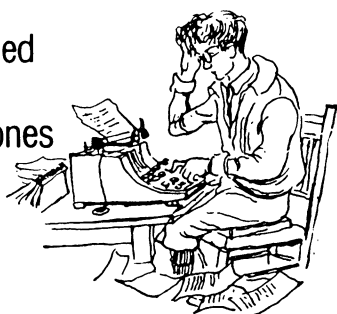


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## Something old, something new

*Australian books 1984* is the latest of the series of 'recent publications and standard titles in print', produced since 1950 by the National Library of Australia and its predecessor, the Commonwealth National Library.

Grown a bit, even since last year (10% increase), it is still the most useful generalist title to current works dealing with Australia and Australian authorship. It is a good selection tool for developing collections, and a handy checklist for others, both generalist and specialist. Works listed are selected because of their authoritativeness or outstanding quality. Entries are arranged by broad subject, and there is a good index. Appendices show Australian libraries overseas (in embassies and consulates) and the names and addresses of Australian publishers whose titles are listed in the body of the list.

The 1984 edition of *Australian books*, from the National Library of Australia, costs \$6.50. (0067-1738).

*Library services to the intellectually handicapped* is a select list of recent references compiled principally from bibliographic data by the National Library. It covers services to handicapped users in public and educational libraries using book and non-book materials.

The entries, many of which include an abstract, are drawn from a variety of English-language sources, and are arranged alphabetically by author. There is no index, but the number of citations is manageable — and of use, it is select.

Copies of *Library services to the intellectually handicapped* are available from the National Library at \$4.50. (ISBN 0 642 99319 X).

## Borrowers abroad

If you want to know if Graceland College will lend microforms, or if Atlantic County Library closes down its inter-library loans service for Christmas, you need the new American Library Association publication *Interlibrary loan policies directory*.

This is the second edition of this useful work, representing a considerable expansion of the 1975 edition — the number of entries has in fact tripled. The directory covers 830 public, academic and special libraries in the United States, arranged alphabetically by state. Each entry provides NUC and OCLC code, address, phone number, policies on lending different forms of library material, details of copying facilities and charges. There is a geographic index with a few keyword entries popping up for good measure. This will obviously be of most use to special or academic libraries with very heavy ILL traffic who cannot (or will not) take pot luck.

Leslie R. Morris and Patsy Fowler Brautigam's *Interlibrary loan policies directory*, second edition, was published in 1984 by the ALA. It costs US\$27.50. (ISBN 0 8389 0393 2)

## Online and off

We have all heard of ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center), I guess, and have some idea of its worth for tracing research reports and journal articles on all aspects of education.

But there are also many specialised education databases, covering bilingual education, educational testing, instructional resources, Australian and British sources. Many of these are available through the National Library of Australia's Computer Search Service. To provide some insight into the range of services available, the NLA has issued *Education information online*.

Copies of this brochure, which is similar in format to *Disability information online*, can be obtained from the Chief Librarian, Computer Search Services, NLA, Canberra, ACT 2600.

*Ozarts: a guide to arts organisations in Australia* (ISSN 0157-9169), now in its second, completely revised and enlarged edition. Functions, aims, revenue, publications, personnel, history, from governmental to grass roots level. Essential. Published last year by the Policy and Planning Division, Australia

Council. Available for \$12.00 from James Bennett. Non-libraries may send their prepaid orders to the Australia Council, PO Box 302, North Sydney, NSW 2060.

*Meanjin Quarterly index 1966-1976* (ISBN 9592528 0 0) compiled by Suzanne Ridle. Consists of separate subject, article, fiction, verse, review and illustration indexes. Nice and printed. Published in 1983 by The Meanjin Company Ltd, University of Melbourne, Parkville, Vic 3052. Price unknown.

*Women of the future* (ISBN 0 8108 1664 4) has nothing to do with David Ireland. It's by Betty King, and surveys 'the female main character in science fiction' from 1818 to the present. Historical perspectives, synopses, analysis of characters and brief interpretations, with a short bibliography of works featuring Amazonians. Interesting indexes, especially that of characteristics, which help you identify a number of librarian heroines (even if you can't identify with them). Published in 1983 by Scarecrow Press and available locally from Bennetts. US\$18.50.

## Uncommonly good

Having recently partaken of the Butter Mountain and quaffed from the Wine Lake, I was particularly interested in a concise guide to the organisation generally blamed for both the 'Common Market'.

David Overton's *Common Market digest* which was published in 1983 by the Library Association, attempts to throw light on the European Economic Community's major institutions, development, documentation, foreign relations and prominent personalities.

It will answer for you a multitude of questions, ranging from 'What was the Committee of Three Wise Men?' to 'What is the STABE Scheme?' What is the Common Market doing about pollution? What relations does Sweden have with the Common Market? What is the Butter Mountain? And the Wine Lake? Who did Greece join? There are organisation charts, well-selected bibliographies, contact names and addresses, useful chronologies and an outstanding index. This work deserves high commendation for filling a long-felt need, and for doing so with such distinction.

David Overton's *Common Market digest: a concise information guide to the European Communities*, published in 1983 by the Library Association, costs £29.50. (0 85365 553 7)

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