Each essay is well written and concludes with several pages of carefully selected citations. It is unfortunate that no annotations were included, for they would have made the bibliographies much more useful. A Library Science Research and Bibliographic Guide is highly recommended for inclusion in the collections of all library schools. Students will profit from Busha’s, Grotzinger’s, and Teal’s contributions; Ph.D. students in particular will find them well worth reading.—John N. DePew, School of Library Science, Florida State University, Tallahassee.

ABSTRACTS

The following abstracts are based on those prepared by the ERIC Clearinghouse of Information Resources, School of Education, Syracuse University.

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An outline for librarians who want to cooperatively plan to implement a shared circulation system, this guide employs a method of planning based on policy analysis. The stages of problem formulation, identification of objectives, perceptual activity, system design, information gathering, and evaluation are outlined. Although this guide contains some examples of the types of information decision makers should consider, it does not provide detailed information about every aspect of the planning process.


This paper reviews the current literature on the preservation of library materials and develops an overview of the state of the art for conservation programs. The thirteen references provided are concerned with the preservation of book materials, the design of processes and facilities to prevent or retard deterioration, development of disaster planning, salvaging of damaged materials, and preparation of conservation policy statements. A pamphlet and two leaflets from the Library of Congress are attached.


This feasibility study was conducted to collect financial, operational, and other data concerning the alternatives of continuing with the University of Toronto Library Automation System (UTLAS), the present supplier of catalog support to the British Columbia Union Catalogue (BCUC) participating libraries, or of replicating the Washington Library Network (WLN) system. Specifically, the study examined the economic feasibility of replicating the WLN system; produced a comparative feature analysis of WLN and UTLAS; produced cost projections for both systems; provided comprehensive data on the best systems for meeting anticipated needs for support of other functions including acquisitions, serials, circulation, and public access; provided recommendations on the alternatives; and provided recommendations on the next steps to be considered. Tables display the data gathered. An additional paper, “BCUC Governance and Management: A Background Paper for the BCUC Replication Study,” by Paul E. Baldwin, is included.


This study compares the three versions of DOBIS (Dortmunder Bibliothekssystem) that are currently running in Canada and the Washington Library Network (WLN) systems in order to determine which one is the most appropriate to replicate in support of the British Columbia Library Network (BCLN). Comparisons of systems cost and operating features, the availability of desired cataloging information, time required to use the systems, and the relative impact of the two systems upon cataloging operations are presented. Figures display the data in detail. An additional report, “A Summary Analysis of the Impact on Cataloguing of
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Designed to provide background for the planning of collection preservation programs in the libraries of the University of California, this paper presents an overview of the preservation problem, makes specific recommendations for further programs within the University of California library system, and accesses the needs of the system with regard to: (1) environmental control within buildings housing collections, (2) training of conservation administrators and preservation specialists, (3) restoration of deteriorating conditions, and (4) research into the causes and cures of paper deterioration. Estimated costs of a program addressing these four areas are given. A bibliography lists thirty-seven references.

Environmental Control for Regional Library Facilities. By Richard G. King, Jr. Systemwide Administration, Library Studies and Research Division, Univ. of California at Berkeley. 1980. 14p. ED 200 222. MF—$0.83; PC—$1.82.

This report presents an overview of the damage to library materials caused by uncontrollable environmental variables. The control of atmospheric pollutants, temperature, and humidity are discussed with regard to damage, standards, and the costs of deterioration due to these factors. Twelve references are listed.


This paper presents some definitions and makes distinctions among the forms of field experience drawn from the literature, and surveys the goals of librarianship and library education in using field experience as an element in the library school curriculum at the master’s level. Further, it explores learning theory for insights on the contributions...
field experience can make to professional education, identifies typical weaknesses and administrative problems in its implementation, and examines alternatives to a full-fledged field experience program. A bibliography listing more than sixty sources is provided.


This review of recent and anticipated advances in library automation technology and methodology includes a review of the effects of OCLC, MARC formatting, AACR2, and increasing costs, as well as predictions of the impact of library technical processing of networking, expansion of automation, minicomputers, specialized reference services, and inflationary trends. Forecasts include an increase in technical qualifications for and a decrease in the number of technical processing librarians. Three references are listed.


The academic library orientation workshops described are conducted by the University of Vermont to acquaint college-bound high school seniors with the resources available in an academic library. Sessions consist of a location exercise in which students use the card catalog to locate specific materials, a guided tour of the library, and a written exercise using periodical indexes, the computer listing of periodicals, and the card catalog. Participating students and their teachers complete written evaluations which the library reference staff then uses to monitor the program's effectiveness. This study examines the evaluations from six sessions and offers suggestions for improvement. A sample reference exercise, sample titles for the location exercise, a reference exercise worksheet and evaluation forms are appended.

**CSUC Standard for the CLSI Expanded Title Record.** By Barbara Case and others. Library Systems Project, California State University and Colleges, Los Angeles. 1981. 14p. ED 200 248. MF—$0.83; PC—$1.82.

The system specifications described have been adopted by the nineteen California state university and colleges libraries for use with the CL Systems "Expanded Title Record" format. It is anticipated that these specifications will be tested at California State University, Chico, beginning midyear 1981. Should this pilot demonstration prove successful, it is further expected that implementation of the CLSI public access system at all nineteen CSUC campus libraries will follow. The specifications, which assume machine-readable bibliographic input through OCLC archival tapes and/or any other machine-readable bibliographic captured in OCLC or LC-MARC compatible format are designed to accept and process all OCLC formats and their revisions, including those necessary for compatibility with the second edition of the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules.


This study, conducted to provide background data for the systematic development of the library bibliographic component of a national network, analyzes the procedures used in producing the National Union Catalog (NUC), the nationwide union catalog in card form maintained at the Library of Congress (LC), and examines the variations found in records as they are integrated into the file. The report discusses NUC operations and work-flow, characteristics of reporting libraries, differences in headings between outside reports to the NUC and LC records, and differences in bibliographic description between outside reports to the NUC and LC records. Conclusions for a nationwide database derived from the analysis of processes in the catalog publication division are presented along with recommendations for future investigation. Table and figures are provided.


This directory of library instruction programs in 102 libraries adds information on in-house developed library instruction materials to the basic information on programs, program content, and instructional personnel listed in the previous edition. Survey information gathered for the directory provides statistical data on the form of library instruction, the use of print and nonprint materials, subject areas specifically addressed at each institution, and responses to questions regarding the administration and organization of library instruction. The responses are summarized in an alphabetical listing of institutions. Following the alphabetical listing is an index by questionnaire topics.
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The Government and Information: Costs, Choices and Challenges. By Laura E. Challman. 1980. 21p. ED 200 251. MF—$0.83; PC—$1.82.

This paper examines the involvement of the federal government in information activities and services, and raises questions about the legitimacy and consistency of this involvement. Three major areas of government policy in the information sector are discussed: research and development, the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), and public libraries. State and local policies in these areas are also described. It is argued that the research and development subsidy is consistent with the government's mission to support the public good, but that government support for the NTIS and public libraries is inappropriate because these services do not qualify as public goods. Twenty-two references are listed.
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