



Very trendy

Library trends can be counted on to come up with a spot-on issue with remarkable regularity. The Winter 1989 issue, edited by Beth M Paskoff, is *Contemporary technology in libraries*. It provides overviews, from the library perspective, of developments in micro-computers and their software, electronic publishing (that from F W Lancaster), optical disk, fax, electronic mail and bibliographic instruction, as well as an excellent overview (by William Saffady) of automation. Susan Martin rounds off the issue with an article on management issues, urging that we 'seize the initiative to ensure that we control, and are not controlled by, the technologies of the future'. And so say all of us. *Library trends* is published by the Graduate School of Library and Information Science of the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 249 Armory Building, 505 E Armory Street, Champaign, IL 61820. Single issues cost US\$15. (ISSN 0024-2594)

In praise of Katz

Katz is one of those rare figures in the literature of librarianship: the author of recognised standard works, an editor whom one actually remembers, and an editor with stamina to boot. Back in 1971 Katz edited *Library lit*, reproducing the best articles in the field which had been published in the previous year, drawn from an amazingly wide-ranging variety of sources. And from then on, a jury would select the 'best' thirty or so items for the year from 200 or more pieces which (mainly) Bill brought to them for judgement.

The approach was far from parochial: Katz and his fellows looked well beyond library periodicals for 'writing of relevance and interest to librarians and students of librarianship'. Articles came from periodicals as diverse as *Science*, *Dissent* and *New Yorker*. With *Library lit. 18: the best of 1987*, Katz editorship draws to a close,

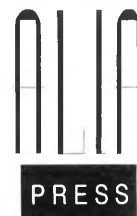
and a fine swan song it is, with some marvellous stuff: CD-ROMs, the history of young adult services, the ethics of book reviewing, the records of the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation), networks, management — matters of contemporary concern or simply darned interesting. Like Margaret Cribbs' article on the 'invisible drip' of computer data which is actively or passively destroyed. This is vintage Editor Katz, an excellent antidote to Rip van Winkleism, a good read, and good value at US \$28.50. *Library lit. 18* was published in 1988 by Scarecrow, and my review copy was supplied by James Bennett Library Services. (ISBN 0 8108 2163 X)

Mills is a boon

A general guide to Australian information resources and services in one volume! The prospect of not having to dip into dozens of more specialised and in some cases increasingly dated sources is almost too good to be true. But that is exactly what John Mills has done, with the assistance of Joanna Richardson, in their *Information resources and services in Australia*, published in 1990 by Charles Sturt University. This substantial 388-page work is an outstanding combination of information guide and textbook, with introductory chapters on the reference process, and very substantial sections on Australian bibliographical tools, ready reference works, indexing services, government publications, Australian database vendors and archival sources. Approximately one third of the work consists of selected guides to key Australian sources in specific subject areas, ranging from antiques and Australiana to meteorology and yachting. There are reasonable author, title and subject indexes. Users looking for more than the 'key' works will still need to go beyond this work, of course, but Mills is a very good first resort, and unsurpassed. I would say, as a text for the Australian reference tenderfoot. *Information resources and services in Australia*, by JJ Mills was published in 1990 by the Centre of Information Studies, Charles Sturt University — Riverina, PO Box 588, Wagga Wagga. It is no. 2 in the very promising 'Topics in Australasian Library and Information Studies' series. (ISBN 0 949060 08 9; ISSN 1030-5009)

Correction

InCite issue 7, 28 May had the wrong telephone number for TAIT bookshop. The number should be (03) 388 1533.



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