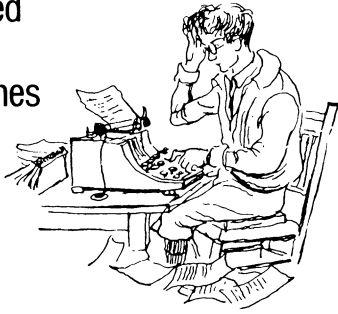


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Library sights and sounds

THERE has been a good deal of interest shown already in the audiovisual productions of the College of Librarianship, Wales, many of which are available in the Library Education Series distributed by Drake Educational Associates of Cardiff.

Among the offerings are tape/slide programs on topics such as online searching, children's picture books, health and safety in libraries and public relations. There are audio cassette programs featuring well-known British novelists and librarians, among them John Braine and Robert Shackleton. And there are several videotape programs, two of which are highly topical – 'Hard times – public libraries in a time of financial restraint' and 'Hard times – academic libraries in a time of financial restraint'.

Also available on videotape is a conversation with George Chandler ('A global career') which traces his early days in Birmingham, through his years in Leeds and Dudley, devoting most time to his period as City Librarian of Liverpool (1952-1974).

The Library Education Series is available locally from Braeco Holdings, the Australasian distributor for Drake material. Further information about the series can be obtained from Braeco, PO Box 213, St Leonards, NSW 2065, phone (02) 427 3155. Arrangements can also be made to preview items from the series.

Good listening

CASSETTES on dog care, Australian poetry, insomnia, Bill Snedden, Laurie Carmichael, unemployment, baby care, health and fitness – and many more topics – are available from Sound Information of Sydney. Some of their own productions, and many products of other audio cassette publishers, are represented in their 1981 catalogue.

Tax savings for teachers and librarians was one of their offerings which I listened to last year (after I had sent in my tax return, unfortunately) – it had some useful hints, but nothing else, alas, which will make you an instant millionaire.

Further information about cassettes available and copies of the catalogue can be obtained from Sound Information, PO Box 8, Broadway, NSW 2007, phone (02) 698 8243.

PNG manuscripts

OVER 300 items in the New Guinea Collection of the University of Papua New Guinea Library are listed and described in a guide compiled and edited by Nancy Lutton and published last year.

The *Guide to manuscripts held in the New Guinea Collection* is much fuller than the preliminary list which the Library issued in 1974. Among the major collections described are the papers of George Arthur Vickers Stanley, a geologist, bibliographer and historian who went to Papua in 1928 and remained until his death in 1965.

There are separate sequences for general

manuscripts, for those relating to mission or church activities in the area, for microfiche and microfilm archives and there is an excellent name and subject index.

Copies of the *Guide* are available from the University Bookshop, University of Papua New Guinea, Box 4819, University Post Office, Papua New Guinea. It costs \$A5.00, payable in Kina. (No ISBN).

At your service

DOZENS of libraries in departments and instrumentalities are listed in the third edition of *New South Wales Government department libraries: a directory* published in December 1980 by the State Library of New South Wales.

A welcome feature of this edition is to extend the range of libraries included beyond the web of those staffed by the State Library to those which are completely autonomous, such as the Department of Main Roads and the Electricity Commission libraries.

Basic information, such as names, addresses, phone numbers, size and hours is given, as is such vital information as whether the library is open to the public, and if so, under what conditions. There are cross-references from sub-branches to main department where appropriate. There is no subject index, which might be a useful feature if prepared with consistency and care. As it is, it is still a very useful guide to this quite massive resource, most of which is available to the public direct or through library intermediaries.

New South Wales Government department libraries: a directory was compiled by Simon Horstead and is available from the Government Departments Unit, State Library of New South Wales, Level 8, CAGA Centre, 8-18 Bent Street, Sydney, NSW 2000, phone (02) 240 4250. It's free. (ISSN 0705-7032).

Good on yer, sport

A SELECTION of the diverse holdings of the National Library of Australia in the field of sport is presented in the sixth of the ANSOL (Australian National Social Sciences Library) Bibliography Series.

Entitled *Materials and services on sport provided by the National Library of Australia*, the bibliography gives a broad indication of the materials which the Library is likely to hold and lists a selection of about 400 monographs and serial titles on the topic.

There are also some brief notes on the Library's special collections, such as the oral history collection, which includes an interview with 'Gelignite' Jack Murray, sound recordings and films (including the whole of the tied test between Australia and the West Indies in Brisbane in 1960).

The guide is available only on microfiche (1 fiche, 24X reduction) and costs \$2.50 including postage. It is available from the Sales and Subscriptions Unit, NLA, Canberra, ACT 2600. (ISBN 0 642 89882 0; ISSN 0156-160X).

You pays your money . . .

and to help you make your choice, if you need to use a fee-based service to find some information, you may find the *Directory of fee-based information services* useful. 222 of the 257 entries are from the United States, so the choice from other countries is limited. Australia is represented by two private information services – that's just one more than Iceland.

No doubt international entries will grow in number in future editions: listing is free. Each entry gives names, addresses, special abilities, services offered and background notes provided by the person or company listed.

The 1980-81 edition of *Directory of fee-based information services*, edited by Kelly Warnken, was published late last year by Infor-

mation Alternative, PO Box 657, Woodstock, NY 12498. It costs US\$6.95. (ISBN 0 936288 00 0).

The *Directory* is supplemented by the bi-monthly *Journal of fee-based information services*, which also includes articles, reviews and news related to the business of information broking. The *Journal* is available from the same address and costs US\$11.00 to institutions, US\$9.00 to others. (ISSN 0190-2261).

The new House

THE competition which the Australian Government held between 1979 and 1980 to find a design for a new Parliament House attracted 329 designs from 28 countries.

Five finalists were selected and the winner was Mitchell Giugola Thorp of New York.

The Faculty of Architecture at the University of Sydney has now produced a slide-tape package about the 'exciting and innovative' winning design. Designed to inform the architectural profession, senior schools and members of the public, the package contains 44 slides, a tape giving a 25-minute commentary on the slides and a booklet which includes background information (as well as the text of the taped commentary).

It provides a brief introduction to the development of Canberra, describes Burley Griffin's design for the city and outlines the competition and the designs of the finalists. The winning design is discussed in some detail, with photographs of models and drawings and a description of how the building will operate.

The package, which was prepared by architectural critic and historian Jennifer Taylor, a lecturer in architecture at the University of Sydney, costs \$50.00 plus \$1.50 postage (overseas postage, surface airlifted, \$5.00). Orders should be addressed to the Secretary, Department of Architecture, University of Sydney, NSW 2006.

Musical abbreviations

THE *Library bulletin* of the Australia Music Centre is still going strong. A recent issue (no 14, October 1980) will be especially useful for librarians and others trying to find the meanings of around 150 acronyms and abbreviations of musical and related organisations.

Many international as well as Australian bodies are represented and a brief rundown is given of members of the UNESCO music network. The *Library bulletin* is available from the Australia Music Centre, PO Box 9, Grosvenor Street, Sydney, NSW 2000, phone (02) 27 1001. (ISSN 0314-030X).

The 'paid lackeys' report

'PAID lackeys of the multinational press barons' was how one complainant described the Australian Press Council in a brief correspondence with the Council. Not all writers to the Council would be of that opinion, and in fact many of the complaints to the Council about reports in the press were in fact upheld.

In its fourth annual report (still no ISSN), which deals with the year to August 31 1980, the Council reports on the 216 complaints received in the period. Summaries are given of some notable cases, and there is an interesting appendix showing statistics of major Australian newspaper groups.

The Council also comments on 'attempts by senior public servants to water down the provisions of the Freedom of Information Bill', which it had noted with disapproval. The Australian Press Council is at Suite 303, Anzac House, 26 College Street, Darlinghurst, NSW 2010, phone (02) 357 6488. □