

NEW

TECHNOLOGY



• California State University, Long Beach, has begun electronic transmission of approval plan bibliographic and fund accounting data. Since September 1984 the library's INNOVACQ automated acquisitions system has routinely been receiving all approval plan information from Blackwell/North America via telecommunications, eliminating the need for library staff to key in bibliographic or invoice data. The project was developed by Innovative Interfaces, the supplier of INNOVACQ, when CSU Long Beach suggested that MARC formatted records be transmitted over telephone lines for each approval shipment from Blackwell/North America's Lake Oswego headquarters.

• CL Systems, Inc., has successfully connected its CLSI LIBS 100 System at the Peabody Institute Library, Massachusetts, with a Data Phase system at the University of Lowell through the use of CLSI's DataLink module. This software uses a communication link that permits searching of remote databases to find information unavailable in the library's own system. The Peabody can search remote databases such as BRS and DIALOG, databases of libraries using LIBS 100 systems, and now the databases of libraries using other vendors' equipment. The University of Lowell's ALIS II system can also connect into an auto-answer port on the LIBS 100 system at the Peabody, offering full intercommunication between the two systems. For more information, contact CLSI, 1220 Washington Street, West Newton, MA 02165.

• Datapro Research Corporation has published a reference guide that profiles over 1,400 publicly accessible databases in 200 subjects, and discusses 15 major online information services (including DRI, DIALOG, and CompuServe) and what their customers think of them—based on a Datapro survey of 2177 database users. The *Datapro Complete Guide to Dial-Up Databases* lists the name, address, telephone number, contact person, type of organization, application emphasis, scope, storage format, update frequency, cost, training, installation and documentation services, and vendors for each of the databases profiled. In looseleaf format with 600 pages, the book has both a database index and an applications index. Copies may be ordered for \$145 from Datapro Research Corporation, 1805 Underwood Boulevard, Delran, NJ 08705; (800) 257-9406.

• DIALOG Information Services has made available this month the Thomas Register of American Manufacturers as THOMAS ON-LINE. The Thomas Register is a comprehensive directory of manufacturers of American products. Access points will be through specific trade and brand names, companies, and product classifications. Contact DIALOG, 3460 Hillview Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94304; (800) 227-1927.

• Personal Bibliographic Software, Inc., has developed a Biblio-Link software program that can download and reformat bibliographic records from OCLC, RLIN, or DIALOG into the company's Professional Bibliographic System database. The latter system produces attractive, correctly punctuated and formatted bibliographies. The programs are available for all IBM compatibles. Contact: Personal Bibliographic Software, P.O. Box 4250, Ann Arbor, MI 48106; (313) 996-1580.

• Sharp Electronics Corporation has developed a coin-operated photocopier with a voice synthesizer that gives verbal instructions. The SF-815CN model will tell the user when he or she has not se-

Is your library one?

A recent survey undertaken by the R.R. Bowker Company has shown that although academic libraries last year owned and operated only 4% of all the microcomputers in American libraries, 55% indicated that they would be in the market for a microcomputer in 1985. The largest portion of micros now in use are owned by elementary and high school libraries, which account for 75% of the total.

The study, conducted for Bowker by McGraw-Hill Research, was based on a specially-devised questionnaire sent to 3500 libraries of all types. The response rate was 55%.

This year 37.6% of the responding special libraries that do not own a micro and 26.7% of the public libraries also plan microcomputer purchases.

Apples were overwhelmingly the most popular computer, followed by Radio Shack and IBM. Respondents indicated that word processing was the most common use for the machines currently owned, followed by statistics, database management, and inventory control.

lected the right paper size or has forgotten to remove the original. Other highlights include a dual cassette system, setting for two vend rates, automatic change function, bypass service key, two-key security system, and cash accountability with three

meters. For more information, contact Joseph Castrianni, Copier Products Division, Sharp Electronics Corporation, 10 Sharp Plaza, Paramus, NJ 07652; (201) 265-5600. ■■



PUBLICATIONS

Notices

• *Cataloging Government Documents: A Manual of Interpretation for AACR2*, prepared by the ALA Government Documents Round Table (272 pages, October 1984), discusses rules in AACR2 that need clarification regarding their application to government documents, and develops guidelines for document cataloging not covered in AACR2. Part I covers general AACR2 rules and Part II discusses headings. Copies may be ordered for \$49 from ALA Publishing Services, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. ISBN 0-8389-3304-1.

• *Electronic Information Delivery Systems: Proceedings of the Library of Congress Network Advisory Committee* (79 pages, 1984) has been published as Network Planning Paper number 9 by the Library of Congress. The meeting of the committee, held April 14-16, 1984, focused on those aspects of electronic information delivery systems related to networking as they affect the publishing and the abstracting and indexing environments in terms of non-traditional information sources, new equipment and applications, and library/library user relationships. Speakers included Eleanor Goodchild, biomedical librarian at the University of Pennsylvania, and Frances Spigai, president of

Data Base Services, who was a theme speaker at ACRL's Third National Conference in Seattle. Copies may be ordered for \$6 from the Customer Services Section, Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20541. ISBN 0-8444-0465-9.

• *Jewish Newspapers and Periodicals on Microfilm Available at the American Jewish Periodical Center: Augmented Edition*, edited by Herbert C. Zafren (158 pages, 1984), lists 836 entries for 35mm microfilmed Jewish periodicals, newspapers, synagogue bulletins, and student publications published in North and South America in English, German, Hebrew, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, and Yiddish. The films are available for sale or loan by the Center at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati. Entries are arranged alphabetically by state, city, and language for U.S. publications; foreign publications are arranged by country, city, and language. Each entry provides information on the holdings of the Center and the location of negatives for those titles that the Center is not authorized to sell. A roman and Hebrew alphabet title index is provided. Copies are \$10 (\$11.50 foreign) and must be prepaid and sent to the American Jewish Periodical Center, 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45220.

• *The Law Officer's Pocket Manual*, by John G. Miles Jr., David B. Richardson, Anthony E. Scudellari, and Robert L. Goebes (128 pages, 1984-85 ed.), although designed for on-the-job use by police officers and detectives, will also be useful as a reference on the do's and don'ts of routine police procedures for criminal justice students. This edition includes recent developments in the application of *Miranda* to traffic stops and emergency situations; warrantless entry of a home to make an arrest; the constitutional implications of a request for identification; and the installation and monitoring of "beepers." Copies are available for \$6.50 from BNA Books, Distribution and Customer Service Center, 9435 Key West Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850-3397.

Contest deadline

The *Urban Academic Librarian*, the official journal of the Library Association of the City University of New York, is sponsoring a contest with cash prizes and *UAL* publication, for articles by students enrolled in ALA-accredited library schools. This year's prizes have been contributed by Forest Press.

The deadline for submitting articles is February 15, 1985. For details, students should contact their school office or Prof. Arnold Genus, Hostos Community College, 500 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451.