ABSTRACTS

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Relatively recent developments, ranging from microfilm catalogs to networked circulation systems, have the potential of removing much of the uncertainty from the routing of interlibrary loan requests. The opportunity of purchasing location and availability information changes the performance of a model interlibrary loan network. Data collected in Illinois show that location information is very valuable and that filmed catalogs may be worth several hundred dollars per year to the Illinois Interlibrary Loan Network (ILLINET). Illinois experience also indicates that local availability information, obtained from an automated circulation system, has minimal value, but the same information, made available throughout a network, reduces the time to satisfy a request.


This collection of instructional materials comprises the third section of the 1975-76 annual report on library orientation and instruction at the University of Kentucky. General guides and instructional materials include: (1) an introduction to learning resources and services prepared for the orientation of new students; (2) a general guide to the university’s libraries; (3) guidelines for orientation tours; (4) a three-unit key to library resources, with suggestions and pre- and post-tests. Guidelines for freshman English tour leaders and search procedures for a history course are also provided. Specialized guides contain information sources for history, psychology, and anthropology as well as information on newspaper resources, material on alcoholism and teenagers, and reference sources for current events.


Changes made at the Library of Congress are considered and analyzed for their impact on the library of the University of California, Los An-
geles. The four LC changes analyzed are: (1) the adoption of the International Standard Bibliographic Description for Monographs (ISBD(M)); (2) desuperimposition (the return to use of the smallest, rather than the largest, element of organization as the first part of an entry); (3) proposed changes in LC subject headings; and (4) the use of LC classification at UCLA without modification. The advantages and disadvantages of these changes are discussed and charted against seven areas of impact—catalog, shelving order, library user, library processes, serials, automation, and opportunity for and value of consistency. Comparisons of UCLA and LC classification numbers are included, along with letters from library staff opposing the use of unmodified LC numbers.


The librarians of the library/learning center at University of Wisconsin-Parkside provide a description of their bibliographic instruction program. Instructional objectives are outlined in accordance with the needs of students, faculty, community, those with special needs, and staff. These objectives cover such areas as location of materials and equipment; the librarian as a resource; use of library catalogs, indexes, audiovisual materials, and equipment; use of microforms; use of basic references; bibliographic citations; and research techniques. There is a brief description of each of the programs: an orientation slide-tape, thirty small guides, a self-paced basic library skills workbook, advanced bibliographic instruction workbooks, an academic skills/general library instruction slide-tape, and the preparation of special course-integrated instruction. Objectives are detailed for all six of these programs. Evaluation procedures described involve informal feedback, pre- and post-tests, and student evaluation. The student evaluation form, a library skills test, a list of future projects, and data on program costs are included.

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A text providing an introduction to data as the means of representing information and so to provide a background for the design of information systems.

Low, Jane Grant-Mackay. The Acquisition of Maps and Charts Published by the United States Government. Occasional Papers, no. 125. Champaign, Ill.: Graduate School of Library Science, Univ. of Illinois, 1976. 36p. $2.00.

Lyday, Leon F., and Woodyard, George W. A Bibliography of Latin American Theater Criticism, 1940-1974. Guides and Bibliographies Series, no. 10. Austin: Institute of Latin American Studies, Univ. of Texas,

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John D. Hutcheson, Jr., and Jann Shevin

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Dorothy F. LaBarr and J. David Singer.