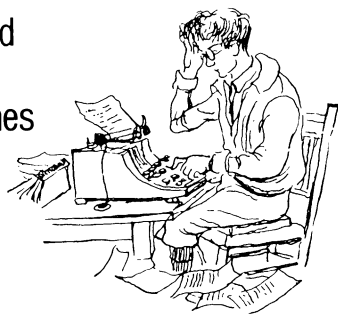


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Treasures of Dromkeen

DROMKEEN is a homestead 50km north-west of Melbourne, built in 1889 for a Melbourne judge. Nowadays it's the home of Mrs Joyce Oldmeadow and a large collection of Australian children's books, original illustrations and manuscripts.

The collection, which is administered by a Trust, also includes printers' blocks, publishers' proof copies, correspondence between publishers, authors and illustrators, with the emphasis on children's books.

Susan Lowe compiled *A catalogue of the original artwork and manuscripts of Dromkeen* as part of a Bachelor of Education course at Melbourne State College, and her efforts were published in 1980 by the College as an 82-page, spiral-bound book.

Her catalogue covers 145 original items, all heavily annotated. It's nicely laid out and illustrated and there is an author/illustrator index.

Susan Lowe's guide is an excellent introduction to a novel venture. It's published in the Griffin Bibliographies series by the Department of Librarianship, Melbourne State College, 757 Swanston Street, Carlton, Vic 3053, and costs \$5.00. (ISBN 0 908 176 04 X).

Social workers

A LANDMARK study of the information channels and perceived needs of a group of social workers was published by the School of Librarianship at the University of New South Wales in 1976.

The study, entitled *The people you know: an investigation of information transfer among a group of Australian social workers in a hospital agency*, by Carmel Maguire, Eugenia Lovelace and Robin Kench, has been reprinted and is now available once more.

A detailed examination is made of the informal network as well as other information sources such as the hospital library, and a number of fairly general recommendations are made. The study was funded by the Australian Government through the former Social Welfare Commission.

The people you know is available from the Publications Section, University of New South Wales, PO Box 1, Kensington, NSW 2033 and costs \$5.00. (ISBN 0 642 50602 7).

Ingredients still missing

'HARDLY cordon bleu' was how I summed up *Recipe book service of on-line searching* in *Incite* vol 1 no 14, 15 August 1980.

A new edition of this work appeared in October last year, and I have now had a chance to sample its delicacies. Happily most of the bits to which I took exception have been fixed.

Indeed fuller information is now given for the DIALOG and ORBIT systems, including lists of databases available on them. Unhappily less attention has been given to making the CSIRONET system more comprehensi-

ble, which with its hundreds of users around Australia, is surely possible?

The mystifying 'To enter weights or NOT and IGNORE logic terms you will need to insert the appropriate spaces' is still there, gobbledegook to the irregular or casual user at whom this work is aimed.

In the DIALOG section truncation, the absence of a mention of which I lamented last year, does now figure: but only in the section on DIALINDEX, and without actually telling you how to do it!

Recipe book services of on-line searching, issue 198010, October 1980, is available from R.D. Williamson and Associates Pty Ltd, 2 Kenny Street, North Balwyn, Vic 3104, and costs around \$35 for the basic work plus updates and corrections.

It's useful, if treated with caution, but it certainly isn't, and isn't intended to be, a substitute for manuals produced by the system suppliers. (ISBN 0 9595009 0 1).

New Aslib bibliographies

TWO excellent bibliographies of automation in libraries were published by Aslib last year.

Ainslie Dewe's *An annotated bibliography of automation in libraries 1975-1978* is a continuation of earlier bibliographies on this topic, the most recent being Maxine MacCafferty's *An annotated bibliography of automation in libraries and information systems 1972-1975*.

As with its predecessor, emphasis is given to automation of library housekeeping operations, and no attempt is made to cover the vast field of online information retrieval. The latter topic is covered fully by J.L. Hall and Ainslie Dewe's *Online information retrieval 1976-1979: an international bibliography* (Aslib Bibliography 10) which is itself a continuation of Hall's *On-line information retrieval 1965-1976* (London: Aslib, 1977).

Hall and Dewe is a solid 230-page work, alphabetically arranged by author, with a very thorough (manual) index and short annotations. Coverage is excellent, judging by a sampling of the Australian references in the work. No attempt is made to cover numerical databases and data retrieval, nor general library automation.

I can warmly recommend Ainslie Dewe's *An annotated bibliography of automation in libraries* (London: Aslib, 1979 c1980 - ISBN 0 85142 132 6 - price unknown) and J.L. Hall and Ainslie Dewe's *Online information retrieval* (London: Aslib, 1980 - ISBN 0 85142 127 X - £19.50, or £16.00 to Aslib members).

Indexing - \$10 a year

SINCE the last issue of the *Sydney Morning Herald* index was published in 1961, the Mitchell Library in Sydney has compiled a partial index to items of Australian interest in the main section of that newspaper. This index is on catalogue cards and has hitherto been available only to those who visited or rang up the library.

W. & F. Pascoe, who are well-known for their microfilms of newspapers, have now microfiched the 180,000-odd cards in the index, covering the period October 1961 to February 1962 and April 1963 to December 1978.

The microfiche, which is at 48X reduction, is Diazo, and is in negative. 3000 cards are reproduced on each fiche. The index is, of course, selective, and doesn't attempt to cover overseas stories which are not of direct Australian interest, nor advertisements, nor births, marriages and deaths, unless these are in the form of substantial news items.

Even with these limitations this index is extremely useful, as its users in the Mitchell over the past 17 years will attest. The

microfiche set (59 fiche) is available from W. & F. Pascoe, 2A Glen Street, Milsons Point, NSW 2061 and costs about \$170.00.

INNS is out

INNS (*International Nuclear News Service*), not to be confused with INIS (International Nuclear Information System), is a monthly index to newspaper and periodical articles dealing with the nuclear industry.

All facets of the industry are covered, from mining to nuclear weapons and waste disposal. About 20 journals, Australian and overseas, are indexed. Its emphasis is upon current developments in the industry and its producers claim that it is 'unique in its orientation'.

INNS subscriptions are \$70 per year, and included in that price is a subscription to *Nuclear news and reviews*, which provides lengthy summaries of nuclear industry reports from the Australian press. Subscriptions or further information are available from the Conservation Centre, 310 Angas Street, Adelaide, SA 5000.

Looking for pictures?

A PROMISING start has been made to a general index to illustrations of Australian interest by Jim Badger in his modest *Australian illustration index*. This represents an initial attempt at indexing the illustrations in a selection of well-known and widely-available periodicals 'published mainly over the past decade'.

Badger hopes to expand the range of sources in future editions to cover commonly-used reference books as well as a wider range of periodicals. As it is, he indexes illustrations from *Cinema papers*, *Bulletin*, *Walkabout*, *Architecture in Australia*, *Australian natural history* and a dozen other titles. It is very strong in portraits.

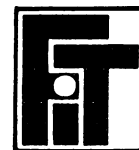
Badger will welcome comments from users so that future editions can be even more useful than this first attempt will undoubtedly be.

Jim Badger's *Australian illustration index* was published last year by Salisbury College of Advanced Education in its Occasional Papers series (no 19). It is available for \$2.00 from the Secretary, Publications Committee, SCAE, Salisbury East, SA 5109 (ISBN 0 909383 19 7). □

THE MIDDLE EAST

On behalf of the Australasian Middle East Studies Association the Footscray Institute of Technology is preparing to undertake an evaluation of national information resources on all areas of the Middle East.

Libraries with resources on, or an interest in, any aspect of the Middle East please write to



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Details of resources are not required at this stage.