THE SOURCE

⒜ surfeit of software

School librarians selecting software have an unenviable task: there are so many systems to choose from, so many conflicting claims, subtleties and sales representatives.

A warm welcome seems assured for the second edition of Laurel Clyde's *Computer software for school libraries*, published in 1989 by Auslib Press. This new edition covers more than 700 software packages available to Australian school libraries — 300 of them listed for the first time, and many of the others having been considerably enhanced since the first edition.

Forty-eight computer-based, multi-function library management systems — some with beguiling names like BLISS, CALM and OASIS — are dealt with first: as well as names, addresses and phone numbers there is an outline of what each system does, what equip-

ment it needs, how it is maintained, where it has been installed and where you can read more about it.

The remaining 665 software packages are dealt with more succinctly, and cover functions such as circulation, overdues, serials management, catalogue card printing, bibliography production and scheduling.

Many packages are intended to teach library skills to students — one such is 'Winnie the Pooh in the Hundred Acre Wood', which cultivates map skills. Some indication of age or grade suitability would have been useful with these packages. Nonetheless Laurel A. Clyde's *Computer software for school libraries* is an extremely valuable reference work, and excellent value at $23.00 plus $3.00 postage and packing. It was published in 1989 by Auslib Press.
(ISBN 1 875145 01 X)

Back to basics

Eight hundred and forty-one reference sources on music are arranged and described in William S. Brockman's *Music: a guide to the reference literature*, which was published in 1988 by Libraries Unlimited.

There are sometimes lengthy evaluations of general reference works on music, bibliographies of music ranging from the general to the specific (such as guides to the repertoire and song indexes), discographies and a list of current periodicals. Most items listed are in the English language. There is a useful list of associations, research centres and other music organisations, most of them American, and thorough author/title and subject indexes.

Music: a guide to the reference literature by William S. Brockman, published in 1988, costs US$38.50. My review copy was supplied by James Bennett Library Services. (ISBN 0 87287 526 1)

Polyglot archives

Anyone accomplished enough to be able to tackle German, Italian, Russian, French, Spanish or Dutch works on archives will be delighted that a second edition of *Dictionary of archival terminology* has appeared. Published in 1988 by Saur, this work contains 486 terms, with full definitions in English and French and equivalents in the other languages.

As an English glossary in its own right it will be useful. Entries are arranged by their English alphabetical order, and there are indexes for the other languages. The whole range of archival concepts is covered, from the philosophical to the intensely practical, together with terms from technologies which have been applied to archives,

such as computers and photography. As with all polyglot dictionaries, it is fascinating to dip into and to see the similarity of many words around the world, sometimes because of Latin roots, sometimes because of modern coinings (such as the Russian word for minicomputer, which looks suspiciously like 'mini-IBM').

Dictionary of archival terminology, second edition, edited by Peter Walne, is Volume 7 in the International Council on Archives (ICA) Handbooks Series, and was published in 1988 by Saur. It costs $57.00, and is available locally from Butterworths, who supplied the review copy. (ISBN 3 598 20279 2)

A must(er) for the family historian

Three more very valuable sources for genealogists and historians generally have now been transcribed and published in the Australian Biographical and Genealogical Record (ABGR) series. These are the Settlers' Muster Book of 1800, the original of which is in the NSW Parliamentary Library, Governor King's Lists 1801 and the Norfolk Island Victualling Book 1802 (originals in the Public Record Office, London). Hitherto most Australian researchers have had to settle for microfilm versions, where they contended with difficult handwriting, faded ink and sore eyes.

The result, nicely printed and well laid out, is 'the most comprehensive listing possible of persons living in NSW and Norfolk Island during the period 1800 to 1802'. The editor, Carol Baxter, has also provided in her introduction not only a description of the items transcribed and how the originals were compiled, but also an assessment of their research value. Also useful are the several appendixes, one of which reproduces a list of occupations, from which you can find out exactly what ship the boat builders were working on, for example, and which trades were working on the harbour 'Batery'.

Musters and lists: New South Wales and Norfolk Island: 1800—1802, edited by Carol J. Baxter, was published in 1988 by ABGR in association with the Society of Australian Genealogists (SAG). It costs $36.00. (Discounts are available for SAG and ABGR members.) (ISBN 0 949032 06 9)

An AIDS reference guide

Hundreds of mainly-US sources of information about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) are provided in Virginia A. Lingle and M. Sandra Wood's *How to find information about AIDS*, which was published by

Haworth Press in 1988. This volume contains names and addresses of AIDS organisations, US health departments, research institutes, grant funding sources and hotlines. Users outside the US will be able to make more use of the lists of computerised information sources, together with suggested key-words, the select bibliography of printed sources and the list of AV producers and some of their relevant materials.

Virginia A. Lingle and M. Sandra Wood's *How to find information about AIDS*, published by Haworth in 1988 (and not, as far as I can make out, also published in one of the Haworth journals) costs US$14.95. It is available locally from DA Books & Journals. (ISBN 0 86656 752 6)

Bibliography of a disturbing element

Translated into many languages, honoured by awards (which, if he accepted them, became an occasion for quirky behaviour and choice phrases which became instant headlines), Xavier Herbert was one of the most colourful of Australian literary characters. The amount of critical attention which he received can be gauged by the extent of David Sansome's *Xavier Herbert: a bibliography*, which was published by the Northern Territory Library Service in 1988.

Among other things, 1988 was the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of *Capricornia*. Almost 700 items are listed, including the many editions of Herbert's own works, and journal and newspaper articles (including many references to Herbert's lively letters to various editors). Sansome also covers manuscript material, some pictorial items, interviews, sound recordings, television programs and a welter of references to works about the man and his writings.

David Sansome's *Xavier Herbert: a bibliography* is No. 6 in the Occasional Papers Series published by the Northern Territory Library Service, and is excellent value at $4.50. Copies are available from the NTLS, GPO Box 42, Darwin, NT 5794. (ISBN 0 7245 0517 2;ISSN 0817-2927)

David J. Jones

Graduate-level courses

As the library and information industry grows at a rapid pace, the work is becoming more sophisticated and demanding. However, despite the fact that various institutions throughout the country are offering graduate-level courses, there may be many among us who wonder, after years of working up through the ranks or completing a degree or diploma, why further training is necessary.

There are several reasons. Graduate-level training will consolidate and build on earlier learning, showing new ways to approach problems and issues impinging on the everyday work of the professional. It will allow research on areas of interest and help develop new conceptual skills and knowledge of the discipline and current thinking in library and information science.

Such training provides a platform for career advancement within the industry. It signals a deep commitment to practising in the area, and should bring together advanced knowledge and understanding of the field and library and information management skills needed at this level of work.
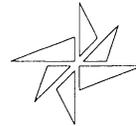
Australian Library and Information Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 1st Annual General Meeting of the Australian Library & Information Association will be held in Adelaide on Thursday 20 July, 1989.

AGENDA
1. Notice of convening meeting
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the 1988 AGM
4. Presentation of 1988 Annual Report and Balance Sheet, and Income and Expenditure Account
5. Presentation of supplementary Balance Sheet and supplementary Income and Expenditure Account to 30 June 1988
6. Appointment of auditors
7. Presentation of Awards
8. General business (see 3 below).

NOTICES OF MOTION
1. That the ALIA biennial conference become an annual conference.
   A. Edwards
2. That the location of biennial conferences no longer be determined by rotation through states, and that Branches, Regional Groups or other Divisions be invited to bid for them.
   K. Webb

RULES OF MEETING
1. All motions to be put to the AGM must appear in this published agenda.
2. The only terms that may be raised under General Business are those of an informal nature, or those that are within the scope of the business already laid down. Motions of a   substantial nature relating to items not covered in the notice of the meeting will not be allowed.
3. If an item of urgency arises which is not within the business of the meeting the Chairperson has the power to accept it without notice, or rule that due notice must be given.
4. All motions additional to those on the printed agenda and in accordance with 3 above, and amendments, shall be written in triplicate and signed by the movers (forms will be provided), one copy to be delivered to the Chair, the second to the projectionist, the third to the mover.
5. When addressing the Chair, the person desiring recognition will properly identify them
6. Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker, no speaker may have the floor twice on the same question until all who wish to speak have spoken.
7. Proxies. To be valid, proxies must be in the form set out in By-law 15 and in the hands of the General Secretary, at the ALIA office, 376 Jones St, Ultimo 2007, by 24 August 1988. Proxy forms must not specify how the holder of the proxy is to vote on specific issues.
8. By general consent, if there be no objection, or by a two-thirds vote, any rule governing the debate may be suspended.
9. The Chairperson's rulings on procedural matters may not be debated. The reference for rules and their interpretation by the Parliamentarian will be Joske's *The law and procedure at meetings in Australia and New Zealand, 7th ed.*, 1982. A Parliamentarian will be appointed to advise the Chairperson on procedures and to assist in determining the results