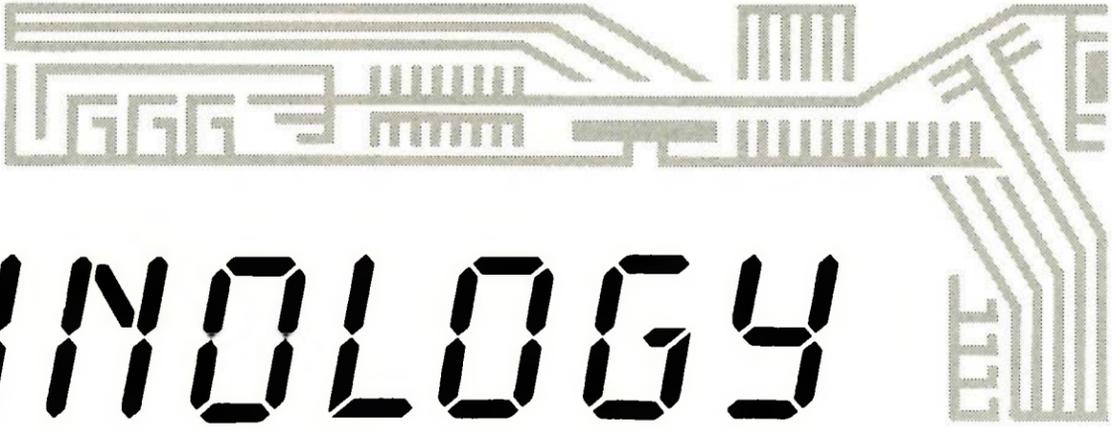


NEW TECHNOLOGY



• **ALOS MICROGRAPHICS CORPORATION** has introduced a new microfiche reader family, the FRF 27 series of three models. The FRF-11 features a compact, 11-inch screen with a 75% image. The 27-14 offers a 14-inch screen for full-sized reading of source documents, COM, or jacketed material, while the 27-17 has a full 18-inch screen for dual-page viewing. A variety of lenses is available for all standard reduction ratios. Contact Alos Micrographics Corporation, P.O. Box 407, Walden, NY 12586; (914) 778-7511.

• **BIBLIOGRAPHIC RETRIEVAL SERVICES** now offers Robotics Information (RBOT), a new database produced by Cincinnati Milacron Industries that provides access to current journal articles, newsletters, conference papers, government documents, books, and other sources in all aspects of the robotics field. The database offers controlled vocabulary access by standard business and industrial subject descriptors as well as free-text access to common terminology and industry jargon. Most citations include abstracts. Contact BRS Customer Service, 1200 Route 7, Latham, NY 12110; (800) 833-4707.

• **DATA COURIER** has published a *Guide to Searching ONTAP ABI/INFORM*, a free workbook designed for use with the special ONTAP training file on the DIALOG system. The guide may prove useful for librarians, information specialists, and personal computer users who want to search online business information. For a free copy, contact Data Courier, 620 South Fifth St., Louisville, KY 40202; (800) 626-2823.

• **IBM CORPORATION** has been chosen as the supplier for OCLC's new Model 300 terminal. The IBM personal computer, customized by OCLC, will enable a library to access OCLC's central online system for OCLC processes and products as well as run IBM-compatible software locally. Some of OCLC's custom modifications include the OCLC telecommunications protocol, a terminal-chaining capability, a special keyboard, and the ALA character set. OCLC already has under development software enhancements and its Micro Enhancer project which streamlines OCLC Interlibrary Loan functions. OCLC expects the Model 300 terminal to be available for installation in early 1984. Contact OCLC, 6565 Frantz Road, Dublin, OH 43017; (614) 764-6000.

The IBM personal computer has also been chosen by the Washington Library Network as its WLN terminal. The PC will be modified to meet WLN specifications and will be available to WLN participants by the end of 1983. Like the OCLC terminal, the WLN model will be used for IBM-compatible software and as an interface to local systems.

• **INFORTEXT SYSTEMS**, Schaumburg, Illinois, has recently introduced a security system for coin-operated copiers that may help to reduce breakdowns, improve copier cash flow, and keep accurate usage records. The CC3 Copytex system uses cards with a predetermined value and a microprocessor-based terminal placed on the copier along with or as a replacement for the coin device. The terminal decreases the value of the card as copies are made. A usage scale on the cards allows users to see the remaining value of a card at all times. The CopyCheck cards are read by a magnetic stripe and compared to a card texture reading unique to each card; if the "fingerprint" does not match, the card is rejected, reducing if not eliminating counterfeit cards. Up to 1,000 unique accounts can be assigned to individuals or departments to track copies made and allocate copy costs. An optional Multiple Charge Rate feature allows for variations on per-copy charges based on copy volume, paper size, reduction, or other special features. For more information, contact Infortext Systems, Inc., 1067 E. State Parkway, Schaumburg, IL 60195-4559; (312) 490-1155.

• **SMALL LIBRARY COMPUTING**, Dresher, Pennsylvania, has developed a microcomputer program for the production of catalog cards, ULTRACARD, which runs on the IBM PC and PC-XT computer with 128K memory, two disk drives, PC-DOS, and a printer. Special features are user-friendly instructions and messages written by a librarian, full-screen editing, and 29 different values to control card format. For more information, contact Small Library Computing, 837 Twining Road, Dresher, PA 19025; (215) 884-1722.

• **SOFTWARE REPORTS**, an updated reference manual designed for educators, libraries, and home owners, reviews 382 educational software programs for Apple, Atari, Commodore, IBM-PC, and TRS-80 computers. Programs in 20 subject areas are evaluated for students from pre-school

through college, adults, and special education students. Regular updates will review approximately 100 additional educational programs. An independent software review board, the Evaluation Committee, spent over 1,000 hours researching and evaluating the programs and writing product summaries. The book is available for \$39.95, plus \$3 shipping and handling, from Allenbach Industries, 2101 Las Palmas Drive, Carlsbad, CA 92008; (800) 854-1516.

•**STANDARD CHANGE-MAKERS**, Indianapolis, now offers a series of wall or floor-mounted coin changers operated by a microprocessor with a self-diagnostic, 6-digit, LED read-out programmed to control all change-making functions. Through the electronics board, the changer adds, subtracts, accumulates, audits all transactions, and diagnoses problems easily. A single overpayment will automatically cause the changer to shut down.

Multiple-hopper models can change \$5 bills and feature a control panel with switches that enable the owner to vary the number of coins to be dispensed from each hopper as return change. For further information, contact Standard Change-Makers, Inc., 422 E. New York St., Indianapolis, IN 46202; (317) 639-3423.

•**SUPERINDEX**, a new interdisciplinary database consisting of back-of-the-book indexes of nearly 2,000 professional-level reference books in science, engineering, and medicine, is available online through BRS at \$1 per connect minute. The several million index entries provide rapid access to specific pages in important reference books and will be updated and expanded as new books are published and new publishers are selected for inclusion. For further information, contact Superindex, Inc., 2000 Corporate Blvd., N.W., Boca Raton, FL 33431; (305) 994-6553. ■■



PUBLICATIONS

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•**Academic Library Development Program: A Report of the Self-Study, University of Miami** (225 pages, January 1983) describes the management self-study developed by the ARL Office of Management Studies and undertaken by the staff of the University of Miami's Otto G. Richter Library from December 1981 through November 1982. Copies may be ordered for \$20 (prepaid) from ARL/OMS, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

•**An Annotated Catalog of Unpublished Film and Television Scripts at the University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign**, by Nancy Allen and Robert L. Carringer (125 pages, July 1983), describes the nearly 300 items in this collection, for which every item has been selected either for its importance as a script or for its significance in a film genre or in a director's or performer's career. Full bibliographic descriptions of each script are arranged by script title. Indexes of personal and corporate names and alternate script titles and source titles facilitate access. Copies may be purchased for \$15 from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Publications Office, 249 Armory Bldg., 505 E. Armory St., Champaign, IL 61820.

•**Asking Questions: A Practical Guide to Questionnaire Design**, by Seymour Sudman and Norman M. Bradburn (397 pages, 1983), is a very useful and easily understandable summation of techniques for designing survey questionnaires. Sample chapters are: Questions for Measuring Knowledge; Using Standard Demographic Terms; and Format of the Questionnaire. Copies may be purchased for \$18.95 from Jossey-Bass, Inc., 433 California St., Suite 1000, San Francisco, CA 94104.

•**CASE Currents** (vol. 1, 1975-), published 10 times a year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, received the 1982 Grand Award for Distinguished Editorial Accomplishment at the 1983 Publications Management Conference sponsored by the Society of National Association Publications. This journal contains many items of interest to those involved in issues of higher education. CASE is dedicated to helping professionals at colleges, universities, and independent schools in fund raising, public relations, publishing, and alumni affairs. Subscriptions are \$30 for non-members. Write: CASE, Suite 400, 11 Dupont Circle, Washington, DC 20036.

•**Collective Bargaining in Higher Education and the Professions: Bibliography No. 11**, by Joel M. Douglas and Lisa Flanzraich (114 pages, January 1983), has been published by Baruch College's Na-