginning students in librarianship and information work to explore some of the “more pressing problems of the social system in which their chosen profession is a vital component,” and to reflect on the major changes that will have transformed society by the time they are in the full maturity of their professional lives.

• The Principles of Librarianship, by Donald Urquhart, creator of the National Lending Library for Science and Technology, is neither a history of the NLL nor an autobiography, but a little of both. The intention, says Urquhart, is to draw attention to the ideas which guided the development of the NLL. The 100-page 1981 paperback is available at $10 through Scarecrow Press.

• The Basics of Librarianship is a beginning text for students of library science. Contents include the functions of different types of libraries; organization, management and training of staff; acquisition of basic library materials; classification and cataloguing; basic library routines; information sources; services to library users; library cooperation; understanding the purposes, uses and production of library publications; and care of library materials. Written by Colin Harrison and Rosemary Oates of Chelmer Institute of Higher Education.
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Education, the softcover book is distributed at $12.50 by The Oryx Press.

- In Religious Publishing and Communications, by Judith S. Duke (Knowledge Industry Publications, 1980, $29.95), religious literature has been broadly defined to include any religious communications in the form of books, book clubs, magazines, records and record clubs, and religious programming in radio and television stations. The purpose of the report is to examine the present state and ascertain the future of the religious publications industry.

- All words and meanings "whether they seem elegant or not" qualify for inclusion in The Facts on File Dictionary of Microcomputers, by Anthony Chandor (Facts on File, 1981, $14.95). This hardcover book contains 2,500 entries of terms relating to microcomputers and their use.

- "Understanding the role of minicomputers in a distributed system is crucial to effective decision-making," writes Audrey N. Grosch in Minicomputers in Libraries, 1981-82: The Era of Distributed Systems. The volume (Knowledge Industry Publications, 1982, $34.50 hardcover, $27.50 softcover) describes available hardware, software and applications of minicomputers and the larger-capacity machines known as "superminis." Minicomputers includes a directory of 186 installed systems in the United States and abroad. Each entry lists the system name, hardware, software, applications, developer and type of system, along with the address, telephone number, and person to contact for further information.

- Decision Making for Library Management, by Michael R.W. Bommer and Ronald W. Chorba (Knowledge Industry Publications, 1982, $34.50 hardcover, $27.50 softcover), is a result of efforts to explore the feasibility of developing a comprehensive approach to decision support for managers of academic and special libraries. This book proposes a data base approach to this issue as the authors construct a decision support system (DSS) using recent advances in computer technology to assist the decision-making capabilities of management.

- Authored by Charles H. Davis and Gerald W. Lundeen, Illustrative Computer Programming for Libraries: Selected Examples for Information Specialists (revised and expanded 2d ed.) emphasizes structured programming, and taking advantage of the Programming Language/One (PL/1) language. Neither abstract nor theoretical, the graded text has examples of programs that can be used as they are, or modified to suit the purposes of instructors, practitioners, or qualified students. The hardcover (Contributions to Librarianship and Information Science, No. 39, 1981) is available from Greenwood Press at $15.

- The Retrieval of Information in the Humanities and the Social Sciences: Problems as Aids to Learning, edited by Thomas P. Slavens (Marcel Dekker, 1981, $29.75), acquaints library science students with the broad spectrum of reference materials available in these fields. Chapters are arranged by subjects: anthropology, art, business and economics, education, geography, history, literature, music, philosophy, political science, psychology, religion, and sociology. Within each chapter is a list of questions which can be answered from library materials.

- The purpose of the survey Investigative Methods in Library and Information Science: An Introduction is "to describe, straightforwardly, the major investigative techniques relevant to research and evaluation in the fields of library and information services and to indicate the applications for which such techniques seem most appropriate." The 1981 hardcover is available at $30.50, plus $2 for shipping and handling, from Information Resources Press.
New Choice Column

Richard R. Centing, associate professor at the Ohio State University Libraries, Columbus, has assumed the editorial responsibility for the Choice column, "Periodicals for College Libraries." His first column appears in the March 1982 issue. Centing is a widely published reviewer who has been associate editor of Serials Review (1975−1977) and editor of Under the Sign of Pisces: Anais Nin and Her Circle (1970−1981). He has edited a quarterly column, "Ohio Magazines," in Ohioana Quarterly since 1974.

A 1964 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Library Science, Centing has worked in special, public, and academic libraries, most recently at Ohio State since 1969. Review copies from publishers and letters of interest from potential contributing reviewers should be directed to: Richard R. Centing, The Ohio State University Libraries, 1858 Neil Avenue Mall, Columbus, OH 43210.

Calendar

May

19-21—Bibliographic Instruction: 12th annual workshop on Instruction in Library Use will be held at the University of Toronto. The workshop will focus on a learner-centered approach to teaching in terms of teachers' and students' needs, setting objectives, establishing effective learning conditions, and evaluation of instruction. Contact: Nancy Young, Science and Medicine Library, 7 King's College Circle, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A5.


June

5-18—China Study Tour: study tour of Mainland China sponsored by the Rosary College School of Library and Information Science. Continuing education units or credit available. Fee: $2,340 (one ticket will be raffled off at $20 per chance). Contact: Lauretta McCusker, Dean, Rosary College GSLIS, 7900 W. Division Street, River Forest, IL 60305; (312) 366-2490.

7-July 9—Book Arts: institute sponsored by the University of Alabama Graduate School of Library Service at their Typographic Laboratory in Tuscaloosa. Each week will be devoted to one of the following subjects: typography, printing, marbling, papermaking, and binding. Fee: $120 for each week, or $500 for the entire institute. Contact: James D. Ramer, Dean, GSLIS, P.O. Box 6242, University, AL 35486; (205) 348-4610.


16-20—Women's Studies: "Feminist Connections throughout Education," National Women's Studies Association annual conference, California State University, Humboldt, at Arcata, California. The Librarians' Task Force of NWSA will present a program, "The Library Link: Access to Resources for Research on Women," and an exhibit of library instruction materials related to women's studies. Registration is $40 for members, $55 for non-members. Contact: NWSA, c/o Women's Studies Department, California State University, Humboldt, Arcata, CA 95521.

July

8-9—Online Databases: "Update '82," a DIALOG User Conference sponsored by DIALOG Information Services, Inc., at the Franklin Plaza Hotel, Philadelphia. Contact: Betty Unruh, DIALOG Information Services, Inc., 3460 Hillview Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94304; (415) 858-3737.


9-11—Technical Assistants: "The Library/Media Technical Assistant and the Professional: A Partnership," annual meeting of the Council on