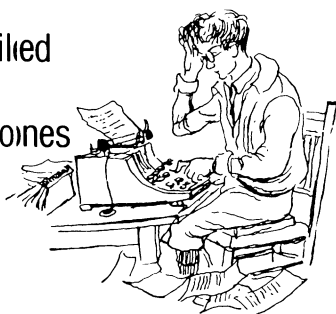


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Theses for loan

Last year the Borchardt Library at La Trobe University compiled a 4-page guide to the thesis lending policies of Australian university libraries. It covers Honours, Masters and Doctoral theses and indicates both the availability and conditions of loan. Complimentary copies of *Theses: lending policies: Australian university libraries* are available from the Borchardt Library, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Vic. 3083.

Research, pure and applied

There is a bewildering mass of research taking place in the academic institutions of the world, and not the least in the British ones. To keep some sort of track of this frenetic activity, the British Library publishes an outstanding annual survey under the title *Research in British universities, polytechnics and colleges*. This survey is the national register of research in science and social science, arranged in broad subject groups and subdivided by institutions and departments. Each entry contains the names of researchers, descriptions of the projects, names of sponsoring bodies and the dates of the work. Only research in progress is recorded. There is a comprehensive name index, and an excellent keyword subject index.

The 1982 edition is in three weighty volumes, covering the physical, biological and social sciences respectively. Some of the topics being studied give a fascinating insight into the present (and the future?): 'The in-

corporation of non-absorbable carbohydrate into bread' (something to ruminant on), 'Pig meat quality and stress sensitivity' (phlegmatic pigs make prime pork).

Research in British universities, polytechnics and colleges is published annually by the British Library Lending Division. The three volume 1982 edition will set you back £99, and volumes are available separately. Further information is available from the BLLD, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS23 7BQ. (ISBN 0 7123 2002 4 (set); ISSN 0142-2472)

Off to a healthy start

In an ambitious resource-sharing project, the New South Wales Department of Health Library is producing a union list of holdings in a number of NSW hospitals and other health libraries. So far I have seen a second preliminary draft edition for A-E and F-J, and a useful publication it should prove, too. In all modesty the editor of the union list regrets the many errors - 'if you find any more, please send them by parcel post'. Union list records are being stored on disk, which will facilitate the necessary amendments and additions. A more definitive edition is due in mid-1983 and will cover an additional dozen or so hospital libraries.

Copies of *Union list of journals held in Schedule V, II, III hospitals, Health Department and other health libraries in N.S.W.* are available from the editor, Ian Stubbin, New South Wales Department of Health Library, McKell Building, Rawson Place, Sydney, NSW 2000, phone (02) 217 5004. (No ISSN or ISBN)

A fair cop

A monumental bibliography of criminology and forensic sciences was published in 1982 by K. G. Saur. So monumental, indeed, that I was sent only the third volume (only about 700 of the total 2400 pages); but that was ample to judge the breadth and the depth of the coverage.

Criminology and forensic sciences: an international bibliography: 1950-1980 was compiled by Rudolf vom Ende, and volume 3, R-Z, shows its arrangement to be an inter-filing of authors' names, monograph titles, some periodical titles and select see references. Surprisingly the names and addresses of relevant criminological institutes and as-

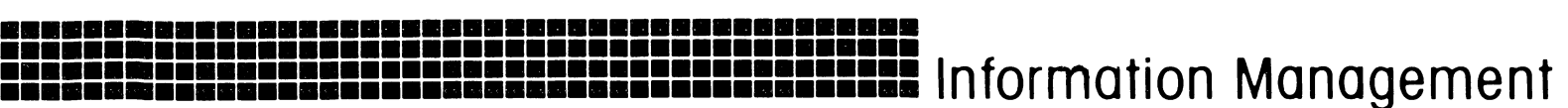
sociated organisations are also listed in the one sequence. Coverage is indeed international - there seems to be reasonably good coverage of Australian materials, for example. Unless volumes one and two hold some surprises, a subject approach would be problematical unless you stumble across the right clues. Is it safe to deduce that there are/will be companion subject indexes? Judgement on this work is reserved until the riddle of the subject approach is solved.

Rudolf vom Ende's *Criminology and forensic sciences* was published last year by K. G. Saur of München. The three volume work costs 440DM and is available locally from the James Bennett Group. (ISBN 3 598 10374 3 (set))

Hey Prestel!

Much ink has been spilt describing the brainchild of Sam Fedida and the impact of Prestel and other videotex systems on society. Considerable attention has been given to the use of Prestel in the United Kingdom to provide community information - Aslib, for example, maintains a number of experimental community information files. Many local libraries have been involved in providing information for Prestel, and many others are considering doing so. To give potential 'information providers' (IPs) as much practical information as they will need in the early stages, Aslib has produced *So you want to be a Prestel Information Provider?* This 78-page book is a well-organised and lucid guide, from initial considerations (what information to provide? To whom? How much?) to 'getting it on' (file framework, editing, house style and housekeeping). This is followed by a blissfully brief list of further reading, examples of headings used for the experimental local information files which Aslib maintains and a list of Prestel receivers, both business and domestic.

This is an interesting and, if a Prestel-type service ever comes our way, helpful little book. *So you want to be a Prestel Information Provider?* was published in 1982 by Aslib, was prepared by David Oliver, Catherine Sullivan and Joyce Barr, and is British Library Research and Development Report No. 5655. Copies are available from Aslib and for overseas customers cost £11 (£9.50 to Aslib members). (ISBN 0 85142 155 5)



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