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If you like Irish stew this book is for you. Hidden behind a vague title is a symposium on on-line interactive data base services. The Data Base Industry, or more accurately the Data Base Complex, embraces activities ranging from creating data bases to providing data base services to end-users. It faces issues of design, economics, organization, and user requirements, and hardware-software-telecommunication arrangements.

The actors in the data base drama are: organizations that create and often publish data bases; organizations that produce machine-readable versions of data bases; organizations that provide software access to data bases; organizations that supply telecommunication connections; organizations that offer services directly to users or to intermediaries such as librarians, research organizations, and their funders; the administrators and staffs of these organizations; and the end-users themselves. Most of the actors are represented in the symposium.

The issues facing these actors include the optimal design of data bases, of hardware, of software, and of service interfaces. They include issues of financing development and operation, of subsidizing and recovering costs, and of marketing and pricing services. Issues relating to users include the characteristics of various user groups, their work requirements, and the system and service functions that best meet these requirements.

Most of these issues are covered in varying depth in the symposium. Some of the more substantive presentations are Roy Kidman's statement of the harsh constraints on academic libraries in offering on-line services; Thomas Martin's review of alternatives in designing interactive retrieval software; Donald King and Raymond Brown's economic model for decisions on using interactive services; Bennet Lientz's quantification of factors in deciding to secure computer services through a network; Kenneth Siler's description of criteria for evaluating data base management systems; and Paul Zurkowski's discussion of the role of the marketplace in providing access to information. In addition, there are lucid discussions of data bases and services in areas such as toxicology, medicine, aerospace, biology, and chemistry. Historical and summary papers offer background information for the nontechnical reader.

The virtue of this symposium is that the main actors and issues in the Data Base Complex are represented. Its defect is a lack of a unifying plot that highlights the parties at issue and the alternatives each face. The papers appear one after the other, covering an astonishingly wide range, more like a drama festival than an evening with Ibsen. The symposium advances our ability to reach an integrated understanding of what commercial, academic, professional, and governmental groups must do to make interactive services better and supportable. Librarians, systems personnel, administrators, and business people will each find several valuable papers in this symposium. The organizers deserve credit for making the proceedings available rapidly. -Douglas Ferguson, Stanford University Libraries, Stanford, California.

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A Comparison of a Manual Library Reclassification Project with a Computer Automated Library Reclassification Project. By Johnny J. Wheelbarger and R. Wilburn Clouse. 1975. 22p. (ED 104 379, MF-\$0.76, HC-\$1.58)

An automated project for converting a library collection from Dewey Decimal to Library of Congress classification was compared with a manual reclassification project. The Joint University Libraries (JUL) served as an example of manual reclassification. The JUL project processed 260,703 volumes, less than half of the total collection, in six years. Automated reclassification was studied at Western Kentucky University. In that project, a computer was used to maintain a master file and to print working list, author-title book catalogs, labels, pockets, and circulation cards. An automated circulation system was developed as a byproduct of the reclassification project. The project was finished in two years, having processed 390,000 volumes. Comparative cost data were not available for study. Suggestions from JUL for manual reclassification projects are included.

Feasibility of Cooperative Collecting of Exotic Foreign Language Serial Titles among Health Sciences Libraries in California. By Dorothy Gregor. Inst. of Library Research, Univ. of California, Berkeley. 1974. 50p. (ED 104 407, MF -\$0.76, HC-\$1.95)

The feasibility of developing cooperative arrangements for sharing exotic foreignlanguage serial titles among the health sciences libraries of California was investigated. Preliminary circulation counts indicated that 74 percent of the seventy-seven titles counted had circulated twice a year or less and that the health sciences libraries do maintain multiple subscriptions to those titles. Because the National Library of Medicine is encouraging cooperative programs among health sciences libraries and because the libraries represented in this study now have access to an on-line serials data base to aid in the implementation of such arrangements, there exist the incentive and the means to initiate some cooperative arrangements. The study results indicate that exotic foreign-language serials might be a useful category with which to begin. Some particular titles are suggested for consideration.

Methodology and Background Information to Assist the Planning of Serials Cancellations and Cooperative Serials Collection in the Health Sciences. By Charles P. Bourne and Dorothy Gregor. Inst. of Library Research, Univ. of California, Berkeley. 1975. 69p. (ED 104 409, MF-\$0.76, HC-\$3.32)

To aid in controlling the cost of acquisitions in a research library, techniques were developed for the rational selection of serial titles for cancellation. The context for the proposed methodology was a network or multicampus environment rather than an individual library, and it was tested with a specific body of health sciences serial titles in the University of California library system and in Region XI of the National Library of Medicine's Biomedical Communications Network. Background data were collected on about 600 current foreignlanguage serial titles. Employing several different decision rules, estimates were made of the subscription cost savings that might be realized in the network. It appeared feasible to extend the same methodology to other groups of serial titles.

The Use Status of Books Requested from the University of California, Berkeley, Inter-Library Loan. By Barbara Nozik. Inst. of Library Research, Univ. of California, Berkeley. 1974. 18p. (ED 104 411, MF-\$0.76, HC-\$1.58)

The validity of the assumption that those documents which are requested from a University of California (UC) library by the California State University and Colleges (CSUC) campuses through interlibrary loan are the "low use" items, according to the in-house circulation statistics of the lending institution, was tested. This was one of the assumptions from the California State Audits Division analysis of the opportunities for increasing UC-CSUC library cooperation. In this study, however, approximately 57 percent of the CSUC requested **material had "high use" status on the UCB** home campus.

Interlibrary Loan Turnaround Time: A Study of Performance Characteristics of the University of California, Berkeley, Interlibrary Loan Lending Operation. By Charles R. Martell, Jr. Inst. of Library Research, Univ. of California, Berkeley. 1975. 43p. (ED 104 413, MF—\$0.76, HC—\$1.95)

Data from the interlibrary loan lending office files at the University of California, Berkeley, for 1971-72 were examined in order to determine the pattern of interlibrary loan traffic with other University of California campuses and California State Universities and Colleges (CSUC) in northern California. Turnaround time for the average California State University, Sacramento, request to Berkeley was more than twenty days. Other CSUC campuses had similar delays for comparable processing intervals. These results indicate a need for significant changes in current interlibrary loan procedures before the implementation of a dedicated interlibrary loan delivery system based on a twenty-four-hour turnaround time.

A Classification System and Procedure Manual for Cataloging Textbooks in a University Library Curriculum Laboratory Collection. By Pauline Marcus Rothstein. Herbert H. Lehman College, City Univ. of New York, Bronx, N.Y. 1975. 14p. (ED 105 820, MF-\$0.76, HC-\$1.58)

The textbook cataloging and classification scheme described was developed to assist students in gaining easy access to the textbook collection of the Herbert H. Lehman College Library. Textbooks are cataloged in three basic divisions: texts for grades one through six, texts for grades seven through twelve, and texts which overlap or can be used at both the elementary and secondary level. Each text is further cataloged by subject area, and a specially developed taxonomy has been created for that purpose. Examples of the cataloging procedures are provided as they were applied to selected books.

Rationalizing the Collections Policy: A Computerized Approach. By W. R. M. Converse and O. R. Standers. Univ. Library, Calgary Univ., Alberta. 1975. 8p. (ED 105 861, MF-\$0.76, HC-\$1.58)

The University of Calgary Library has developed an automated information system to aid decision making in the area of collections development. The traditional format for collections policies is a written description of the areas and levels where a particular institution is collecting actively. Using a computer-based management information system permits frequent and rapid updating by entering new data as required. The departmental library coordinators and the subject specialists work together to ensure that the system reflects present priorities. The system enables the library administration and the various advisory committees to obtain up-to-date information by having a sort done of the pertinent data fields.

Classification and Budgetary Control of Serial Publications in Medium-Sized and Large Academic Libraries and Large Public Libraries. By Frederick S. Jones. Univ. Library, Tufts Univ., Medford, Mass. 1975. 12p. (ED 105 862, MF— \$0.76, HC—\$1.58)

Budgeting and accounting control of serials are examined based on a survey of 100 academic and public libraries. The questionnaire used in the survey stressed classification and encumbering of serials but was open-ended to encourage commentary. The lack of consensus among respondents regarding budgetary control of serials precluded the development of a formal procedural model, but the methods used by a few of the libraries are presented as guideposts.

Guidelines of Employment and Working Conditions for Registered Professional Librarians Employed in Libraries in Ontario. Inst. of Professional Librarians of Ontario, Toronto. 1975. 8p. (ED 105 870, MF-\$0.76, HC-\$1.58)

The Institute of Professional Librarians of Ontario suggests that these guidelines be the minimum requirements for the employment of a registered professional librarian. Under conditions of employment, the guidelines provide for an employment contract, a probation period, job security, and promotion opportunities. Methods are suggested for making appointments and terminating employment. Under conditions of work, a thirty-five-hour work week and a twenty-day paid vacation are recommended. Other types of leave, fringe benefits, evaluation and grievance procedures, and opportunities for continuing education and professional development are also suggested.

Inside Stanford University Libraries: Implications for the Frederick Douglass Library. Part One. By Jessie C. Smith. ACRL, Chicago, Ill. 1975. 16p. (ED 105 872, MF-\$0.76, HC-\$1.58)

A six-month internship at the Stanford University Library allowed the author to observe the processes of setting objectives, planning services and programs, coordinating activities, and motivating personnel to work for common goals both within and outside the library, and to draw conclusions from this experience relevant to her own library. This report outlines the segments of the internship program and the observations made on the structure of library governance at Stanford. An analysis is made of the value of the internship program and its implications for changes in management style.

A Comparison of the 1960 Standards and 1972 Guidelines for Community College Libraries. By John Lewis. 1975. 10p. (ED 105 885, MF-\$0.76, HC-\$1.58)

The history of efforts to establish standards for junior college libraries is outlined. The 1960 "Standards for Junior College Libraries" and the 1972 "Guidelines for Two Year College Learning Resources Programs" are broken down into eight main subject areas and compared item by item. The 1972 guidelines are shown to be more general, avoiding quantitative measures. Changes are noted in the stated goals of the library and in the head librarian's control of the budget.

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