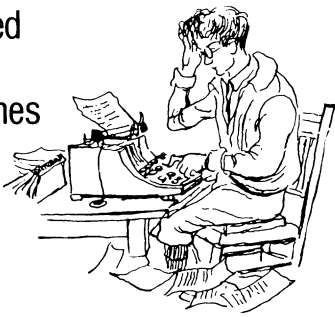


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wide range of remaindered books are stocked by Academic Remainders of Ma-a, ACT, and can be inspected in their rehouse, or, better still, can be seen listed in their seasonal catalogue.

The Autumn 1982 catalogue lists 571 titles, ranging through subjects such as Aboriginal studies and history to mathematics, science and the environment. As one would expect, the remainder prices are a fraction of the original recommended retail prices.

It would be too much to expect superlative bibliographic details in their catalogue, but the spelling of the authors and titles is generally correct. This catalogue could be useful in filling gaps in collections, particularly for Australian material.

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The United States Government is one of the world's largest directory publishers. The idea of a directory of its directories seems a good one, and this is just what Oryx Press published in 1981.

Donna Rae Larson's *Guide to U.S. Government directories, 1970-80* is a detailed annotated listing of 842 directories or publications containing significant directory information. Entries are arranged by Superintendent of Documents Classification Number, which scheme is outlined in the introduction

for those unfamiliar with it. Each item is fully described, its availability, coverage, arrangement and content outlined in a ten to twenty line annotation. This would be an exceptionally useful purchase for libraries with major holdings of US documents.

Donna Rae Larson's *Guide to U.S. Government directories, 1970-1980* was published by Oryx Press. It costs US\$45.00. (ISBN 0 912700 63 7).

A year's theses

The Australian Council for Educational Research has recently completed a short project which involved collecting and preparing entries for 202 theses in the field of education accepted by Australian institutions during 1980. These entries were added to the Australian Education Index database (available on AUSINET) in July last year. They will also be published in *Bibliography of Education Theses in Australia*.

Education is interpreted in its widest sense: all areas and all levels of education, teaching and training are included. A subject breakdown of the 202 theses shows a definite leaning towards educational psychology (53 theses), curriculum (32) and educational philosophy, policy and development (17). Eight theses related to library and information science. Theses for degrees at both master and doctoral levels were collected. Author abstracts (in some cases shortened) and ERIC descriptors are included.

Further information on the project and *Bibliography of Education Theses in Australia 1980* can be obtained from the Australian Council for Educational Research, PO Box 210, Hawthorn, Vic 3122.

On the map – again

Intended for the generalist librarian who lacks a knowledge of the characteristics of maps, and for the 'specialist curator who sometimes lacks the knowledge of the principles and techniques of librarianship', Harold Nichols' *Map Librarianship* is an ambitious work. Now in its second edition, Nichols' monograph deals, in a well-filled 270 pages, with all aspects of his subject.

He ranges from the selection process, through cataloguing and classification, the reference use of maps, storage and preservation. Current materials and early maps are dealt with in equal detail, and there are

no geographical limitations. There is a useful international section, for example, listing selected official mapping agencies around the world and current bibliographies of maps.

The information given in the sections which I sampled is pretty accurate – he hasn't caught up with the most recent change of name at what used to be the Library of New South Wales, and uses yet another form of entry in the index – a confusion not unique to Mr Nichols. *Map Librarianship* is, however, more than a good introduction to the topic: it is a stimulating springboard to further study and expertise. Harold Nichols' *Map Librarianship*, second edition, was published last year by Bingley. It costs £14.75. (ISBN 0 85157 327 4.)

News, mostly good

The National Library of Australia's 1983 subscription prices for a number of its bibliographical publications are a mixed bag. The good news is that many prices are unchanged from 1982; some have even fallen. *ANB*, for example, is still \$180 for the full service – printed fortnightly, monthly and annual, cumulating four-monthlies on COM. To contain costs generally, the NLA is investigating various production economies. With *ANB* the classified sequence will be printed in three columns instead of two, and there may be evidence of other economies in due course.

APAIS, alas, increases in price to \$87 full service, but the Library is quick to point to this worthy publication's improved appearance, readability and currency. Trials of a six-monthly cumulation of *APAIS* on microfiche are maybe a sign of good things to come. Since the automation of *APAIS* production last year there has also been a marked increase in the amount of material indexed.

The anomalous 24X reduction option for *SALSSAH on COM* has been discontinued: the 48X reduction is available at the reduced price of \$30 per annum. The bad news (there has to be bad news) is that rapidly rising printing costs have meant an increase in some other NLA serials, but mercifully few. Further information is available from the Sales and Subscriptions Unit, NLA, Canberra, ACT 2600.



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