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.

- For a subscription or free descriptive brochure write to The Mediaworks Ltd., Box 4494-J, Boulder, CO 80306.

- *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.

Copies are available for $2 each. Checks should be made out payable to The University of Michigan and sent to Robert J. Starring, 818 Hatcher Graduate Library, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

- Stanford University Libraries has prepared an Index to the Library of Congress Cataloging Service Bulletins, numbered from 108 to 123. The index was developed by Joan Dible and will be updated as new Bulletins are received.

The basic index is available for $5 prepaid. Updates in the form of a completely revised index will be made available as they are prepared for an additional charge, but standing orders cannot be accepted. Libraries or individuals who would like to acquire a copy of the Index should send a check for $5 to the Business Service Department, Stanford University Libraries, Stanford, CA 94305.

- The Spring-Fall 1977 issue of Imprint: Oregon (v.3. no. 2) is a tribute to Berta and Elmer Hader. It contains a Hader bibliography and short articles by Doris Patee and Elaine and Edward Kemp. It is available for $2 from Edward Kemp, The Library, The University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403.

- A bibliography of Charles F. Lummis, compiled by Mary Sarber, has just been published by the University of Arizona Library and the Graduate Library School at the University of Arizona as number two in their bibliographic series. In addition to many other careers, one of Charles F. Lummis' careers was that of librarian at the Los Angeles Public Library. He founded a national group, which took the name "Bibliosmiles.

It is available for $7.50 from W. David Laird, University Librarian, Univ. of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721; checks should be made payable to the University of Arizona. Orders for two to five copies will receive a 20 percent discount. Orders for six or more copies will receive a 40 percent discount. There will be a 50¢ postage fee per copy and a handling charge when payment does not accompany the order.

Number one in the series was a paper about and an attached bibliography of the French printer and designer François-Louis Schmied by Californian publisher and book designer Ward Ritchie. It was selected as one of the fifty Western books last year by the Rounce and Coffin Club.

- Increased attention is being devoted to theft detection and prevention measures in academic and research libraries, and while electronic security systems figure predominantly in a majority of libraries' activities, many other solutions also are being instituted, according to the newest kit and flyer from the Systems and Procedures Exchange Center of the Office of Management Studies/Association of Research Libraries.

Flyer and Kit #37—Theft Detection and Prevention in Academic Libraries (October 1977, 113 pages)—reports on ARL-members' solutions to the problems of theft and mutilation and presents findings and documentation resulting from a survey of the 105 ARL libraries conducted this summer.

Requests for Flyer and Kit #37 on theft detection should be sent to the Office of University Library Management Studies, Association of Research Libraries, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036. Kits are $7.50 to SPEC subscribers and ARL members, and $15.00 to others (prepayment required).

- Scott R. Bullard, assistant head of acquisitions at Perkins Library, Duke University, is also founder and editor in chief of a new professional journal, Library Acquisitions: Practice and Theory, published quarterly by Pergamon Press. He explains that LAPT provides a forum for exchange of knowledge, ideas, and experience among library professionals and nonprofessionals in education, research, and practice. It emphasizes the practical experience of working librarians and their staffs and presents the concepts developed by leading theoreticians in the field.

Thus far, LAPT has published two issues and a third is in progress. The editor explains that the journal is well on its way to overcoming any first-year "growing pains"—a greater volume of high-quality articles is being received, reviews are becoming increasingly complimentary, and the number of subscriptions is on the rise. Any queries about, or submission to, Library Acquisitions: Practice and Theory may be addressed to Scott R. Bullard, c/o The Duke University Library.


- The real treasures of Cornell University's rare book collection on witchcraft have yet to be mined by authors and scholars. In the introduction to the newly published Catalogue of the Witchcraft Collection in Cornell University Library, which lists more than 3,000 books and pamphlets, author Rossell Hope Robbins wrote that nearly all modern writers on witchcraft have slightly or are ignorant of the most important aspects of the collection.

A leading authority on witchcraft, Robbins says modern authors concentrate on the writings in the collection by the classic demonologists and
devil worshipers. The extremely rare and highly important works of authors in opposition to witchcraft, along with court records of witchcraft trials, have gone largely untouched, he says.

Robbins says the Cornell collection on witchcraft is particularly important because it deals strictly with the true meaning of witchcraft—that is, a Christian heresy in which one willingly commits oneself to the work of the devil.

Considered the world’s leading collection of its type, it was developed nearly 100 years ago by the university’s first president, Andrew Dickson White. Many of the works are from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, a time when witch trials swept Christian Europe and America.

Robbins says that the belief in witchcraft was so widely held during this period that it’s a miracle that there are any writings at all in opposition to it. But the Cornell collection contains works by more than half a dozen such opponents. The catalog is available from KTO Press, Route 100, Milwood, NY 10546.

- The 1977/78 Union List of Health Sciences Serials of the University of Southern California (USC) Norris Medical Library and the Los Angeles County/USC Medical Center Libraries (general, women’s, and nursing) is now available. Covering journals appropriate for USC’s schools of Medicine and Pharmacy and the Medical Center’s various user groups, it covers more than 3,000 current and ceased titles held by the four libraries and gives the title, beginning date of publication, location, a brief holdings statement, explanatory notes, and cross-references.

The list is available in paperback book format for $8. Prepayment should be made by check payable to Norris Medical Library. Requests should be sent to Linda L. Azuma, Serials Assistant, Norris Medical Library, University of Southern California, 2025 Zonal Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90033.

The list should facilitate the preparation of interlibrary loan (ILL) requests and can serve as a checklist for acquisitions. A description of Norris’ ILL policy is available upon request. Write or call the Norris Medical Library, Loan Services Section, (213) 226-2231.

- Restoration Papers: A Survey of Papers Used by American Print and Book Conservators has just been published by Robert Hauser. The initial survey was sponsored by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. The twenty-nine-page publication identifies 101 papers used by respondents in conservation work, including their comments and information about suppliers. From three categories—American, European, and Oriental papers—Hauser has researched and documented in depth the paper most often cited and has attached a sample of each. In addition, there are six illustrations and a supplement on Japanese hand paper making today. The research and technical information contained in this publication will be of interest to the conservator, bookbinder, archivist, librarian, artist, printer, and publisher. Copies may be obtained for $8.50 ($8.50 if billing is required) from the publisher: Busyhaus, P.O. Box 422, North Andover, MA 01845.

- Temporarily, until the publication of the full proceedings, the papers read at the New York and Los Angeles 1977 Information Science and Automation Division (ISAD) Institutes on The Catalog in the Age of Technological Change will be available on audiocassettes. The institutes were held on April 22-23 in New York and May 19–20 in Los Angeles. The published proceedings are expected to be available in about a year from Oryx Press of New York.

In the meantime, audiocassettes, as recorded directly off the microphones, will be available to ISAD members and others who registered for either of the institutes at $3.50 (120-minute cassettes) and $2.90 (90-minute cassettes). For all others the price is $3.95 for 120-minute cassettes and $3.15 for 90-minute cassettes.

A full set of the Los Angeles talks (eight cassettes) plus two cassettes of speakers who spoke only in New York, a set of ten cassettes, is available to ISAD members and others who registered for either institute at $23.40. For all others the price is $26.00 for the ten cassettes.

The speakers and their topics: Michael Gorman, The Impact of Technology on Traditional Cataloging (120-minute cassette); Seymour Lubetzky, The Precepts of 1576 and the Pursuits of 1976 (90); Frances Hinton, The Newest Anglo-American Cataloging Rules (120); Bernadine Hoduski, A Critique of the Draft AACR, 2nd Edition (90); Joseph Howard, The Library of Congress and the Nation’s Cataloging (120); Sanford Berman, The Public Library Catalog User (90); Anne Lipow, The Research Library Catalog as a User-Oriented Tool (90); Jean Riddle Weils, Problems and Prospects in Non-book Cataloging (90); John Byrum, Newest Anglo-American Cataloging Rules (90); Phyllis Richmond, AACR, 2nd Edition, What Next? (90).

Order from Information Science and Automation Division, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

- The University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science has published its Occasional Paper no. 130. It is entitled TOWARD A GENERAL THEORY OF CIRCULATION and was written by Robert L. Burr, director of libraries, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington.

This paper is a report of several analyses, primarily of circulation data from the library of the College of William and Mary in Virginia. Burr has found that regardless of other factors (e.g., length of loan period), the distribution of library books borrowed can be predicted on the basis of subject and type of patron (student, faculty, others); the return of those books depends
also on how close to the library the borrowers live. Besides the presentation of the data supporting these findings, there is also a description of the methodology used and of the practical applications of the general findings.

The conclusions of this study differ from those of Buckland and his associates at the University of Lancaster.

This fifty-five-page "occasional paper" is for sale separately for $2 (prepaid); a subscription to the Occasional Papers for the calendar year costs $7 for five issues. Write to the Publications Office, Graduate School of Library Science, University of Illinois, 249 Armory Bldg., Champaign, IL 61820.

The Washington University School of Medicine Library has developed a computer program intended to inform interlibrary loan (ILL) librarians when their library has violated, or is in danger of violating, the fair-use provisions of the new copyright law. This program, keypunching forms, and documentation will be made available to anyone for the cost of reproduction, shipping, and handling (probably not more than $25 total). It requires only an American National Standards COBOL compiler, a card-reader, and a line-printer.

One card is keypunched for each item borrowed through ILL. The program is intended to be run quarterly and, depending on the requirements of the library, will list: (1) all items borrowed, (2) only items chargeable against fair use, (3) titles approaching violation of fair-use provisions, or (4) titles in violation of fair use. For further information, sample output, and cost, contact Millard F. Johnson, Jr., Research Associate in Machine Methods, Washington University, School of Medicine Library, 4580 Scott Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110.

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