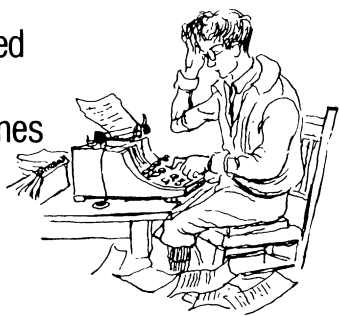


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News from PNG

Probably the most important publication ever produced by the PNGLA is how the *Proceedings* of the 8th Conference of the Papua New Guinea Library Association are heralded.

This 197-page record of the 1979 Conference, edited by John Flanagan, is certainly the biggest publication ever devoted to libraries in PNG. Topics discussed included literacy and libraries, the state of libraries in PNG, other information agencies, library planning and service to rural areas.

Copies of the *Proceedings* are available from Ross Shimmon, Publications Manager, PNGLA, PO Box 6177, Boroko. The cost is K6.00 (K10 to institutions) plus K1.00 postage (K2.50 by air).

Australian librarians who wish to keep in close touch with the library scene in PNG should read *PNGLA news*, the newsletter of the PNG Library Association, PO Box 5368, Boroko. (ISSN 0251-173X).

Lights, camera, ACTION

Chroma key techniques, animation, sound recording and time techniques — these are just some of the topics dealt with by publications, aural and visual, from the Australian Film and Television School.

A range of 30-odd printed items are available, covering many aspects of broadcasting and filmmaking which will be of interest to the layperson as well as to the specialist. Some video and audio tapes and films are also available for sale or hire.

Full catalogues are available from the Australian Film and Television School, Box 26, North Ryde, NSW 2113, phone (02) 887 1666.

Sci-Eng references

Completely rewritten and restructured for the third edition, *Science and engineering literature: a guide to reference sources* is a useful supplement to the standard guides to reference materials.

Aimed at the 'library school student, the general librarian and the science librarian specialist' (and, I would think, the science or engineering student), this work describes over 1200 reference tools most of which are English language materials currently in print. There is a not unexpected US bias (eg the *US Pharmacopoeia* but not the *British Pharmacopoeia*).

Entries are more evaluative than in Walford, for example, but are well-balanced and therefore helpful. Little attention is shown in this work to online information retrieval services, which in view of the range of other published guides in this area is probably a good thing; at least major sci-tech databases are mentioned and some bibliographical references can be followed up.

Inevitably the question 'What is there in this which isn't in Walford?' comes to mind. Actually not a lot, except for the fuller evaluative annotations and this work's greater selectiveness. Smaller libraries without a particularly scientific or engineering-minded clientele can live without this book. Other libraries should find it helpful and at US\$22.50 good value for money.

Science and engineering literature: a guide to reference sources by H. Robert Malinowsky and Jeanne M. Richardson was published last year by Libraries Unlimited. (ISBN 0 87287 230 0).

EALGA news

EALGA is the East Asian Librarians' Group of Australia which meets regularly to discuss a vast number of topics related to the acquisition, processing and use of resources on East Asia in Australian libraries.

To keep its members and others informed EALGA issues a newsletter, the fifth of which (June 1981) covers Chinese periodicals and newspapers, automated cataloguing for Asian materials, news of specialist libraries and sources of information around the world and the continuing debate on Pinyin v. Wade-Giles.

The *East Asian Librarians' Group of Australia newsletter* is available from the Group, c/o Orientalia Section, National Library of Australia, Canberra, ACT 2600. (ISSN 0156-8043)

Which encyclopaedia?

Libraries and others faced with the difficult choice of which encyclopaedia to buy will be helped by the new edition of *Encyclopaedia survey* published by the School Libraries Branch of the Educational Department of South Australia.

The 1981 edition follows the pattern of the first, 1978, edition which was published as a supplement to *Review*. It describes in detail 39 encyclopaedias currently available in Australia, assessing grade suitability, content, scope, objectivity, authority, arrangement and accessibility, style, format, graphics, bibliographies and overall usefulness. Occasionally there is direct comparison with other titles listed. Special emphasis is given to Australian coverage in non-Australian publications.

Publishers or distributors addresses given are generally those in South Australia — interstate users should check their local telephone directories for distributors. Introductory sections outline criteria for evaluating an encyclopaedia and raise the question of whether having an expensive set

at home and at school (or indeed in a local public library) is justifiable — an aspect often overlooked by eager buyers and zealous sellers. This will be a useful work for libraries and those users bent on obtaining the best value for their money.

Encyclopaedia survey 1981 was compiled by Alan Murrie and is available from the Education Department of South Australia, Information Office, Box 1152, GPO, Adelaide, SA 5001. It costs \$3.00 plus 80 cents postage. (ISBN 0 7243 5179 5)

Arab books

Information about titles published in the Arab world is not that easy to come by, according to the producers of *Arab book world*.

They declare that 'very few publishers widely publicise specialised titles outside their own primary market'. Librarians do not find out about some Arab world titles until long after publication, if at all. Hence *Arab book world*, volume 1 no 1 of which was published in January this year.

It aims to cover all aspects of book and periodical publishing in the Arab world and about the Arab world. Special emphasis on titles from small publishers in the West is also promised.

Arab book world is published quarterly by Inter-Crescent Publishing, PO Box 31413, Dallas, TX 75231, USA. It costs US\$55.00 per annum.

Know your rights

Any booklet which manages, in 72 pages and for \$1.20, to tell you where to get legal help, how to deal with neighbours, what the basics of bankruptcy law, tenants' rights, wills, estates, family law and consumer law are, is a worthwhile investment. This is exactly what John Bennett's *Your rights 1981* achieves.

First published in 1974 and now in its eighth edition, *Your rights* includes a very useful name and address section for helpful organisations in the mainland states. Highly recommended.

Your rights 1981 is published by the Victorian Council for Civil Liberties and is available at \$1.20 from the Council at 122 Canning Street, Carlton, Vic 3053. It is also on sale in many newsagents and bookshops and at the offices of Councils for Civil Liberties in each state. (No ISBN.)

Fruits of research

The now-defunct *ANSOL news* used to carry a six-monthly listing of research on library and information services in Australia. This listing was based on information supplied to the National Library for transmittal to ISORID (International Information System on Research in Documentation).

This useful information will now be issued in a new publication, *Australian library and information research*. The first issue, July 1981, lists 10 projects in progress and 14 which have been recently completed. A supplement lists bibliographies in progress.

Australian library and information research is published twice a year by the National Library of Australia, Canberra, ACT 2600. (ISSN 0705 971X)

Keep me posted

The compiler is always on the lookout for material for this column, and relies a lot on what you, gentle reader, send him. He is particularly interested in Australian material with a reference slant. When sending items, please don't forget to include price information (and postage costs, if applicable). □

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