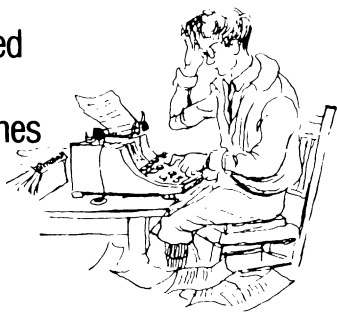


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Forthcoming attractions

TWO new professional journals are due to be published later this year by Haworth Press, New York. The first will be *Legal reference services quarterly* which will 'delve into all areas of legal reference and bibliography, including research-based explorations of established, new and evolving machine-readable bibliographic services in law'. It will also look at traditional services and will aim to be a clearinghouse for the exchange of information among practicing librarians. The editor is Robert Berring, Acting Librarian, Harvard School Library.

The other new journal is *Resource sharing and library networks* and this will also be published quarterly. It will cover 'the politics of networks, their organisation, informal networks, patterns of resource sharing, technical contributions, telecommunications policies, network personnel issues' and related issues. Ward Shaw, Executive Director, Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries, is the editor.

The first issue of each new journal should appear in Fall 1980. *Legal reference services quarterly* will cost US\$20.00 per year (US\$30.00 to Australia), and *Resource sharing and library networks* will cost US\$25.00 (US\$35.00 to Australia).

Thinking about Telex?

ANYONE considering installing Telex in their library may be interested in the findings of a modest survey of the use of Telex facilities. The survey, which was conducted for the Association of Librarians of Colleges of Advanced Education (ALCAE) by Alan Bundy, addressed such questions as the percentage of each institution's messages transacted by Telex, use of Telex other than for inter-library loans, who pays for the service and willingness or otherwise of libraries to conduct more ILL work by Telex.

In a report of the survey Bundy also provides selections of user libraries' comments on Telex and its usefulness. In an introduction to the tabulated findings there are some notes on Telex service which would be useful for anyone not familiar with it.

The report *Telex use by Australian libraries: a preliminary survey* is available gratis from the Library Secretary, Footscray Institute of Technology, PO Box 64, Footscray Vic 3011.

Adult literacy

LITERACY LINK is the new name for the newsletter of the Australian Council for Adult Literacy. It is published three times a year to facilitate the exchange of ideas and information on literacy and adult literacy teaching.

Issue no 4 (November 1979) has snippets from a recent Sydney conference, tips from teachers, notes on teaching techniques and brief booknotes.

Literacy link is available only to ACAL members by subscription. This is \$10 for individuals and \$20 for institutions. Sub-

scriptions should be sent to Mr D. Werrin, Adult Migrant Education Service, 167 Kent Street, Sydney NSW 2000. (ISSN 0155-5499).

ADB into 20th century

WITH volume 7, the *Australian dictionary of biography* slides into the 1891-1939 period, from the letter A to Ch. Notable in this volume is the attention paid to female biographees, and a number of notable feminists and pioneers in formerly traditionally male domains are included. Attention is also given to the colourful characters of the period, as well as the famous and the powerful.

So we have Mahomet Allum, camel-driver, herbalist and philanthropist, Bob Buck, bushman, Bessie Campbell, banjoist, and W. J. Chidley, sex reformer and eccentric. Even Roy Cazaly is up there, rubbing shoulders with Neville Cayley and Harold Cazneaux. This volume, perhaps more than any of the six earlier volumes, captures a slice of the spirit of an age and preserves it with some delightful turns of phrase. No dry-as-dust reference work this.

Librarians fare well in this volume: H.C.L. Anderson, the reluctant librarian, Armstrong, Battye, Bertie, and Binns. This is a fine start to the final six volumes of the ADB, and is a creditable performance for general editors Bede Nairn and Geoffrey Serle and their team of contributors. *Australian dictionary of biography*, volume 7, is published by Melbourne University Press and costs \$25.00. (ISBN 0 522 84185 6).

New BM cat

THE British Library (British Museum) *General catalogue of printed books* is being republished in an entirely new edition by Clive Bingley Limited. This edition will be in a single alphabetical sequence and will incorporate the first, second and third supplements together with some later additions and amendments.

The new catalogue, which is being prepared under the editorship of Jim Emmett (formerly Chief Librarian of North Brisbane College of Advanced Education) will be in 360 volumes, each of about 500 pages, and in the same large format as the edition of 1961-67. Publication will be at a rate of about six to seven volumes a month, with publication scheduled for completion in 1984.

The complete set will cost £9900 if payment is made in advance, rather more if payment is made upon delivery. Fuller details of the new catalogue and its price are available from the publishers, Clive Bingley Ltd, Commonwealth House, 1-19 New Oxford Street, London WC1 1NE.

Pop music

FROM the mass of recorded popular music currently available on LP, Dean and Nancy Tudor selected and evaluated about 750 key recordings in their *Contemporary popular music*.

This work is intended as a selection tool for librarians and individuals interested in mainstream popular music, big bands, stage and film music, rock, rockabilly, rock 'n' roll, acid rock, country rock and heavy metal. Each recording listed is described in about 300 words, indicating musical influences, impact and importance — very readably.

There are copious introductions to the various sections, with historical background information, insights into the recording industry (and some of the tricks of the trade) and very useful appendices listing and commenting on relevant books and periodicals, record labels and specialist record stores in the USA, Canada and the UK. There are separate rock and mainstream name indexes.

Emphasis is on American artists, although many outstanding overseas performers figure and several of the recordings are from European manufacturers.

Contemporary popular music by Dean and Nancy Tudor was published last year by Libraries Unlimited, and is in the series 'American popular music on elpee'. Other volumes in the series are *Black music*, *Jazz* and *Grass roots music*. *Contemporary popular music* costs US\$22.00. (ISBN 0 87287 191 6).

Welcome back Cutter

LIBRARIES Unlimited is now the sole distributor for the Cutter Author Tables, a commonly used method for arranging books by author within a given class.

Three types of tables are available: Cutter's Two-figure author Table (1969 revision: ISBN 0 87287 208 4); Cutter's Three-figure Author Table (1969 revision: ISBN 0 87287 209 2); and the Cutter-Sanborn Three-figure Author Table (also 1969 revision: ISBN 0 87287 210 6).

The tables are priced at US\$11.00, \$15.00 and \$14.00 respectively, and an instruction booklet is included with each table. The tables, or further information, can be obtained from Libraries Unlimited, PO Box 263, Littleton, CO 80160, USA.

Margarine and the age of consent

THESE are two of the many topics covered by the pollsters in the year 1978 in Australia, as indexed in Keith Sandford's *The public opinion 1978*. Also covered were nudism and Neville Wran, butter and Bjelke-Petersen, and a host of other likely and unlikely subjects.

The polls which Sandford covers are those published in seven major Australian newspapers and news magazines. Under each entry you find simply the date of the issue of the newspaper or magazine in which the poll was summarised, together with the name of the polling organisation. This enables you to find the brief report or to know whom to approach about seeing fuller findings.

At \$8.50 this paperbound 15-page work seems overpriced, but it is certainly useful in the absence of a national, comprehensive newspaper and news-magazine index. It's published by Index Press, PO Box 305, Eltham, Vic. 3095. Previous volumes, covering 1970-1977 are still available. (ISSN 0314-2388). □

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