Conference Proceedings Guidelines

I read with interest the Conference Proceedings Guidelines *(InCite* 31 August p2) and note that no reference was made to the role of the Australian Clearing House for Library and Information Science (ACHLIS) in the recording and dissemination of professional literature.

It is often not economic to publish papers presented at conferences, seminars, workshops and other professional meetings. However if the papers are sent to Achlis they will be recorded and abstracted for inclusion in *Australian Library and Information Science Abstracts* and the *Australian Education Index*. Achlis can also provide document-supply in most cases.

The address is: ACHLIS, SACAE Library, Lorne Ave, MAGILL SA 5072
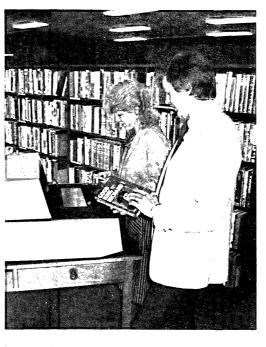
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CATALOGUE CONVERSION

The ANU Library, Campbelltown City Library, the City of South Melbourne Library and Warringah Shire Library have recently converted their catalogues to machine readable form using data preparation specialists AMICRON Data International.

The photograph on the left shows Roy Hancock from AMICRON talking to an AMICRON operator.

US library has software success

Liverpool (N.Y.) Library has begun circulating software for Apple micro computers. Currently, there are twenty-eight titles in the collection, and plans to add many more. Popular titles include *Assembly Language Tutor, Bank Street Writer, Computer SAT, Enchanter, Fax, Mastertype, The New Step by Step,* and *Stickybear Shapes, Numbers and ABC.*

Patrons may borrow up to two titles at a time. There is no fee, no age limitation, and no further responsibility agreement than that of the patron's library card. Titles may be reserved but are not inter-library loanable.

The software is loaned for one week. It has been under heavy use and the only problem is that there is not enough software to go around. Owners of Commodore 64 and Atari computers have requested that the library collect materials for their hardware as well.

Finding a protective package in which to circulate software proved to be quite a project. Several prototypes were developed in-house, and the final selection includes two commercially available products.

Software is placed in a rigid diskette carrier case. The software packaging is disassembled, and the covers are laminated to heavy illustration board. The board and diskette case are circulated in a heavy vinyl zip lock bag. The software carrier cases are kept behind the circulation desk. Only the hangup bags and documentation are kept on the public shelves, in Dewey Decimal order.

Liverpool Library has had an active public-access micro computer center since 1981. A new building addition, now under construction, will include a bona fide public computer lab. Over 3,000 patrons have been trained in computer use at the library.

Librarians interested in obtaining information regarding circulation, processing, cataloging, and selecting software for a public collection may contact Jean Armour, Assistant Director, Public Services, 2nd and Tulip Streets, Liverpool N.Y. 13088.