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*Africa index to continental periodical literature* (ISBN 0 905450 09 4 (Zell); ISBN 3 598 21822 2 (Saur); ISSN 0378-4797) is an annual index to 'scholarly and semi-scholarly journals published but not necessarily printed within the African continent, excluding South Africa'. 1983 saw publication of no. 4/5, covering the years 1979-1980. Subject arrangement, author and subject indexes, 3445 entries. DM98.00 from Hans Zell Publishers, an imprint of K. G. Saur.

*International bibliography of special directories*, 7th edition (ISBN 3 598 20520 1; ISSN 0724-4126) was published by Saur last year. This is also volume 5 of the *Handbook of international documentation and information*. About 6000 entries, covers 50 countries, shows regular and irregular directories arranged by subject. If coverage of Australian titles is anything to go by, it's pretty good. But then, at DM168.00, you would expect it to be.

*Educational media yearbook* 1983 (ISBN 0 87287 384 6; ISSN 0000-037X) from Libraries Unlimited. Ninth in the Series. 'Significant current information about instructional technology/educational media'. Periodicals, reference works, grant information, educational programmes, associations and an overview of the year's progress. US\$47.50.

*Sources of the history of Asia and Oceania in the Netherlands*, part 2, sources 1796-1949 (ISBN 3 598 21477 4) was published by Saur last year. Covers 28km of archives in about 750 different archives and collections. A happy hunting-ground for Australian historians in Holland. Compiled by Frits G. P. Jaquet, this volume is also known as *Guides to the sources for the history of the nations: series 3: North Africa, Asia and Oceania: volume 4*. DM220.00.

*Russian for librarians and Russian books in libraries* (ISBN 0 85157 359 2) by Gregory Walker is now in its second edition. Basic grammar. 700 essential words. Information on Russian publishing practice. Also lists bibliographical reference works and abbreviations, and shows you how to spot other languages using the Cyrillic alphabet. Russian acquisitions and cataloguing without tears. From Bingley last year. £11.25, and worth every rouble of it.

*Introduction to United States public documents* (ISBN 0 87287 359 5) by Joe Morehead should need no introduction. Its third edition was published by Libraries Unlimited last year and is an essential handbook to help you through the labyrinth of American government publications. Summa cum laude. US\$28.50.

*Congressional publications: a research guide to legislation, budgets and treaties* (ISBN 0 87287 358 7) was also published by Libraries Unlimited last year. Author Jerrold Zwirn throws limpid light on some of the more specialised recesses of the labyrinth. Thorough. US\$22.50.

*British library history: bibliography 1977-1980* (ISBN 0 85365 805 6) published by the Library Association last year. Supplements volumes covering 1969-1972 and 1973-1976. Theses, monographs, journal articles. Library history is alive and well in the Old Dart. Edited, thoroughly, by Denis F. Keeling. £15.00.

*The challenge of aging: a bibliography* (ISBN 0 87287 387 0) for those who are not quite history, published last year by Libraries Unlimited. Nontechnical reading list, extensively annotated, on the lifetasks of those of a certain age. Compiled by Margaret E. Monroe and Rhea Joyce Rubin. US\$22.50. Sensitive done.

## A TAFE SECTION — is it a possibility?

TAFE library staff in NSW have been concerned for some years about their inability to promote the cause of TAFE Library Services politically and within the community. The NSW Association of TAFE Library Staff — usually referred to by the acronym ATLS (NSW) — was formed in December 1983. Initially, the activities of ATLS (NSW) will be directed towards the improvement of library services to TAFE staff and students in NSW.

However, a national voice is needed not only by NSW but by TAFE in other States. There are many concerns common to all States, and some of the changes necessary can only be resolved at a national level. If TAFE library staff in other States agree that a TAFE Section of the Library Association of Australia would be the most appropriate group at a national level, the Executive Committee of ATLS (NSW) would be happy to exchange ideas on its formation.

'The role of Sections as a major body at the federal level is to undertake and initiate projects to improve the standard of libraries and librarianship, in their particular fields of interest'. (Susan Acutt, *Role of Sections and Sectional Groups*, LAA, 1983.) To form a Section there must be the support of not less than 100 professional and/or library technician members of the LAA, resident in the majority of States and/or Territories. National Sections receive funding directly from General Council — at present \$1,000.00 per Section, paid in two half-yearly instalments.

It is, perhaps, timely to consider the formation of a TAFE Section now as the LAA/NZLA Conference in Brisbane in August will provide interested persons with the opportunity to meet and discuss the formation of a Section.

If you are interested please contact:

(Ms) B. Burgess, Chairperson, ATLS (NSW), C/-Bankstown Library, 500 Chapel Rd, Bankstown. 2200.	(Ms) J. Engall, Secretary, ATLS (NSW), C/-Baulkham Hills College of TAFE Library, Old Northern Rd, Baulkham Hills. 2153.
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In the meantime talk about the proposal with your colleagues and friends. NOW is a very good time to ACT.

Judy Engall

## MS Read-A-Thon

In the last five years a programme which actively encourages children to read has been operating throughout Australian schools. Called MS Read-a-thon, it is a Fund Raising programme for research into Multiple Sclerosis.

In those five years more than two million books have been read by Australian children participating in the programme, which is widely supported and encouraged by parents and teachers throughout Australia.

Children can join the MS Read-a-thon through either a special School Assembly Presentation at their school or by contacting the MS Society who will send them their official Kit and instructions on how to take part in the Programme.

For further information contact the MS Society in your state. Listed below are the starting dates for the Programmes.

NSW .....	4 June
ACT .....	4 June
Victoria .....	28 May
South Australia .....	29 May
Northern Territory .....	14 May
Tasmania .....	18 June
Western Australia .....	18 June

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## Reference Services Librarian

Applications are invited for the position of Reference Services Librarian.

The appointee will be responsible to the Reader Services Librarian for the provision of services by the Reference Services Section. These include reference, and computer assisted information retrieval, reader education, and audio-visual services. The appointee will participate in general reference work and reader assistance, and will assume specific responsibility for the conduct and development of reader education programs.

Rostered evening and weekend duties are required, as is participation in weekend schools arranged for the benefit of off-campus students.

Applicants should have a degree, approved qualifications in Librarianship, and appropriate experience in reference work and reader education, preferably in an academic library.

**Salary:** within the range \$22,724 - \$26,279 (Assistant Librarian 2) depending upon qualifications and experience.

Further information is available from the Reader Services Librarian, Mr. R.K. Day, telephone (052) 47 1352.

Written applications (quoting reference number 84/31) close on 23 May 1984 and should include a full resume detailing qualifications and experience. Applications should be sent to the Personnel Branch, Deakin University, Victoria, 3217. Telephone (direct line) (052) 47 1131.)

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## LIBRARIES OF SYDNEY, 2ND EDITION

The first edition of the 'Libraries of Sydney' directory was published in 1979. The LAA intends to publish a second edition in 1985.

Users of this directory are invited to comment on format and content changes that could be considered for incorporation in this new edition, or on any aspect of its use. Please address correspondence to:

Ralph Reid  
1 Ian Street  
North Ryde 2113.

The reason why worry kills more people than work, is that more people worry — Robert Frost

## LAA Education for Librarianship Section

The Information Professional. National Conference, 1984. Melbourne, November 26, 27, 28. Glasshouse Theatre, RMIT.

Contact: Janette Wright, Department of Librarianship RMIT (03) 660 2963.