

# News From the Field

## ACQUISITIONS

• With the addition of a 190-item collection of the works of nineteenth-century illustrator Walter Crane, valued at \$18,000, the **DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY**'s Rare Book Room has become one of the nation's largest institutional collectors of this noted British artist. The materials were purchased for the library by the Friends of the Detroit Public Library. The newly acquired materials include original drawings, proofs, autograph letters, first editions, variant issues, and a unique holiday storybook written and illustrated by hand by Walter Crane for his children's entertainment.

The library now has holdings of national importance of two out of three of the most important British children's book illustrators of the nineteenth century. The Crane purchase will complement the Rare Book Room's collection of materials by Kate Greenaway, a contemporary of Crane's in England at the end of the 1800s; Edmund Evans was the engraver who worked with both artists in preparing their drawings for publication.

The library's Crane collection ranks with that of Yale University and the Library of Congress, the only other institutions in the U.S. with substantial works of this artist.

• The Music Library and the Ethnomusicology Archive at **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES** have recently been named as the recipients of the collection of the late composer-musicologist Colin McPhee. In addition to manuscripts and published scores of his compositions, many field notes, transcriptions, and photographs made during McPhee's extended stay in Bali in the 1930s comprise an important aspect of the collection. McPhee, who was born in Montreal in 1900, was perhaps best known as an authority on Balinese music, having become interested in it initially as a composer. His best-known composition, "Tabuh-Tabuhan" (1936), was greatly influenced by indigenous Balinese instrumental music, and his major work, *Music in Bali*, completed just before his death in 1964, remains the definitive ethnomusicological treatise on Balinese music.

## FELLOWSHIPS

• The Council on Library Resources' **SIXTH CLASS OF TWENTY-FIVE FELLOWS**—geographically and professionally the most diverse to date—will receive approximately \$85,000 with which to pursue special library projects of their

own choosing during a leave of absence granted by their employers.

Librarians from nineteen states and the District of Columbia will be studying a variety of library concerns ranging from the process of library unionization to staff and community participation in public library goal setting, and from the state of the art of library public relations to the seemingly endless problems of catalog automation. One of the CLR Fellows, Susan Thach Dean of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside at Kenosha, will serve a three-month internship in the Newberry Library, while another, Deputy Director Roderick G. Swartz of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, will compare West Germany's planning and development of its library and information services with those of the United States.

The twenty-five awards for 1974-75 bring to 139 the number announced by CLR since the program was initiated five years ago. Librarians working in thirty-two of the fifty states plus the District of Columbia, Canada, and Nigeria are among those comprising the six CLR Fellowship classes.

Titles of the twenty-five newest CLR Fellows and the institutions they serve point up the growing diversity of the library profession. Except for the librarians of Oberlin and Carleton colleges and reference librarians at Northwestern University and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside at Kenosha, no two CLR Fellows for 1974-75 appear to have identical positions.

As in previous years, the CLR Fellows will receive funds for approved travel, supplies, and services from CLR and an appropriate leave of absence from their employer.

The Council on Library Resources, Inc., is a private operating foundation which, through directly administered programs as well as grants to and contracts with other organizations, seeks to aid in the solution of problems of libraries generally and of academic and research libraries in particular. The council was established in 1956 with support from the Ford Foundation from which it continues to derive its funding.

## GRANTS

• The National Science Foundation has awarded **SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** \$98,500 for a study of man-machine system communication in on-line retrieval systems. The study will focus on interactive searching of very large literature data bases, which has become

a major area of interest and activity in the field of information science. At least seven major systems of national or international scope are in operation within the federal government and private industry, and more systems are on the drawing boards or in experimental operation. The principal investigator for the project will be Dr. Carlos Cuadra, manager of SDC's Education and Library Systems Department.

The study will use questionnaire and interview techniques to collect data related to: (1) the impact of on-line retrieval usage on the terminal user; (2) the impact of on-line service on the sponsoring institution; and (3) the impact of on-line service on the information-utilization habits of the information consumer. Attention will also be given to reliability problems in the transmission chain from the user to the computer and back. The major elements in this chain include: the user; the terminal; the telephone instrument; local telephone lines and switchboards; long-haul communications; the communications-computer interface hardware; the computer itself; and various programs in the computer, including the retrieval program.

## MEETINGS

**JULY 4-6: PUBLIC LIBRARIES.** The Architecture Committee for Public Libraries of the Library Administration Division, ALA, will hold a preconference at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City prior to the Annual Conference of the American Library Association. The conference theme will be "An Architectural Strategy for Change: Remodeling and Expanding for Contemporary Public Library Needs." It will provide an opportunity for librarians to consider the basic problems involved in remodeling and expanding existing structures to accommodate changing patterns of library service, types of media, operation methods, etc.

The keynote session will be "What Are the Pressures for Change in the Public Library Program and What Do They Mean in Architectural Terms?" An overview of the problems confronting anyone remodeling or expanding a library building will be given. At the second session, a critique of three recent library buildings—small, medium, and large—which were considered well-planned when constructed but which fail to meet present and future requirements, will be presented.

The third session will have as its topic "Facing Basic Problems." It will offer the views of architects, structural and mechanical engineers, and communication experts of the fundamental problems which they must consider in programming for remodeling and assessing the advisability of remodeling or adding to an existing structure.

During the fourth session, a number of informal laboratory workshops will be held in which participants can present their building plans and remodeling and expansion plans to reactors for comment. The committee anticipates four to five groups divided by size of library and conducted by either a present or former member of the committee. Those wishing to present plans should contact Howard Borthwick, Deputy Director, Montgomery County Department of Libraries, 99 South Perry St., Rockville, MD 20850.

The fifth session topic will be "Remodeled Buildings Meet Their Critics." Librarians and architects will review three recently remodeled buildings or buildings currently undergoing remodeling. These will include a small, medium, and large sized library. At the sixth and final session, a summary of the conference will be presented by an experienced public library building consultant.

Registration for the preconference will be limited to 250. A \$50 fee will be charged for ALA members and a \$55 fee for nonmembers. Registration must be made by mail to ALA Headquarters. Please make checks payable to the American Library Association and send to Donald P. Hammer, Executive Secretary, LAD, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

**JULY 5-6: WOMEN IN A WOMAN'S PROFESSION: STRATEGIES** is the title of the ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table sponsored 1974 preconference on women in librarianship. The conference will be held at Douglas College of Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

This is a working conference by, for, and about women in librarianship. It will focus on the problem of being the majority in a profession in which men hold most of the positions of influence, power, and authority. The first session will be devoted to information on problems in librarianship. The second day will consist of workshops to plan future and continuing action.

Advance registration is required and space is limited to 200. The cost is \$60.00 and includes three nights' (July 4, 5, 6) lodging and all meals.

For further information and registration contact Betty-Carol Sellen, Brooklyn College Library, Brooklyn, NY 11210. Phone: (212) 780-5335.

**JULY 5-6: SERIALS WORKSHOP.** The Serials Section of RTSD and the Library of Congress are sponsoring two workshops on serials procedures at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. The workshops are intended primarily

ly for serials librarians involved in daily serials processing and are designed to acquaint the serials librarian with the processing activities, with an emphasis on cataloging, of the Serial Record Division of the Library of Congress. The first workshop on Friday-Saturday, 5-6 July 1974, is intended for librarians who reside outside of the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area and is scheduled immediately preceding the Annual Conference of the American Library Association in New York City. The second workshop on Tuesday-Wednesday, 1-2 October 1974, will be a repeat of the first workshop and is intended for those librarians in the Washington, D.C. area. For further information see the *May News*.

**JULY 7-8: CENSUS DATA.** The Education and Behavioral Science Section will sponsor the Clearinghouse and Laboratory for Census Data (operated by Data Use and Access Laboratories of Rosslyn, Virginia) in a day and a half seminar/workshop on access and use of 1970 Census of Population and Housing data during the 1974 ALA Annual Conference in New York. For further information see the *January News*.

**JULY 7-13: LIBRARY AUTOMATION.** A workshop on the latest techniques in library automation, sponsored by Richard Abel & Company, will precede the 1974 American Library Association conference in New York City.

Persons interested in further information or in participating in the workshop should contact Abel Workshop Director, Richard Abel & Company, Inc., P.O. Box 4245, Portland, OR 97208. See the *March News* for more information.

**JULY 9: ACRL COLLEGE LIBRARY SECTION MEMBERSHIP MEETING** at the New York Conference is scheduled for 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. following the section's program meeting. One important matter will be approval by the membership of the "Proposed Bylaws of the College Library Section of ACRL" which were published in the April 1973 issue of *CRL News*, but which were not acted upon at the Las Vegas Conference owing to scheduling problems.

**JULY 28-AUG. 9: ADMINISTRATORS.** The College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland, is planning the eighth annual Library Administrators Development Program. Dr. John Rizzo, professor of management at Western Michigan University, will serve as the director. Participants will include senior administrative personnel of large library systems—public, research, academic, special, governmental, and school—from the United States and Canada. Those interested in further

information are invited to address inquiries to Mrs. Effie T. Knight, Administrative Assistant, Library Administrators Development Program, College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742. See the *January News* for further information.

**AUGUST 5-6: MEDIA.** "Differentiating the Media: A Focus on Library Selection and Use of Communication Content" will be the topic of the Thirty-Seventh Annual Conference of the University of Chicago Graduate Library School. The aim of the conference is to go beyond the current pro and con arguments about the "new media" and to stress, instead, the characteristics of each medium which influence its effectiveness as a carrier of different kinds of communication to serve different kinds of needs for different kinds of audiences.

The conference will be held at the Center for Continuing Education on the University of Chicago campus. For further details about registration, housing, etc., write to either of the conference directors, Lester Asheim or Sara I. Fenwick, Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, 1100 East 57th Street, Chicago, IL 60637. See the *April News* for more information.

**SEPTEMBER 12-15: ORAL HISTORY COLLOQUIUM.** The Oral History Association is holding its ninth National Colloquium at Grand Teton National Park, Jackson Lake Lodge, Jackson, Wyoming.

The workshop will begin at midafternoon on Thursday, September 12, and continue through a noon luncheon on Friday. The colloquium will begin at Friday noon, September 13, and continue through a noon luncheon on Sunday.

One may register for either the workshop or colloquium or both.

Registrations for the workshop and/or colloquium must be submitted by August 15, 1974. Forms can be obtained by writing George Ellsworth, Editor, *Western Historical Quarterly*, Utah State University, Logan, UT 84321.

**SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 2: PUBLIC RELATIONS—A LIBRARY TOOL** will be the theme of the Pennsylvania Library Association Conference to be held at Host Farm Resort, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Information may be requested from Stephen D. Wood, Lancaster County Library, 125 N. Duke St., Lancaster, PA 17602.

## MISCELLANY

• A new **PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE** has been established at the American Library Association Headquarters office. The new office is

a reorganization of personnel to increase public relations effectiveness. The Membership Promotion Office and the Public Relations Office have been combined for the new public information program which will coordinate all news regarding the association, will promote membership, and will launch a year round program to increase the visibility of libraries.

The office will continue to provide staff support for ongoing programs such as the ALA Membership Committee's many promotion campaigns, but it will also provide public relations materials and will work toward greater use of all news media. Implementation of plans for the ALA Centennial in 1976 and coordination of the ALA role in the National Library Week program are also within the scope of the new office. The Public Information Office is directed by Peggy Barber.

- The Office of Management Studies of the Association of Research Libraries has recently expanded the services available to non-ARL libraries from the **SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES EXCHANGE CENTER (SPEC)**.

Instituted during 1973, SPEC has been developed to promote and facilitate the sharing of management techniques and expertise among academic and research libraries. Its services are designed to respond to the need for informa-

tion on current library management practices and are directed toward achieving five primary objectives:

1. to collect information and documentation regarding current practices in specific areas of library management;
2. to make both the original documentation and the center's analyses available to the library community;
3. to publish analytical state-of-the-art reviews on management topics;
4. to identify library management expertise and facilitate its exchange; and
5. to promote experimentation and innovation on the basis of what has succeeded elsewhere.

The center's resources are developed by surveys aimed at collecting data and relevant documentation, including policy statements, procedures manuals, committee reports, brochures, and forms currently in use. The material is analyzed and representative coverage of management topics is presented in SPEC kits, which are packages of illustrative materials representing the range of approaches to management issues. Each kit is supported by a SPEC *Flyer* which defines the issue, describes the various approaches to it, and indicates trends and problem areas. Kits have been prepared in such areas as *Status of Librarians*, *Affirmative Action Programs*, *Staff Training and Development*, and *Performance Review*.

Additional information on SPEC services is available from: Systems and Procedures Exchange Center, Office of Management Studies, Association of Research Libraries, 1527 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036; Telephone: (202)232-8656.

- Patrick Martin, F.I.C., a librarian for the handicapped, will teach a four-week summer course, **MEDIA FOR THE HANDICAPPED READER**, July 15 through August 9 at The Catholic University's library science department.

Brother Martin, who is himself partially sighted, is an extension librarian for the New York Public Library. Through his course at C.U., students will be exposed to all facets of library services to the handicapped with lectures, demonstrations, guest speakers, and field trips.

The course is open to all master's degree and post-MLS degree students in the field. Tuition for the course is \$198; applications will be accepted until the first day of classes, July 15.

For more information, call or write: Department of Library Science, The Catholic University, Washington, DC 20017; (202)635-5085.

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ists will have the unique opportunity this summer to study in Paris. The Center for the Advancement of Library-Information Science of the City University of New York Graduate School and University Center is expanding its professional development opportunities this summer to include a two-week institute in Paris, to be conducted in cooperation with the university's **STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM**. The arrangements in France are being handled by the Union Française des Organismes de Documentation.

The institute, which will run from July 15 to July 26, will give students in-depth exposure to leading French national and France-based international documentation. The program, given in *English*, is intended for students with previous exposure to data processing.

Students will be introduced to the organization of the library-information science community in France, and will participate in discussions on the planning and implementation of the leading bibliographic information systems in France. Site visits are planned to UNESCO, OECD, Bibliothèque Nationale, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Institut de Recherche Informatique et Automatique, plus specialized institutes that reflect the professional interest of the students.

A \$250 fee includes registration, tuition, in-

surance, and other processing costs. It does not include air fare or room and board. However, the university is working on arrangements for low-cost student room and breakfast.

The institute is creditable toward the City University's Professional Certificate in Library-Information Science. Since the number of persons who may be admitted to the program is limited, early inquiry is recommended. Please contact Professor Vivian S. Sessions, CUNY Graduate Center, 33 W. 42 St., New York, NY 10036. Phone: (212)790-4413.

- Historians Ray Allen Billington and Stephan Thernstrom and former U.S. government defense expert Townsend Hoopes were awarded the 1974 **BANCROFT PRIZES** by Columbia University.

The awards, \$4,000 each, recognized "books of exceptional merit and distinction in American history (including biography), American diplomacy, and the international relations of the United States," published in 1973.

The winning books are: *Frederick Jackson Turner: Historian, Scholar, Teacher*, by Professor Billington, published by Oxford University Press; *The Devil and John Foster Dulles*, by Mr. Hoopes, published by Atlantic-Little, Brown; and *The Other Bostonians: Poverty and Progress in the American Metropolis, 1880-*

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1970, by Professor Thernstrom, published by Harvard University Press.

The Bancroft Prizes were established at Columbia in 1948 in the will of Frederic Bancroft, historian and former librarian of the Department of State. The awards, equal in rank, are confined to works written in English or in English translation.

● The **ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY** is offering a graduate program leading to the M.S. degree in Science Information, an interdisciplinary curriculum for the management and the processing of technical and scientific information. Graduates will be able to service the information needs of research and development organizations, government agencies, academic institutions, libraries, etc.

The core program comprises the following areas:

1. Information collection, storage, and retrieval.
2. Writing, editing, abstracting, and interpreting information.
3. Management of information centers.
4. Utilization of library and other information sources.

In the second semester students specialize in one or two of these areas, selecting options that may include Library Automation, Systems Analysis, Literature of Modern Science, and appropriate courses in other disciplines. Students also include in this study a faculty-supervised in-service experience in which they work at a selected professional, industrial, or business organization. The program may be taken on a full, day-time basis, for which two semesters and a summer are required; or on a part-time basis, which includes courses offered in the evening division.

For additional information or preliminary evaluation forms, write to: Director of Science Information, Life Sciences Building, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL 60616.

● A valuable historical collection of children's books, now being reorganized and cataloged at the **UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH'S** Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences (GSLIS), will be housed in a special room in honor of Elizabeth Nesbitt, former associate dean of the library school.

Reorganization of the collection is being carried out in a two-year program under the direction of Associate Professor Margaret Hodges and Librarian Jean Kindlin, and is designed to make the collection more accessible to students, historians, and scholars in the various disciplines. An index of authors, illustrators, and publishers is now in preparation.

Completion of the project in 1976 will coincide with the school's celebration of its seventy-

fifth anniversary. GSLIS had its beginnings in 1901 as the Carnegie Library School, which from the first distinguished itself in children's librarianship. The 5,000-volume historical collection, developed over the years in support of this specialization, includes chapbooks valued in the hundreds of dollars, manuscript leaves, original work of illustrators, a first edition of *Huckleberry Finn*, and a 1719 *Robinson Crusoe*, the first year of its publication.

● The **PAPERS OF HAROLD L. ICKES**, secretary of the interior from 1933 to 1946, are now open to qualified researchers in the Library of Congress Manuscript Reading Room. The library acquired the first group of the Ickes papers in 1952, and from that time until 1961 a number of historians were granted access to them by Mrs. Ickes. Since 1961, however, only those papers in the collection which were dated before March 4, 1933, have been available.

Research in the collection will be facilitated by an extensive card index to the subject matter of the diaries which were kept by Ickes from 1933 to 1951. Three volumes of the "secret diaries" (1933-1941), as they have been called, were published in 1953-54, but did not include all entries. The diaries from the years 1942 to 1951 are unpublished. Together with Ickes' voluminous official and personal correspondence, the diaries will provide historians with an unusually intimate and detailed record of the administrations of presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman.

At the time of the donation of the papers to the library, Mrs. Ickes provided that they would be opened in 1977. Since her death in 1973, a decision made by the Ickes estate has made it possible to open the papers at this time.

● **LIBRARIANS IN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH IN THE NORTHEAST (LEARN)** met at the Gutman Library at the Harvard Graduate School of Education on March 20. The newly formed group of some fifty education librarians in the Greater Boston area has been working since October on a Union List of Educational Serials held by over thirty-five libraries in the Boston area. Malcolm Hamilton, coordinator of the project and head of reference and circulation departments of the Gutman Library, was named chairman of the group. Mrs. Guest Perry, librarian of the Houghton Mifflin Company Educational Division, was named secretary/treasurer.

The program consisted of a presentation of newly developed educational reference tools. Mr. Hamilton showed a slide tape on the ERIC system and discussed some of the problems involved in the production of a slide tape. Ms. Ginny Eager, librarian of the New England Special Education Instructional Materials Cen-

ter (NESEIMC) at Boston University, first played and then discussed an audio-tape library orientation program developed for the use of patrons in becoming familiar with location of various resources and services of the center.

Future meetings of LEARN will concern possibilities of library cooperation among education librarians in the Greater Boston area.

## PUBLICATIONS

- The U.S. Court of Claims has issued a Decision on November 27, 1973 holding the United States free of liability in the **Williams & Wilkins Company copyright infringement case** against the photocopy practices of the National Library of Medicine. This 104-page reprint of the Decision is available at \$4.95.

This latest decision is important reading for everyone involved in libraries, publishing, information systems design, etc., who wishes to learn the subtleties of its impact on specific areas.

An earlier report on the case was issued by the U.S. Court of Claims (February 16, 1972). It was sixty-three pages in length and is available for \$3.95. Both reprints are available for a combined price of \$7.95 from Dataflow Systems Inc., 7758 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD 20014.

- The Association of Research Libraries has recently released three studies funded by the National Science Foundation which relate to interlibrary loan. Two of the studies were made by Westat Inc. One of the reports, entitled **Methods of Financing Interlibrary Loan Services**, presents statistical and cost data to support the position that interlibrary lending involves significant costs to net lending libraries, and recommends that libraries be recompensed for such loans by fees charged to the borrowing institution until such time as special subsidies from public agencies are available.

The second Westat Study is entitled **Access to Periodical Resources: A National Plan**. A major consideration in the long range improvement of the interlibrary loan system is the development of a national center for acquiring, storing, and lending periodical materials. The purpose of this study was to develop, evaluate, and recommend a feasible configuration of a national periodical resources center. The report discusses alternative configurations; demand and cost estimates were projected for each configuration. The conclusion reached is that a single national center offers the best solution over the long term. The configuration is recommended assuming that realistic funding is available.

The third study was performed under con-

tract with Becker and Hayes, Inc. and is entitled **A System for Interlibrary Communication (SILC)**. The purpose of the study was to develop data upon which to evaluate the feasibility of using commercial time-sharing computer systems as a means for communicating, accounting, message switching, and referral for interlibrary loan requests. The results are reported in terms of technical feasibility, operational feasibility, management feasibility, and economic feasibility. The evaluations are essentially positive, and the report recommends proceeding further in development and pilot test of the operation.

For further information, contact: Association of Research Libraries, 1527 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036.

- **Inside Information: Profiles of Key Information Centers, Organizations, and Personalities** contains nearly 100 highly personal profiles written by librarians and information specialists. This volume represents the efforts of key persons in leading information centers and organizations to communicate to present and future colleagues the purposes and activities of their organizations. Included is the story behind the initialisms: AFIPS, ASIS, ASI, ASLIB, ASIDIC, BIOSIS, CAS, EPIC, FID, IIA, LARC, MLA, NFAIS, NODC, RICE, SIE, SIGIR, SLA, URISA, etc. The information center profiles are detailed descriptions of key centers operated under governmental, commercial, academic, or learned society auspices, and cover such items as origin, mission, scope, input, output, publications, special services, and costs. The organization profiles are concise explanations of the services offered by new and leading societies, associations, and special groups established specifically to further emerging library and information needs.

The personality profiles include informal reminiscences of leaders in information technology written by colleagues and friends and which often provide insight into the profiler as well. The subjects and their profilers include Jesse Shera by Alan Rees, Susan Artandi by Ruth Katz, Charles Bourne by Jeanne North, Richard Orr by Claire Schultz, H. P. Luhn by Stephen Furth, Miles Conrad by Phyllis Parkins, Ralph Shaw by Maurice Tauber, etc. All the profiles originally appeared in *Information* (the monthly news journal for library and information scientists) and have been updated for 1974 publication in this volume.

*Inside Information* will be published early in September. The book is priced at \$15.00 (prepaid) through August 31, 1974. Thereafter, the price will be \$18.50, plus postage and handling. Orders of over ten copies prepaid directly by a library school will be hon-

ored at the special rate of \$10.00 per copy through August 31, 1974. Order from the publisher, Science Associates/International, Inc., 23 E. 26 St., New York, NY 10010.

- The American National Standards Institute, Committee Z39 on Library Work, Documentation, and Related Publishing Practices, announces the publication of two new standards: *American National Standard Guidelines for Thesaurus Structure, Construction, and Use* (Z39.19-1974; \$4.50) and *American National Standard for Book Numbering* (Z39.21-1973; \$3.00). Copies may be ordered from the American National Standards Institute, Inc., 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018.

- Congressional Information Service, publisher of government document reference services, is now making available to libraries a free package of display and publicity materials titled the "Ask Your Librarian" Kit.

Containing a wide variety of ready-to-use materials, the kit is designed to help each library further patron interest in, and use of, its own government documents collection and reference resources.

Included in the kit are:

Two dozen different color posters (with four in the Spanish language) that draw attention to the research and reference information published by the federal government;

Sample news and feature stories;

A series of advertisements (one in Spanish), which are ready for reproduction, so that libraries can seek free advertising space in local publications;

Several brief scripts for radio and television public-service spot announcements, which can also be adapted as appropriate;

And, reproduction-ready designs for bookmarks to be printed and distributed locally.

In addition, the kit also includes a "Campaign Planner" and a varied list of suggestions for library promotion activities built around the "Ask Your Librarian" theme.

Libraries can receive a free kit by writing to: Congressional Information Service, Attention: Kit, 600 Montgomery Building, Washington, DC 20014.

- The Queens College Press is pleased to announce the forthcoming publication of *Access to Knowledge in the Social Sciences and the Humanities*, under the auspices of the Library Science Department of Queens College of the City University of New York. The book is edited from a series of papers presented at a conference held at the Ford Foundation, New York City, on April 5-6, 1972, under the sponsorship of the department, which was attended by some 200 librarians, library educators, editors,

and information scientists, both American and foreign. The papers explore various aspects of information theory, computerization, and telecommunications as they have affected methods of bibliographical control and library organization in the fields of the social sciences and the humanities, and the book concludes with some observations on the implications of these developments for library schools.

The price of the book is \$10.00 for prepaid orders received before July 1, the publication date; thereafter, \$12.50.

For further information, please write to: Dr. Robert A. Colby, Professor of Library Science, Queens College of the City University of New York, Flushing, NY 11367.

- The Library and Information Center of the Asian Institute of Technology has published *Guide to the Literature on Water Resources Engineering in the AIT library* as the first of its series of reference guides. It can be purchased for \$1.50 (including postage) from: The Library, Asian Institute of Technology, P.O. Box 2754, Bangkok, Thailand.

- A microfilm edition of *The Biographical Directory of the American Congress* has been prepared on 16mm and 35mm microfilm by Dataflow Systems Inc. This revised edition covers congressmen, senators, and presidents from 1774 through the Ninety-First Congress in 1970.

This edition contains more than 10,800 individual biographies which have been carefully compiled from currently available biographical works. Also included are biographies of presidents of the United States who never served as members of Congress. Out of thirty-six presidents to date, all but eight have served in the U.S. Congress.

This publication is about 2,000 pages/frames in length and is available for \$19.75 from: Dataflow Systems Inc., 7758 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD 20014.

- *Placement Services in Accredited Library Schools . . . , May 1974*, a survey-report from the ALA SRRT Task Force on the Status of Women, is now available from the Clearinghouse on Library & Information Sciences (ERIC Clearinghouse on Information Resources, Stanford University School of Education, Center for Research and Development in Teaching, Stanford, CA 94305) as ERIC Doc ED 078 847 LI 004 382. MF 65¢. HC \$3.29. Descriptors assigned to the seventeen-page document by ERIC include *Sex discrimination, Working women, and Job placement, Librarians*. Dr. Helen Rippier Wheeler is the author. ■■