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For further information on these, contact Robert Burgess (518) 457-8864.

On April 1, Dr. Ryland Hewitt, director of the Capital Area Speech Center, will offer a workshop on improving communication skills: "Librarians as Formal/Informal Communicators." On April 15, "Documents Librarians and the Political Process" will feature Bernadine B. Hoduski, special library assistant on the staff of the Joint Committee on Printing.

For further information, contact Lucille Whalen, School of Library and Information Science, State University of New York at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12222, (518) 457-8575.

• The American Library Association is now funding the **ALA MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP**.

The \$3,000 scholarship will be awarded to a worthy student who is also a member of a principal minority group (American Indian, Asian American, Black, Hispanic). The scholarship's purpose is to allow that student to continue or begin work at the graduate level toward a master's degree in library science.

Funded by the Xerox Education Group, the first ALA Minority Scholarship will be presented in June 1977. The deadline date for applications is March 1, 1977.

For further information and application materials, contact Margaret Myers, OLPR, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. ■■

Publications

NOTICES

• The *Journal of Library History* will be published by the University of Texas Press and edited at the UT Graduate School of Library Science, beginning with the 1977 winter issue.

A quarterly journal, published at Florida State University Library School in Tallahassee since 1966, the publication will focus on library history, philosophy, and comparative librarianship.

Dr. Donald G. Davis, Jr., UT assistant professor of library science, will edit the publication. "For purposes of the journal, we interpret library history very broadly and will include a wide variety of materials," Dr. Davis says. "The journal will deal with the history and development of the whole range of theory and practice of library and information science."

The publication is planned to include three to five major articles and several smaller ones in each issue, to be written by scholars in the humanities, social sciences, and librarianship from across the country.

Associate editors for the journal are UT library science faculty members, including Drs. C. Glenn Sparks, dean; William V. Jackson, professor; Chester V. Kielman, lecturer; W. Bernard Lukenbill, assistant professor; and Agnes L. Reagan, professor.

• Gale Research Co. announces the publication of *Transportation Economics: A Guide to Information Sources*. It is a comprehensive annotated bibliography of both live and print sources of information about all areas of transportation economics, including business logistics.

The bibliography is arranged in eight major

chapters: General Transportation, Railroads, Highway Transportation, Air Transportation, Water Transportation, Business Logistics, Urban Transportation, and Additional Sources of Information. Books and articles are cited in two separate sections of each chapter. Article citations are further subdivided into appropriate specialized topics. Because of the large number of citations, annotations are provided only when the title of the book or article requires clarification. The final chapter brings together a number of miscellaneous sources of information other than books and specific articles, including other bibliographic publications, relevant academic journals, industry and professional associations, trade publications, and government sources of information.

Transportation Economics (215p., \$18) is edited by James P. Rakowski, assistant professor of transportation and business logistics, Graduate School of Business Administration, University of Minnesota. It is Volume 5 in the Economics Information Guide Series, a part of the Gale Information Guide Library.

• The summary proceedings of the conference entitled *Managing under Austerity*, sponsored by the Stanford University Libraries and the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities, held at Stanford University last June, have now been published.

The program focused on three major topics: funding projections for libraries over the next five years; coping with the budget pinch at private and public college and university libraries; planning strategies in the areas of collections, technical processing, public services, and administration. Eighteen speakers at the conference included Morgan Odell, executive director,



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The 182-page report costs \$12 and may be obtained from John C. Heyeck, Stanford University Libraries, Stanford, CA 94305.

- Launching the Performing Arts Information Guide Series of the Gale Information Guide Library, *Performing Arts Research* is an evaluative, annotated bibliography of sources useful to research in the theater arts. Specially designed to aid the independent researcher, this guide is arranged in seven major parts by type of reference work. A subject classified arrangement is followed within each part, with numerous cross-references provided to facilitate maximum usage. All of the works cited were closely examined by the editor, Marion K. Whalon, who is collection development librarian for the humanities and fine arts, University Library, University of California at Davis.

Part One (Guides) cites bibliographic reference works providing a basic or comprehensive view of the following areas: theater arts; dance; costume; visual arts, music, and esthetics; literature; rhetoric; general reference works; and periodicals. Parts Two through Seven each cover a particular type of reference work. Subject classified arrangements of citations and numerous cross-references within each part aid the researcher in using these different types of reference sources: dictionaries, encyclopedias, and handbooks; directories; play indexes and finding lists; sources for reviews of plays and motion pictures; bibliographies, indexes, and abstracts; and illustrative and audiovisual sources.

This guide is completed by a 60-column index, which provides author, subject, and title access in one alphabet. It is available for \$18 from Gale Research Co., Book Tower, Detroit, MI 48226.

- The University of Southern California Library will have its February 1977 edition of the *USC Union List of Serials* available for limited distribution. It will include more than 28,000 entries, including the holdings of the USC Library, its branches and the affiliated libraries at the Los Angeles County/USC Medical Center, the Asa Call Law Library, the Hancock Library of Biology and Oceanography, the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, and the Hebrew Union College Library. Both current and ceased serials are included. For each title, the libraries and the holdings are clearly identified to assist librarians in patron referral and interlibrary loan services. The February 1977 edition will have about 600

pages and will be available for \$20. Please send inquiries or orders to Mark Merbaum, University of Southern California, Doheny Library, University Park, Los Angeles, CA 90007.

- A complete 1976 revision of the U.S. copyright statute, substantially unchanged since 1909, brings this law into step with modern developments in communications and technology, notes Commerce Clearing House which announces publication of *Copyright Revision Act of 1976*.

Perhaps the most important change made in the revision, signed by the President on October 19, is an increase in the term of copyright protection—a copyright will endure for the author's life plus 50 years. Federal preemption of rights equivalent to copyright, provisions on divisibility of copyrights, and provisions for terminating grants of transfers or licenses of copyright are other important changes.

CCH said the revision is generally effective January 1, 1978. The new law contains four separate types of compulsory licenses—for cable systems, public broadcasters, phonorecords, and jukeboxes.

The manufacturing requirement has been eased and will be eliminated July 1, 1982. Statutory expression is given to the doctrine of "fair use," and specific provisions are added on reproduction and distribution of copies and phonorecords by libraries. A Copyright Royalty Tribunal is created to handle revision of rates for the compulsory licenses.

The 280-page *Copyright* book contains a CCH explanation of the law, full text of the law, and selected committee reports. In the explanation, references at the end of each paragraph are made to the law and to the appropriate committee report material. A topical index is also included. The price is \$12.50 from CCH, 4025 W. Peterson Ave., Chicago, IL 60646.

- An update service on data bases will be launched by the American Society for Information Science with the October 1976 publication of a directory volume entitled *Computer-Readable Bibliographic Data Bases—A Directory and Data Sourcebook*, compiled and edited by Professor Martha E. Williams and Sandra H. Rouse of the Information Retrieval Research Laboratory (IRRL) at the University of Illinois.

The initial volume contains 814 pages of information and data on 301 bibliographic and bibliographic-related data bases produced in the United States and Europe. The volume includes 717 pages devoted to data base information, plus five appendixes (four indexes and a data element list). The volume is an 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11"

size with pages inserted into the sturdy three-ring binder provided.

The directory was produced from the data base of data bases file which is maintained on-line at the IRRL. The directory will be continuously updated with new data bases and changes and additions to the data for those data bases currently in the directory. Subscribers to the update service will receive updates at six-month intervals, and all indexes will be regenerated annually.

The directory should be of interest to data base users, processors, producers, researchers, and students who need to be kept informed of the latest changes concerning data bases. The new directory update service is the only one of its kind.

Data bases were included in the directory if they fulfilled three criteria: (1) if they contained bibliographic or bibliographic-related information; (2) if they are commercially or publicly available—either through the producer or through a processing center; and (3) if they were designed or used primarily for information retrieval purposes rather than for library processing purposes.

The data base data pages which comprise the bulk of the volume provide anywhere from 5 to 370 elements of data about a given data base. Some of the major data elements are: name of data base; producer; distributor; generator; availability; size, frequency, scope; subject matter; type of material covered (e.g., journal articles, reports, etc.); data elements in data base; tape specifications; search software packages and related computer configuration; centers that process data bases; search center services; user aids associated with data bases.

The four indexes are: (1) Subject Category Index, (2) Name/Acronym/Synonym Index, (3) Producer Index, and (4) Processor Index. All indexes provide access pointers to the data base data pages which are arranged alphabetically by data base acronym or short name.

This directory was developed as a result of a need expressed by the ASIS Special Interest Group on Computer-Readable Services (SIG/CRS) to update the 1973 *Survey of Commercially Available Computer-Readable Bibliographic Data Bases*. The 1973 survey, edited by John H. Schneider, Marvin Gechman, and Stephen B. Furth, was so well received that the need for an update was quite apparent.

Subscription prices: \$54.40, ASIS members; \$61.20, ASIS affiliates; \$68, list price. Send order with payment to: American Society for Information Science, P.O. Box 19448, Washington, DC 20036.

• *Your Guide to USBE Services*, a new 16-page pamphlet, tells librarians how to tap the resources of the Universal Serials & Book Ex-

change, Inc. The 29-year-old nonprofit clearinghouse now has four million issues of 35,000 periodical titles from which it fills requests. Member libraries contribute periodicals and can order them for modest fees both to fill gaps in their collections and as a substitute for inter-library loan. USBE sent copies of the streamlined guide to the staff of its 1,600 member libraries. For a free copy write: USBE, 3335 V Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20018.

• The University of Michigan Library announces the publication of a new title in the Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library Guide Series: *The American Revolution, 1763-1783, Selected Reference Works* by Grace Ann York. This is a salute to the Bicentennial. Copies may be purchased for \$1.50 by sending a check or money order to Robert J. Starring, made out to the University of Michigan Library, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. Other titles in the series, also available for \$1.50, are: *Documents Handbook*; *French Language and Literature, A Selected Annotated Bibliography*; *American Literature, Selected Basic Reference Works*; *American Politics and Government, Selected Basic Reference Works*; *English Literature, Selected Basic Reference Works*; and *Special Microform Collections*.

• A guide to French archives containing documentary source materials on American history has been published in Paris by France Expansion and is available in the U.S. through Clearwater Publishing Company, Inc., 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10019. Entitled *Guide des Sources de l'Histoire des États-Unis dans les Archives Françaises*, the 390-page paperback is priced at \$35 and is available immediately from inventory in New York.

The book covers all documents of the various French archival depositories from the age of discovery to 1815 for all of North America and up to 1940 for the United States itself. For each archive, the book provides a general description of the collection and the nature of each series of documents, including period and regions covered. An inventory of existing reference tools, printed and manuscript, is included for each archive, as is a checklist of microform copies of materials available at the Library of Congress. Practical information for researchers is also given, such as addresses, hours, restrictions, etc.

The book is the product of four years of work by a group of twelve archivists and librarians under the direction of M. Jean Favier, directeur des Archives de France. In addition to the book, Clearwater can also supply research work and paper or microfilm copies of documents from most of the archives discussed in the book.

• The microfiche edition of *The Papers of Benjamin Henry Latrobe* is available from

James T. White & Company. Published for the Maryland Historical Society, the set is issued in a unique book/fiche format designed to facilitate the information-retrieval process.

This edition offers in microform the complete collection of the journals, correspondence, and drawings of America's first professional architect and engineer, and in so doing, it illuminates the society, politics, and culture of a new nation through the record of Latrobe's association with the leading figures of the American Revolutionary and post-Revolutionary generations. Provided also, in sketches and drawings, is a fine pictorial representation of early American towns, landscapes, and everyday life.

More than 6,000 original Latrobe documents in the Maryland Historical Society, some 1,600 letters, reports, and drawings from repositories throughout the United States and Europe, and more than 300 sketches and drawings make up this remarkable collection.

• *Library Technology Reports* (v.12, no.6) contains a long report by Nancy H. Knight entitled *Theft Detection Systems—A Survey*. It covers in depth seven of the systems now available: Book Mark, Checkpoint Mark II, Gaylord/Magnavox, Knogo Mark II, Sentronic, Tattle-Tape, and Spartan.

• **TELENET COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION** has published a 42-page directory of data banks, commercial service bureaus, and colleges and universities that provide dial-up access to their computer facilities over the nationwide Telenet network.

The directory is designed as "yellow pages" for interactive computing and information retrieval services. More than 40 organizations are cross-referenced by application specialties, programming languages, and data base offerings.

A researcher looking for a source of census data, for example, can use the data base section to locate a number of information retrieval services that maintain this information online. If a company controller wants to find out who offers interactive accounting packages, he or she can find this information in a special accounting applications listing.

All computer services connected to the Telenet network can be reached by dialing a local telephone number in any of 47 cities in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. In-WATS lines are available for terminal users outside the local dialing area.

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ACRL 1978 National Conference in Boston

Plans for a unique happening are beginning to take shape for the ACRL 1978 National Conference in Boston. At the Summer ALA Conference the ACRL board approved a meeting, to be hosted by the New England Chapter of ACRL, which will meet in Boston November 8-11, 1978. This is the first meeting of its kind which has been approved by ACRL and which meets outside the regularly scheduled ALA meetings. The conference will afford academic and research librarians an opportunity to discuss topics of mutual concern without the encumbrances of committee meetings, business meetings, and organizational structures to interfere with the exchange of ideas. The program format, including a call for papers and presentation of scholarly research, will add to the quality of the program. The occasion affords ACRL the opportunity to celebrate its 40th birthday. More information will be forthcoming from ACRL headquarters and from the planning committee chaired by Dean George Parks of the University of Rhode Island Libraries.