

## Letters

To the Editor:

We find it disturbing that more and more European, particularly British, publishers tend to charge special subscription prices to North American libraries. These prices often greatly exceed those charged to subscribers in all other parts of the world.

The publishers are in fact setting a dollar exchange rate for their products that is divorced from monetary reality.

There seems to have been little reaction from librarians to this practice and possibly not even much awareness of it. We are amazed by this apparent lack of concern.

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