

RESEARCH LIBRARIES TO ADVISE OCLC

Directors of eleven research libraries that are members of OCLC have announced plans to establish a Research Libraries Advisory Committee to OCLC. The group of directors will hold a series of regional caucuses around the country to meet with other research library directors whose libraries are OCLC members. The participants will then select priorities to be communicated to the advisory committee.

The eleven directors have met three times since April, 1980, to establish such a committee. According to Harold Billings, director of libraries at the University of Texas at Austin and acting

chair of the group, a meeting of the advisory committee is being planned to coincide with ALA's 1981 Midwinter Conference. A new publication, *Research Libraries in OCLC: A Quarterly*, will also make its debut at ALA Midwinter.

Members of the group are: Harold W. Billings, University of Texas at Austin; Richard E. Chapin, Michigan State University; James F. Govan, University of North Carolina; Roger K. Hanson, University of Utah; Gustave A. Harter, University of Florida; W. David Laird, University of Arizona; Jay K. Lucker, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Peter Paulsen, New York State Library; Saktidas Roy, State University of New York at Buffalo; Kenneth E. Toombs, University of South Carolina; and Joseph H. Treyz, Jr., University of Wisconsin. ■■

Publications

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(Selected items will be reviewed in future issues of *College & Research Libraries*.)

● *Studies in Creative Partnership: Federal Aid to Public Libraries During the New Deal*, edited by Daniel R. Ring (Scarecrow, 1980, \$8.50), examines "the accomplishments of the Work Projects Administration in the public libraries of New York City, Chicago, Cleveland, Milwaukee, San Francisco, Baltimore, and Minneapolis."

● The personnel policies of 52 academic and public libraries were examined for *Personnel Policies in Libraries*, edited by Nancy Patton Van Zant (Neal-Schuman, 1980, \$19.95). In addition to a cross-section of policies, the results of a "survey of over 1000 libraries offers insight into current status and trends of personnel policy-making and practice in libraries."

● In *The Library in the University: Observations on a Service* (Westview, 1980, \$22) Norman Highman, university librarian, Bristol University, surveys the field of academic librarianship, "defines the academic librarian's place within the university, and puts the role of the academic library into perspective for the future."

● The R.R. Bowker Co. has published a guide to *Grant Money and How to Get It: A Handbook for Librarians* (1980, \$19.95) written by Richard W. Boss, former director of libraries at Princeton University and now senior consultant at Information Systems Consultants, Inc.

● A survey of health sciences librarianship, from the use of handwritten cards in bibliographic control to online access to computerized

data bases, is provided by Jack Key and Thomas Keys in *Classics and Other Selected Readings for Medical Librarians* (Robert E. Krieger Publishing Co., 1980, \$24.50). This compilation of papers provides an overview of the health sciences field during an era of great change.

● *Advances in Data Base Management*, vol. 1, (Heyden, 1980) "deals with all stages of the life cycle of a data base management system, from original planning and design through ongoing operation and future developments." Edited by Thomas A. Rullo, *Advances* is part of the Heyden *Advances Library in EDP Management* series.

● A practical guide for librarians interested in starting or improving library instruction is available from Neal-Schuman. *Bibliographic Instruction: A Handbook* by Beverly Renford and Linnea Hendrickson (1980, \$14.95) provides step-by-step plans for developing all phases of library instruction programs.

● *Serial Publications: Their Place and Treatment in Libraries*, 3d ed., (ALA, 1980, \$20) by Andrew D. Osborn "updates wherever appropriate the facts about the character and management of serials, but its emphasis is upon succinctly describing newer developments like OCLC, CONSER, and AACR2 and elaborating on the new opportunities they make possible in serials work."

● Edmund F. SantaVicca, Department of Library Science, Peabody College, Vanderbilt, has developed a practical tool for those interested in developing their reference skills. *Reference Skills in the Humanities* (Scarecrow, 1980, \$9) "includes more than 1,000 exercises designed to develop reference skills in the school, public, academic

and/or special library setting."

• Events in the revolutionary world of videotext/viewdata/teletext are covered in *Viewdata and Videotext, 1980-81: A Worldwide Report* available from Knowledge Industry Pubs. for \$75. The nearly 50 authoritative papers were presented at "Viewdata '80, First World Conference on Viewdata, Videotext and Teletext" held in London, March 26-28, 1980.

• The problem of effective decision-making in the management of academic libraries is the topic of *Information for Academic Library Decision Making: The Case for Organizational Information Management* by Charles McClure (Greenwood, 1980, \$23.95).

• *Developing Career Information Centers: A Guide to Collection Building and Counseling*, edited by Dr. Sara Fine (Neal-Schuman, 1980, \$17.95), is an outgrowth of the 1978 USOE institute held at the University of Pittsburgh on this topic. The eleven chapters cover career-development theories, counseling techniques, materials selection and program evaluation.

• *The Modern Library Practice Series*, 3d ed., by J. McRee Elrod (Scarecrow, 1980, \$29.50) is comprised of five programmed instruction units "designed to present the basic operations of descriptive cataloging, choice and assignment of main entry, added entry, subject headings, classification and filing both in alphabetical catalogs and shelf-lists. The new edition is current as of 1980."

• Help for the librarian who must be ready to apply AACR2 is offered by Christa F.B. Hoffmann in *Getting Ready for AACR2: The Cataloguer's Guide* (Knowledge Industry, 1980, \$24.50). *Getting Ready* is not a critique, but a practical guide containing more than 100 pages of cataloging examples.

• The evolution of American academic librarianship over a period of 45 years is recalled in *Ellsworth on Ellsworth: An Unchronological, Mostly True Account of Some Moments of Contact Between "Library Science" and Me, Since Our Confluence in 1931, With Appropriate Side-lights* by Ralph E. Ellsworth (Scarecrow, 1980, \$9.50).

• John R. Rizzo, professor of management at Western Michigan University and editor of the *Journal of Library Administration*, has written a guide, *Management for Librarians* (Greenwood, 1980, \$35), which covers such topics as organizational effectiveness and efficiency, accountability, planning and control, motivation, group behavior, decision-making, and performance appraisal.

• A "study of the strategic decisions that shape the provision of public library services in the United States" has been conducted by Malcolm Getz, associate professor of economics at Vanderbilt University. *Public Libraries: An Economic View* is available from The John Hopkins University Press (1980, \$12.50). ■■

Calendar

December

27-30—**Modern Language Association:** The 1980 convention of the Modern Language Association, Hyatt Hotel, Houston, Texas, will have many programs of interest to academic librarians. Among them are: "The Hemingway Collection of the John F. Kennedy Library, an Illustrated Lecture," "The Future of the Scholarly Journal," "Recent Developments in Teaching Research Methods and Research Papers from Theory to Practice," "Current Research in Technical Writing," "The Significance of Information Retrieval to the Humanist," and "Library Collections Important for the Study of Science Fiction." Pre-registration fee for the entire convention: members \$40, non-members \$50. Contact: MLA Convention Office, 62 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011; (212) 741-5588.

January

8—**Medical Reference:** "Medical Reference Questions in Libraries: Ethics, Bibliography, Sources," Rutgers Graduate School of Library and Information Science. Contact: Jana Varlejs, Rutgers GSLIS, 4 Huntington St., New Brunswick, NJ 08903; (201) 932-7169.

27—**Special Libraries:** "Consulting Roles and Processes for the Special Librarian and Information Specialist," Benson Hotel, Portland, Oregon, to be held prior to the winter business meeting of the Special Libraries Association. Fee: SLA members \$75, non-members \$100. Contact: Mary Frances Hoban, Special Libraries Association, 235 Park Ave. South, New York, NY 10003; (212) 477-9250.

February

10-14—**Music Libraries:** The Music Library Association celebrates its 50th anniversary at its annual conference, Sheraton Park Plaza, New Haven, Connecticut. The theme will be the history of MLA. Fee: \$20. Contact: Sarah Shifert, Music Library Association, 2017 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19103; (215) 569-3948.

12-13—**Automation:** "Library Automation and Facility Planning," a workshop to be held in Miami. Fee: \$225. Contact: Aaron Cohen & Associates, Teatown Rd., Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520; (914) 271-8170.

13—**Art and Antiques:** "Library Services to Art and Antique Collectors," Toronto. Fee: \$75. Instructor: Mary Williamson, fine arts bibliographer, York University. Contact: School of Continuing Studies, University of Toronto, 158 St. George St., Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2V8; (416) 978-2400. ■■