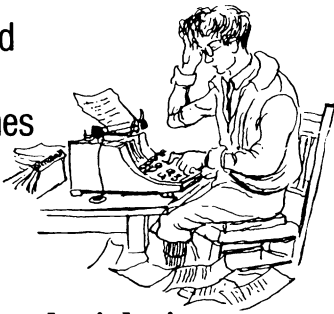


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Labyrinthine legislation

The complex process undergone by Commonwealth legislation on Aboriginal land rights is the subject of an innovative publication from the Canberra College of Advanced Education Library.

Aboriginal land rights legislation by Gregory P. Jones describes the legislative history in a span of 196 pages, copiously annotated, with sample pages from Hansard, Votes and Proceedings, Notice Papers, Bills, Explanatory Memoranda — the extracts provide an excellent introduction to the variety of forms which relevant documents may take. Charts indicate the often intricate interrelationships between the documents. There is a wealth of detail in this, the fourth in the outstanding Library Reference Guide series from the CCAE Library.

Gregory P. Jones' *Aboriginal land rights legislation* was published last year and is available from the Librarian (Publications), CCAE, PO Box 1, Belconnen, ACT 2616. It costs \$9.00 (ISBN 0 85889 139 1).

Reference reunion

One of the post-conference sessions this year will focus on 'Reference Services — the State of the Art'. The session will deal with the administration, management and provision of reference services during what the organisers describe, with remarkable restraint, as 'a time of change'.

Several brief and informal papers during the one-day session will cover the gamut of reference librarian's interests, including the philosophy of reference

work, policy, staffing, reader education, technological change and accountability. I imagine that legal responsibility or liability will also raise its challenging head too.

The organisers have set the session down for Saturday 1 September, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and it will be held at the Bardon Professional Development Centre — \$20.00 will get you transported thither from the city, and will buy you sustenance at lunch time. Further information on the session is available from Ray Choate, Senior Reference Librarian, Borchardt Library, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Vic 3053. I wish I could say see you there, but I shall probably be in the Antipodes at that time. But I do look forward to reading the papers and proceedings.

You have been warned

The pitfalls for the purchaser and some of the shonkie business practices lurking around Australia today are eloquently expounded in *Buying power: a guide for consumers in Australia*. Written by Helen Wellings, best known perhaps for the years she spent as a very prominent officer with the NSW Department of Consumer Affairs, *Buying power* has actually been around since 1982, but has been, deservedly, reprinted.

Wellings deals with car buying, contracts, home purchase, building work, domestic appliances, credit, insurance, pets, funerals and holidays. In a particularly enlightening chapter she deals with the highly sophisticated techniques used by door-to-door salespeople — the boot in the door approach has come a long way. The text is littered with cases which have come to light following complaints to her old department: widows receiving invoices for monogrammed wallets 'ordered by their loved ones before their decease' (shades of 'Paper Moon'), businesses receiving pro-forma invoices for entries in directories of individuals being invited to have their biographical details recorded in a 'prestige' dictionary (which they can of course purchase, if it ever appears, at a special price). And so on.

Buying power is limpidly written, amusingly illustrated (cartoons by Tandberg) and is a jolly good buy at \$8.95. It was published by Edward Arnold (Australia) in 1982. (ISBN 0 7131 8041 2)

Save your energy

Helen Wellings is now with the Energy Authority of NSW as Senior Conservation Information Officer. Landing on my desk at about the same time as *Buying power* was this department's *All about energy kit*, a 6-book 'interdisciplinary teaching resource on energy aimed at students in years 3-8'. This kit contains background information for teachers and easily duplicated worksheets for students ranging from the basic 'What is energy?' to 'Conservation and alternatives'. It's all pretty thoroughly done.

The *All about energy kit* is published by the Energy Authority of NSW and costs \$24.00, and can be ordered from the Energy Information Centre, 33 Playfair Street, The Rocks, Sydney, NSW 2000. Postage and handling is an additional \$5.00. (ISBN 0 7240 7506 2 (Set))

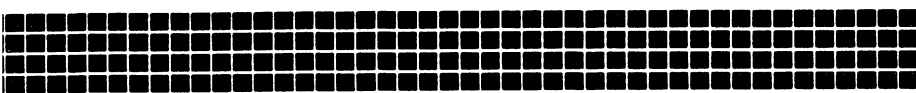
Good guide, reMarkable price

The sixth edition of Saur's *World guide to libraries* was published in 1983. 42,700 libraries in 167 countries are listed, including national, general research libraries, university and college libraries, religious libraries, business libraries, special libraries and a limited selection of public libraries.

The editorial deadline was January 1983, so many of the entries are commendably current — the exceptions are presumably the result of non-response to the Saur questionnaire, which was sent to at least 34,500 institutions around the world. The response rate, referred to in the German introduction but not in the English, was between 40% and 60%, which is disappointing, but in questionnaire-beleaguered libraries perhaps hardly surprising.

The subject index of previous editions has made way for a name index of libraries. Another new feature is an indication of online facilities, in-house and external, available in particular libraries.

Librarians will no doubt ponder the cost-benefit of 2,150 addresses listed for the first time, 1,600 cancelled addresses and innumerable otherwise revised entries, all for DM380.00. The economy-minded occasional user may well look forward to later this year, when a database corresponding to this work will be launched. *World guide to libraries/Internationales Bibliotheks-Handbuch*, 6th edition, was published in München in 1983 by K. G. Saur. (ISSN 0000-0221).



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