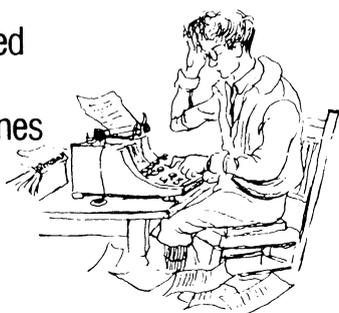


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FOI goes international

DEVELOPMENTS in the thorny field of freedom of information are outlined in the newsletter of the International Freedom of Information Commission. This London-based organisation monitors FOI around the world and publishes news of the progress of relevant legislation, as well as itself taking a direct part in promoting such legislation.

The latest newsletter I have seen (no.2, March 1980) concentrates on the USA, UK, Canada and Australia – there is a one-page summary of the recommendations of the Senate Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs in relation to the FOI Bill. The climate for FOI in Australia is said to be 'promising'.

The International Freedom of Information Commission newsletter is published five times a year and costs £10.00. It is available from the Commission at Room 411, London International Press Centre, 76 Shoe Lane, London EC4, England. (No ISSN).

Not Henry Miller's

NEXUS defines itself as 'a point in a system at which interconnections occur', but there any similarity to Henry Miller's work of the same name ends. *Nexus*, subtitled 'News of systems developments' is a newsletter of the State Library of Tasmania intended to keep staff and others aware of systems activities in that library network.

Number 1, April 1980, tells us a bit about CURSYS, the automated circulation system, SPARC (Systems Planning and Review Committee) and other matters. A promising crop of acronyms.

Nexus is published by the State Library of Tasmania, 91 Murray Street, Hobart, Tas 7000. (No ISSN).

Getting a subsidy

THE Literature Board of the Australia Council has recently issued new guidelines for anyone considering applying for a grant to publish Australian literature. It is a very useful indication of what is eligible for support, what is likely to be supported and what is not.

Guidelines: assistance for the publication of Australian literature also explains how to apply for a subsidy and includes copies of the forms you will need to do so. It should be noted that this document is directed at publishers, rather than at authors.

Copies of the *Guidelines* are available from Patricia Healy, Project Officer, Literature Board, Australia Council, PO Box 302, North Sydney, NSW 2060, phone (02) 922 2122.

To be included, or not to be

THE Poets Union's recent *Directory of Australian poets, 1980* was begun with the ideal of including information about all living Australian poets. But this ideal has been hard to live up to – some poets are omitted from this directory because they didn't want to be included. Others couldn't be traced. Some were just missed in the process of compilation. There are numerous notable omissions – Judith Wright and Kris Hemensley for a start.

Supplements to this edition are promised, which should make this work even more useful. It contains the sort of information you would expect: addresses, biography (mainly in the poets own words, or in one case, verse), publications, performances. The directory would be useful if you are lining up Australian poets for a poetry reading, as their willingness to undertake such assignments is indicated.

Free copies of the directory are being sent to municipal and tertiary education libraries in Australia. Copies may also be purchased from the National Secretary of the Poets Union, c/o 11 McNaught Street, Beaumaris, Vic 3193, price \$5.00 (postage \$1.00). (ISBN 0 9594776 0 8).

Poor resources

PEP is the catchy acronym for the Poverty Education Project, a recently-launched program of the Melbourne-based Brotherhood of St Laurence.

PEP has been launched in an attempt to 'stem the current of government and public opinion which has, in recent years, been running against poverty as a social issue.' PEP includes a poverty library and clearing house of poverty information.

The library has a collection of books, periodical articles, research reports, pamphlets, newspaper cuttings and audiovisual material on poverty and the related topics of unemployment, income security, housing, health care and education. The clearing house consists of a number of reprints and books for sale.

The project is also developing its own materials – so far it has produced a videotape and a poverty kit. The emphasis in the PEP material is on the non-technical and the 'easily digestible'. For further information on the project contact Kevin Wilson, Brotherhood of St Laurence, 67 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy, Vic 3065, phone (03) 419 7055.

Better than ever

WHEN Fred Lock and Alan Lawson's *Australian literature – a reference guide* was first published in 1977, it received general acceptance as a reliable and compact guide to reference and bibliographical sources for students of Australian literature and others.

A second edition of this work has recently been published by Oxford University Press. There has been considerable revision and expansion to make the work even more useful – the second edition contains 134 pages, compared with 96 in the first edition.

Many authors appear in the second who did not figure in the first, and many entries have been expanded. Some chapters have been completely rearranged, and a new feature is a list of organisations active in the fields of literary study and research in Australia.

Fred Lock and Alan Lawson's *Australian literature*, second edition, is published in its Australian Bibliographies series by Oxford University Press. It is excellent value at \$4.95. (ISBN 0 19 554214 2.)

Baez bibliography

JOAN BAEZ first album was issued in 1960, and by 1962 she had already sold more records than any female folk singer in history. And of course she has sold steadily ever since. *Diamonds and rust*, one of her songs, is used as the title for a bibliography and discography of Joan Baez, just published by Pierian Press.

The bibliography covers the years 1961 to 1977 and is annotated. The discography lists all her albums and singles, from 1959 (two songs at Newport) to 1977 (*Blowin' Away*).

There are composer and song title indexes, as well as author, title and subject indexes to the bibliography. Nicely laid out. *Diamonds and rust*, compiled by Joan Swanekamp, was published earlier this year by Pierian Press and costs US\$8.50. (ISBN 0 87650 113 7).

Minterlib directory

THE third edition of the Municipal Inter-Library Committee's (Minterlib's) *Inter-library directory*, which was published last year, is still available. This directory lists all public library services in Victoria, the location of subject collections allocated by Minterlib in the Subject Specialisation Scheme and information on inter-library loan procedures. Very full details of services provided by different library services are given.

Copies of the *Inter-library directory*, 3rd edition, compiled by Lee Ellis, are available from Les Jolley, Moorabbin City Library, 161 Jasper Road, Bentleigh, Vic 3204. The price is \$4.50 plus 50c postage (\$3.60 to Minterlib members and to the trade). (ISBN 0 959918 1 8).



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For details of the interlibrary and personal loan service from the Oregon Collection, and a brochure/order form for the Sport Bibliography contact: Mrs N. Harman, Interloans Officer, Footscray Institute of Technology Library, PO Box 64, Footscray, Vic 3011. Phone: (03) 688 4285. Telex: FITLEX 36596.