The Book Industry Study Group, Inc., was founded in December 1975 as a not-for-profit corporation supported by its members who are publishers, book manufacturers, paper manufacturers, retailers, wholesalers, librarians, and others associated with the book industry. The group has thus far published three studies: on book industry information needs, on paper availability, and on future library acquisitions. Two major research projects are currently in progress: on consumer demographics and attitudes and on the relationship of manufacturing capacity to publishers' demands for printing.

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Public libraries in the U.S.—both large and small—have extensive and high quality holdings in the humanities. The finding was reported by Herbert Goldhor, director of the Graduate School of Library Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, at the conclusion of a study conducted by the school's Library Research Center for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

"We used a sample of nineteen libraries, large and small, scattered over the U.S.,” Goldhor said. "One of our major conclusions is that books in the humanities constitute about 11 percent of all books in these libraries, 15 percent of all adult books, and 22 percent of all adult nonfiction.

"We also attempted to evaluate the quality of these holdings by checking a sample of 6,400 titles against seven different lists of recommended books. Fifty-two percent of all the books appeared in three or more of these lists, 32 percent in one or two, and only 16 percent in none. This is a better record in terms of quality than we have found in any other subject area we've looked at,” he said.

"We looked at four size groups, ranging from small libraries serving less than 25,000 to large libraries over 500,000. The most surprising thing to me is that the very small libraries have proportionately as many books in the humanities as larger libraries and their quality is at least as good, maybe a little better,” Goldhor said.

As director of General Libraries at the University of Texas, Boylan was responsible for the Main Library, Undergraduate Library, Latin American Collection, Barker Texas History Collection, Asian Collection, Middle East Collection, and sixteen branch libraries. The General Libraries has a staff of 420 and a collection in excess of 4 million volumes. A major activity was the planning and construction of a new main library building, the Perry-Castaneda Library, and four branch libraries. During his tenure both the 3 millionth and 4 millionth volumes were added to the collections. In 1975, the University of Texas Library moved into the top ten largest academic libraries in the United States. Boylan was active in the implementation of automation in the libraries and served on the board that founded the AMIGOS Bibliographic Council.

At Washington, he has assumed responsibility for the Main Library, Health Sciences Library, Undergraduate Library, East Asia Collection, and sixteen branch libraries, with a staff of 430 and a collection of 3,236,944.

Boylan has served as director of libraries at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, library manager for the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory of the University of California, and chief librarian for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration—Ames Research Center. In addition, he has held library positions at the General
Dynamics Corporation, University of Arizona, and University of California, Berkeley.

He received his bachelor's degree from Youngstown State University and his master's degree in library science from Carnegie-Mellon University. He has done graduate study in biological sciences at Indiana University and the University of Arizona.

Boylan is a member of the American Library Association, Special Libraries Association, American Society for Information Sciences, and the Committee on Legislation of the Association of College and Research Libraries. Until his resignation at Texas he was a member of the executive board of the AMIGOS Bibliographic Council, the Southwestern Library Interstate Cooperative Endeavor (SLICE)—Bibliographic Networking and Resource Sharing Advisory Group, Texas Library Association, and Southwestern Library Association.

Stephen R. Salmon has been appointed assistant vice/president—library plans and policies for the University of California (UC).

Salmon, who reports to academic vice-president Donald C. Swain, is responsible for university-wide library planning, development of university-wide library policies, library automation, intercampus library cooperation, liaison with the UC Library Council, and analysis of legislation affecting libraries. In addition, he is responsible for carrying out the recommendations of the University Library Policy Steering Committee, which is composed of chancellors, vice-chancellors, faculty, and librarians from various UC campuses.

Salmon has been UC's executive director of university-wide library planning since January 1, 1976. In that position, his duties were similar to those in his new position, but with less direct responsibility.

Prior to joining the UC staff, he was director of libraries for the University of Houston, a position he held for four years. Before that, he was with Xerox Corporation where he was president of Xerox Bibliographics, a subsidiary company providing computerized library products and services. He has also been on the staff of the Library of Congress; Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri; and George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

An honors graduate of the University of California Berkeley campus, Salmon also earned his master's degree of library science there. He is the author of a recently published book entitled *Library Automation Systems* as well as numerous articles in professional journals.

Thomas Hilton Gunn, formerly of Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, has been appointed director of the Carl S. Swisher Library at Jacksonville University,
Jacksonville, Florida. He succeeds Audrey A. Broward, who has retired after eleven years of service, first as reference librarian and then as director.

At Appalachian State, Gunn was director of the program for educating community college librarians on the graduate level. Before that he served as music librarian. He previously was assistant librarian at Rockingham Community College in Wentworth, North Carolina. He has also taught music and humanities in secondary schools for six years.

A native of Coswell County, North Carolina, Gunn received his bachelor's degree from High Point College and his master's degree in education from the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. He was awarded the master of library science degree from George Peabody College for Teachers in 1972. Currently he is working on a doctorate in library science from the University of Michigan.

Gunn is a member of the American Library Association, the Music Library Association, and Beta Phi Mu. In North Carolina he was a member of the state's Learning Resources Association.

The Swisher Library has 225,000 cataloged accessions and seats 850 patrons. It is named for Carl S. Swisher, a Florida businessman and philanthropist. Initially constructed in 1954, the library has completed two additions. Current projects include a complete reclassification from Dewey Decimal to Library of Congress. The library has recently become a member of SOLINET.

- Donald E. Riggs, director of libraries at University of Colorado at Denver, Metropolitan State College, and Community College of Denver, was recently named director of the Central Colorado Library System (CCLS). He will continue his regular duties as chief library administrator of the three institutions of higher education along with his new responsibilities as director of the multi-type library system until a new director is appointed for CCLS. CCLS, a regional cooperative library agency, is composed of forty-seven academic, public, school, and special libraries serving 1.6 million citizens in the eight-county area of greater metropolitan Denver. Six million book volumes are available for interlibrary loan and resource-sharing purposes in the central system. Daily courier service is provided for the member libraries.

Riggs' background equips him well to head CCLS. Prior to his present academic position, he was director of libraries and media services for three autonomous colleges at the same time. The three colleges were Bluefield State College, Concord College, and Southern West Virginia College of Graduate Studies. Since early 1976 he has been director of libraries for University of Colorado at Denver, Metropolitan State College, and Community College of Denver. The three urban institutions in Denver have a combined enrollment of 28,000 students. His experience also includes directorships of media centers and school and public libraries.

He has taken an active interest in professional activities by serving as president of the West Virginia Library Association, president of the Tri-State (Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia) Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries, editor of West Virginia Libraries, and associate editor of Southeastern Librarian. Currently he is chairman of the Colorado Council of Librarians whose membership is made up of directors of Colorado's state-supported academic libraries.

- Clyde C. Walton, former director of libraries at Northern Illinois University, is the new libraries director at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Walton comes to the university after ten years as librarians director at Northern Illinois where he participated in planning a new library building that would have seating for about 2,500 students, shelving for a million volumes, and a design that would make the collection more accessible to users. That library, the five-story, $13-million Founders Memorial Library, opened last January.

Other developments during Walton's tenure at Northern Illinois included reclassification of the library's collection from the Dewey Decimal System to the more adaptable Library of Congress system, increased use of data processing, expansion of the rare books collection, and the first steps in setting up a Northern Illinois Regional History Center.

Walton, 52, began his library career in 1950 at the State University of Iowa where he served as curator of rare books, archivist, and reference department head. He earned a master's degree in library science in 1950 from the University of Chicago Graduate Library School.

He was Illinois State Historian from 1956 to 1967, the same period he was executive director of the Illinois State Historical Society.
APPOINTMENTS


ANNE AMARAL—director, Life and Health Sciences Library—UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, Reno.

SHARON ARNOLD—assistant acquisitions librarian—CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, San Luis Obispo.

LUCENE BAILEY—reference/serials librarian—CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY, Wilberforce, Ohio.

ROBERT BLESSE—assistant collection development librarian—CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, San Luis Obispo.

JACQUELINE F. BRIDGES—head cataloger—WINTHROP COLLEGE, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

DONNA BURNS—manuscript librarian—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, New York.


F. WILLIAM CHICKERING—media services librarian, Health Services Library—COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York, New York.

MARGARET A. COULSON—librarian for the Center for European Studies—HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

DOREEN S. DUDLEY—head of access services, Lehman Library—COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York, New York.


ARTHUR L. FRIEDMAN—media librarian—NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Garden City, New York.

MARY KATHARINE GILLETTE—reference librarian, Sears Library—CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY, Cleveland, Ohio.


CYNTHIA GOZZI—serials librarian—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, New York.

ROBIN GRATZ—humanities reference librarian—INDIANA UNIVERSITY—PURDUE UNIVERSITY AT FORT WAYNE.


VIRGINIA B. HARRIS—head of public services—OBERLIN COLLEGE, Ohio.

BARBRA HIGGENBOTHAM—assistant to the head original cataloger—COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York, New York.


GLORIA A. KELLEY—acquisitions librarian—WINTHROP COLLEGE, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

MARK KIBBEY—chemistry librarian—COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York, New York.

DAVID J. KNAPP—conservatory librarian for technical services—OBERLIN COLLEGE, Ohio.


ROBIN LESUEUR—librarian of the Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine—HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

RODGER LEWIS—head of cataloging—CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, San Luis Obispo.

CAROLE R. McIVER—catalog librarian—WINTHROP COLLEGE, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

FRANCINE H. MCNULTY—Middle Eastern cataloger, Harvard College Library—HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

THOMAS A. MARCIL—head circulation librarian—UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Columbia.


MOLLY OSTWALD—personnel and budget librarian—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, New York.

PATRICIA O. RICE—head acquisitions librarian—WINTHROP COLLEGE, Rock Hill, South Carolina.


DALE R. SCHRAG—curator of special collections—WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY, Kansas.


CARY L. SHIELDS—assistant librarian—U.S. BUREAU OF MINES LIBRARY, Denver, Colorado.

PATRICIA SILVERNAIR—head of access services, Humanistic and Historical Center—COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York, New York.

DAN STABE—librarian for the Union Bibliographic Center, Freiberger Library—CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY, Cleveland, Ohio.

JENNIFER STEPHENSON—principal cataloger/catalog editor—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, Madison.


NANCY URTZ—catalog librarian—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, New York.
NOTICES

- The first issue of the New Periodicals Index is now available, with over 15,500 entries providing access to articles, notes, columns, reviews, and even comic strips on a wide variety of subjects. Published twice a year, in September and March, the New Periodicals Index covers all issues of sixty-seven important alternative and new age periodicals. It is intended primarily for use in libraries and research institutes. Subscription price is $25 a year.

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- Information Retrieval Systems, Computer Assisted Research, a booklet designed to introduce the public to computerized information sources, is available for one dollar (check or money order; includes postage and handling) from the Public Relations Office, Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, 305 Wick Ave., Youngstown, OH 44503. Although the information is geared to location access terminals in the Youngstown area, the coverage on the data bases is comprehensive.

- Libraries are questioning traditional materials funds allocation methods and moving toward the ongoing review of collections as they relate to changing university instructional and research programs, according to a new SPEC flyer and kit, *The Allocation of Materials Funds in Academic Libraries* (No. 36).

In its analysis of trends and issues, the flyer makes the point that research libraries are developing collections that are more directly responsive to the current and future needs of their user communities within a context of rising costs and relatively stable budgets. It also discusses criteria for allocation of materials funds and the allocation decision-making process. The kit and flyer were produced after analysis of a survey of ARL member libraries on collection development practices. The kit's sixteen documents deal with the decision-making process, statistics and criteria, the use of a formula, and general background information.

The Allocation of Materials Funds in Academic Libraries (Kit and Flyer 36) is available to SPEC subscribers and ARL members for $7.50 and to all others for $15.00 (prepayment required) from Offices of University Management Studies, Association of Research Libraries, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036; (202) 232-8656.

- The Pennsylvania State University Libraries have published a self-paced workbook entitled Library Resources. The book is being used with entry-level students in conjunction with the basic English course. Copies are $3.50 each. Prepayment is required and checks should be made out to The Pennsylvania State University. Order from Dean of University Libraries, E505 Pattee Library, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802.

- The New York Metropolitan Reference and Research Library Agency (METRO) will distribute to member libraries a new leaflet on the Clearinghouse for Expensive Acquisitions.

Twenty-eight libraries are now participating in the program. Through the clearinghouse, libraries exchange information about acquisitions and gifts that have a value of $200 or more. Benefits to members include economy (help with acquisitions decisions), service (avoiding of inadvertent duplication and purchase of a wider range of resources), and speed (one phone call to the clearinghouse). Copies of the leaflet, which tells how the program works, are available. Anyone who is not on the staff of a METRO library should enclose a self-addressed, stamped long business envelope to METRO, 11 W. 40th St., New York, NY 10018.