• **Birding: An Introduction to Ornithological Delights for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals** (1987) has been published by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped as the first in a projected series of leisure activity booklets. This handbook describes the importance and variety of bird sounds, a selection of recorded and braille books available through a network of regional libraries, and sources of commercial recordings of bird songs. A free copy may be requested from the Reference Section, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Washington, DC 20542.

• **Directory of Periodicals Online: News, Law & Business**, edited by Maria S. Sims (389 pages, 3d ed., 1987), locates more than 7,700 periodicals on 200 databases. Subject area and databases are given for each title listed, while a separate subject-to-title index identifies appropriate periodicals and databases when specific titles are not known. Copies may be ordered for $75 from Federal Document Retrieval, 514 C Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20002; (202) 628-2229.


• **Friends of College Libraries**, compiled by Ronelle K.H. Thompson (134 pages, November 1987) for librarians who want information on organizing and running a friends of the library program at college libraries, is the latest addition (#9) to the CLIP (College Library Information Packet) Note series published by ACRL. The book reports the results of a survey of small college and university libraries that collected basic data and sample documents about their friends programs. Constitutions, bylaws, membership brochures, program ideas, newsletters, and publications are some of the topics covered. Copies may be ordered for $17 ($14 to ACRL members) from the ALA Order Department, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. ISBN 0-8389-7171-7.


• **A Guide to Drug Information and Literature: An Annotated Bibliography** (42 pages, 4th ed., 1987) was prepared for use in library orientation programs for medical and pharmacy students at the University of Southern California's Norris Medical Library. The bibliography surveys selected drug information sources in the areas of guides to the literature; indexing and abstracting services; computer databases; textbooks; general drug information including drug names, official and semi-official sources, commercial sources, international sources, chemical and physical data, and new drugs; evaluative and comparative sources; therapeutics; adverse reactions, drug interactions and toxicology; laws, regulations and news. Annotations describe the scope, arrangement, content and use of each source. A guide to abbreviations and an alphabetic index are also included. Copies may be ordered (prepaid) for $10 from the Reference Office, Norris Medical Library, University of Southern California, 2003 Zonal Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90033.

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• *Through the Corridors of Power: A Guide to Federal Rulemaking,* published by OMB Watch with funding by the Ford Foundation (116 pages, September 1987), examines the political and social implications of regulatory rulemaking and how the process has been changed in recent years by the President and the White House Office of Management and Budget. The book explains how the Administrative Procedures Act, Executive Orders 12291 and 12498, the Paperwork Reduction Act and other authorities interact with congressional oversight and judicial review to affect federal rulemaking. Case studies illustrate how the process actually works. Copies are available for $10.50 (plus $1.00 handling) from OMB Watch, 2001 O Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036. ISBN 0-9618808-0-5.

• *The Trade Card in Nineteenth-Century America,* by Robert Jay (112 pages, October 1987), is the first historical treatment of the advertising cards produced in great quantity and variety during the last third of the 19th century. The author traces the history of the cards by showing their development in the 17th and 18th centuries in England and America, their high point in circulation and reproduction quality from 1870 to 1900, and their demise with the increasing use of advertising in nationally circulated magazines. The book may be ordered for $30 from the University of Missouri Press, 200 Lewis Hall, Columbia, MO 65211. ISBN 0-8262-0619-0.

• *University Copyright Policies in ARL Libraries,* SPEC Kit #138 (118 pages, October 1987), represents the results of an ARL survey conducted in 1986. Many of the responses indicated that copyright policies were being reviewed and revised in the light of changing needs since 1984 when the last ARL survey was done. The kit includes two introductory brochures, four comprehensive or general copyright policies, three specialized policies (performance/display, software, music), two general ownership policies, and two ownership policies for specific materials (computer software, university-sponsored educational materials). Individual SPEC Kits are available for $20 (plus $5 postage outside the U.S.) or through subscription, prepayment required, from SPEC, Office of Management Studies, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

CALENDAR

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7—Library profession: Annual Spring Conference, Librarians Association of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Theme: “What Is a Librarian: Exploring Roles and Relationships.” Speakers include Evan Farber, Susan K. Martin, Robert Berring, and Kathleen Heim. Fee: $35 for non-members ($15 for students) before February 16. Contact: Dana Sally, Brauer Library, Math Department, Phillips Hall, UNC at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 27599; (919) 962-2323.

16–18—Health Sciences: Florida Health Sciences Library Association and the Georgia Health Sciences Library Association joint meeting, Jackson, Florida. Contact: Bettye Stilley, Medical Library, Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, FL 32214; (904) 777-7583.


April


28–30—Archives: Spring Meeting, Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, “Documenting Culture in a Technological Age,” Allentown