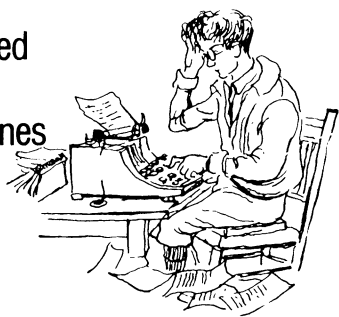


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More about prices

LAST year in *The Source* (*AustLibJ*, v28, no18, 19 October 1979) I mentioned a submission to the NSW Prices Commission on book prices by three lecturers from the University of New South Wales.

This submission was particularly scathing about the activities of the University Co-op Bookshop. Not unnaturally the University Co-op also made submissions to the Commission, and I have been able to read their 288-page printed submission. It is an excellent insider's view of the operations of a complex academic bookseller and a good foil to the Nicholas, Shergold and Meredith paper.

The Co-op submission contains useful background views on the book industry in Australia, in particular the tertiary market and the closed market. Incidentally copies of submissions to the Commission are available for public perusal in the Library of the NSW Department of Consumer Affairs in Sydney.

More non-sexist books

FOUR new titles have recently been added to the excellent Sugar and Snails Work Series. One which I have seen is *Shopkeepers*, by Mary

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The other new titles in the series are *The Cook*, *The Interpreter* and *Working with horses*. Each costs \$3.95. Sugar and Snails books are published by the Women's Movement Children's Literature Co-operative Limited, PO Box 119, Mooroolbark, Vic 3138.

Computer games

THE Carringbush Regional Library at Richmond, Victoria, has two computer terminals available for its readers' use.

The terminals are linked to the computer of Richmond Technical College, and can be used for mathematical, English and other programs, as well as computer games. The system uses the computer language BASIC and users can learn to write and store their own programs.

This, and other enterprising initiatives such as bingo, games and pottery, are announced in *Carringbush news*, no4, June 1980, published by the Carringbush Regional Library, 415 Church Street, Richmond, Vic 3121, phone (03) 429 3644. (No ISSN).

Privacy, US style

DEFENCES of privacy from Warren and Brandeis' landmark article in 4 *Harvard Law Review* (1890) to the present are covered in David M. O'Brien's *The right to privacy*.

This 55-page bibliography includes references to articles, government documents and publications, and Supreme Court cases. The items listed deal mainly with personal privacy within the United States, but there are a number of references to comparative and cross-cultural studies on the topic.

The right to privacy is no21 in the Legal Bibliography Series, published by the Tarlton Law Library and costs US\$15.00. Copies may be ordered from the Library, University of Texas School of Law, 2500 Red River, Austin, Texas 78705.

ROD News

THE branch of the National Library of Australia handling acquisitions, cataloguing and bibliography is the Resources Organisation and Development Branch (ROD).

You can keep in touch with this branch by reading *ROD news*, which briefly and irregularly reports happenings in this many-sided workplace. Crammed into 16 pages of a recent issue were news of NUCOM, serial donations, Indonesian acquisitions, subscription rates for NLA publications, news of APAIS hard copy and online, the Lopez collection, SALSSAH 'widely held' titles, and much more. *ROD news* is surprisingly readable and very informative. (ISSN 0157 4737).

Yellow-backs on film

AROUND 3000 dime novels are in a collection which is currently being published on microfilm by University Microfilms. The dime novels, popular escape fiction of the 19th century, were pocket-sized paperbound books which enjoyed wide readership.

The majority of titles in this microfilm collection were published by Beadle and Adams, who dominated the 10c novel market with their ubiquitous 'yellow-backs'.

The Dime Novel collection will be published in seven sections between June this year and late 1981. The complete collection, which is on 35 mm microfilm, costs US\$5290.

Full details of the contents of the collection and publication schedules are available from University Microfilms International, 30-32 Mortimer Street, London, W1N 7RA, England.

SA specials

113 special libraries in South Australia are listed and described in the new edition of the directory published by the LAA's Special Libraries Section, South Australian Division.

The usual information, correct as of October last year, is given, including details of stock, major subject strengths, staff (numbers, not names), hours of operation, history and services available. There is a name index and a very full subject index.

South Australian special libraries directory, compiled by Rosemary A. Heinrich, was published late last year and is still available from the Special Libraries Section (SA Division), c/o 4a Davidson Street, Rosewater, SA 5013 or from the President of the Section, Elizabeth Podoroshko, c/o SA Department of Trade and Industry Library, GPO Box 1264, Adelaide, SA 5001, phone (08) 212 5562. It costs \$5.00 including postage. (ISBN 0 909915 70 9). □

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