



Cites and sounds

What is the proper way to cite, if you really must, an episode of Blue Hills? Or a soft drink commercial? Or a model of the solar system? Or, trickier still, computer software. Excellent guidance on citing non-book materials is given in a recent publication by Bill Stinson. *Citing non-book materials: a guide for researchers and students*, a succinct and clearly set out 34-page work, describes how to provide accurate references to specified parts of non-book works. Stinson tackles motion pictures and video, sound recordings, kits, stills, off-air recordings, microforms, computer software, maps and three dimensional objects. Bill Stinson's *Citing non-book materials* will be invaluable for students, researchers and bibliographers. It was published in 1990 by Macquarie University Library in association with the Audiovisual Services Committee of ALIA. (ISBN 0 86804 451 2)

Another Griffith goodie

We have come to expect Griffith Library Guides to be of a high standard, and the third edition of Malcolm Campbell's *Reference and information sources in chemistry and biochemistry* is no exception. This 146-page spiral bound (but nicely printed) guide has been designed 'with a wide range of readership' — not just the well-served students of Griffith University. It should prove useful to 'all undergraduate students and particularly to third and honours year students undertaking projects'. And of course Australian reference librarians and researchers will welcome it for its Australian content. Campbell, who is Science Librarian at Griffith, deals with and annotates guides to the literature, dictionaries and encyclopaedias, theses, current awareness services, translations, computer-based services, acronyms and a host of other relevant topics. It is easy to navigate your way through,

although this non-scientific user would have liked an index to help him on his way. No claim to comprehensiveness is made: the work is firmly based on the collections of Griffith, bolstered by a number of items held at the University of Queensland, the Queensland University of Technology and the Queensland Chemical Laboratory. At \$15 plus postage it's excellent value. Malcolm Campbell's *Reference and information sources in chemistry and biochemistry*, third edition, was published in 1990 by Griffith University Library, Nathan, Qld 4111. (ISBN 0 86857 269 1)

A legal milestone

Three and a half years in the making, 700 pages long, the first of its kind, extensive, authoritative — and heavy. Colin Fong and Graham Ellis' *Finding the law: a guide to Australian secondary sources of legal information* is an impressive publication, providing easy access to many thousands of items arranged under 300-odd subject headings. Textbooks, periodical articles, digests and encyclopaedias, videos and computerised legal databases have all been analysed by the indefatigable authors. You can browse a particular subject, find works by a specific author via the author index, and works on a particular statute via the annotated legislation index. There is also a hefty list of legal acronyms and abbreviations. A marvellous publication, essential for all significant reference collections. *Finding the law* by Colin Fong and Graham Ellis, was published in 1990 by Legal Information Press, 5/174 Phillip Street, Sydney, NSW 2000, and costs \$79 plus \$6 postage. (ISBN 0 7316 9590 9)

Take a minute

Tracking down holdings of local government records can be an arduous task — especially if the authority you are interested in has changed name or amalgamated over the years, as local authorities are wont to do. Finding minute books, rate records, valuation lists and related materials is now much easier, for New South Wales at least, with the publication of another of Joy Hughes' marvellous historical aids. Entitled *Local government ... local history: a guide to NSW local government minute books and rate records*, this 109-page work provides a very clear path into this historical wonderland. Arranged by local government authority name, and with very full details of changes of name and amalgamations (no mean feat in itself), this guide lists the present whereabouts of relevant records, contact addresses and phone

numbers, and details of holdings. Where known, the fate of some records is also shown — where they have been disposed of, for example, or lost in fires and floods (a common fate, alas). An appendix lists official valuation records for many local authorities which are held by the archives Office of New South Wales. *Local government ... local history*, edited by Joy Hughes, was published in 1990 by the Royal Australian Historical Society, 133 Macquarie Street, Sydney, NSW 2000. It's excellent value at \$12.50. (ISBN 0 909954 34 8)

Icelandic information

Into the future: School libraries for an information age is the title of the proceedings of a stimulating 1-day conference in Perth in 1988 which brought together specialists from all over Australia and a keynote speaker from Iceland. Edited by Laurel A Clyde, these proceedings were published by Western Australian College of Advanced Education for the ALIA School Libraries Section (WA Group), in 1989. \$9 plus \$2 postage from Philippa Ryan, Technology Park, 2 Brodie Hall Drive, Bentley, WA 6102. (ISBN 0 7298 0071 7)

Bits and bobs

ALDIS source (no relation) is an occasional newsletter telling you about silver platters, post-Newtonian Gravity, Levity and all sorts of CD-ROM goodies available from ALDIS (Australian Laser Disk Information Services Pty Ltd). ALDIS is at Private Bag no. 16, Port Melbourne, Vic 3207, telephone (03) 647 9724.

SA Teachers Librarian Associations newsletter no. 1 appeared in 1989, being a landmark joint newsletter of RCTA (Resource Centre Teachers Association), SASLA (South Australian School Libraries Association) and ALIA. Shy a joint newsletter, apart from saving the forests? 'Teacher-librarians have common goals' is the refrain. The newsletter will appear 3 times a year. Further information from Jill Duffield, Aberfoyle Park High School, The Hub (what a good spot for a library), Aberfoyle Park, SA 5159. (No ISSN).

James Bennett: Supplier to the nation's libraries, compiled and edited by Alan Bundy, is worth another look. 'All I did was try to earn a living,' says the admirable Bennett, deep sea fisherman, fireman, miner, rabbit trapper, jackaroo, journalist and (thank goodness) eventually library supplier. In these 60 pages he reminisces and has homage paid by staff and customers. Very readable and entertaining. Published by Auslib Press in 1988. (ISBN 0 9589895 9 1)

Stopping the rot

Stopping the rot: A handbook of preventive conservation for local studies collections, by Helen Price, second edition, is a must, if it is not already in your professional collection. Why do materials deteriorate? What can you do? How do you store vulnerable materials? How do you decide what to preserve? What basic conservation procedures can you confidently adopt? How will you cope if disaster strikes? Crisply written. Well-indexed. Published by the NSW Branch of ALIA in 1989. \$16 (\$12 to ALIA members). (ISBN 0 86804 240 4; ISSN 0155-5472 [NSW Branch, ALIA, Occasional Paper 11])

Interlibrary loans traffic patterns and charges

Interlibrary loans in Australia: Traffic patterns and charges, May 1989 by Colin R Taylor reports on a project funded by ACLIS, with 21 recommendations for future action. The project had its glitches: a government special library classified itself as a State Library, and the returns from the actual State Library of New South Wales 'went missing en-route and were never received for input' (page vii). Published by ACLIS in 1989 at \$10. (No ISBN)

Multicultural reading

Not enough to read is the catchy title of a report on a survey of the reading interests of six migrant communities in Melbourne, prepared by Derek Whitehead and Jennifer Ashby. The title is actually the principal conclusion, from which the authors' extensive recommendations flow. Very useful information is tabulated, such as favourite authors for Turkish, Vietnamese, Greek, Italian, Polish and Spanish readers. Published by the Working Group on Multicultural Library Services (Victoria) in 1988. \$7 post free, from Anne Holmes, Hawthorn City Library, 584 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn, Vic 3122. (ISBN 0 9594124 5 X)

Swimming: an introduction to swimming, diving, and SCUBA diving for blind and physically handicapped individuals is one of a 'Leisure Pursuit Series' of bibliographical guides from the Library of Congress National Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Briefly annotated entries for swimming books on cassette, disc and in Braille. Others in the series deal with fishing and birding. Available on disc, in large print and in Braille. Further information from NLS, 1291 Taylor St NW, Washington, DC 20542, USA. ■

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ELECTRICITY COMMISSION



Registration of Interest Survey of Library Services

Suitably qualified companies and individuals are invited to register as prospective consultants to review the provision of library services within the Electricity Commission of New South Wales.

The Electricity Commission has a technical library located within Electricity House, its Sydney Office. This library contains an extensive collection of books, magazines and journals. In addition to this, a number of Groups within Electricity House have established collections of particular interest to themselves. Collections are also held at metropolitan offices and at each of the Commission's six country power stations and five country regional centres.

Refurbishment of Electricity House will result in a reduction in the library's physical size and its relocation within Electricity House in mid-1991.

The survey will be expected to investigate, make recommendations and provide an implementation plan to the Manager/Administration on:

- The services which Commission staff require of the library;
- The services which can be provided by the library, given a restricted staff number;
- The appropriate staffing structure, including qualifications, experience, duties and salaries;
- The physical layout of an open-plan library; and
- The computer-based system which will provide corporate access to information on all library collections to all Commission staff.

Consultants wishing to register for this project must have experience in the design and management of technical libraries in large, decentralised organisations, together with expertise in the evaluation of computer-assisted library information systems. In registering for this survey, the following information should be provided:

- A list of reference sites and contact numbers;
- A company and consultant profile; and
- An outline of fees.

Further information may be obtained from Mr Paul Fletcher, Document Control Manager, on (02) 268 8451.

Responses, clearly marked 'Consultancy Agreement No. 845 — Survey of Library Services', should be forwarded to Shop 25, Shopping Level, Electricity House, Park and Elizabeth Streets, Sydney. As an alternative, responses may be faxed to (02) 268 8260. Responses must be received by 4.30 pm on Monday, 14 January 1991.

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