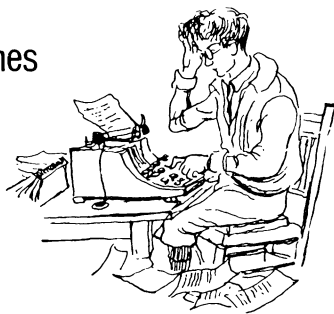


# THE SOURCE

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## ANZATS — what's that?

A useful little book published by the Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools (ANZATS) lists not only member institutions, but also provides biographical notes on their academic staffs. The schools represent a variety of denominations, including Catholic, Anglican, Uniting, Baptist, Churches of Christ and Lutheran. So in fact it provides pretty full coverage of academic theologians in Australasia.

The *Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Studies fact book*, as it is known, 1985/1986 edition, is available from the ANZATS Secretary, Rev G. L. Barnes, c/o United Theological College, 420 Liverpool Road, Enfield, NSW 2136, for \$5.00 post free. No ISBN or ISSN)

## Rare by-product

Brian R. Howes has been working for some time on his *Guide to fine and rare Australian books*, and in the process delved into the rar from barren fields of antiquarian book-dealers' catalogues. He has collected together details of over 1500 such catalogues, from 69 dealers in Australia and New Zealand, showing date of issue, number of items, titles of catalogues, or subject covered. Most date from the late seventies and early eighties.

The rather prosaically-titled *A checklist of some recent Australasian antiquarian book-dealers' catalogues*, by Brian R. Howes, will be of interest to collectors and to libraries which still have the resources to hunt antiquarian books. It was published last year by the author, and is available from him at PO Box 82 South, Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650 for \$15.00 post free. (ISBN 0 9590144 0 3)

## 91 specials

Special libraries with interests as diverse as puppetry and police science are listed in the third edition of *NSW Government special libraries directory*, which was published last year by the New South Wales Government Special Libraries Group. The familiar format is followed faithfully: addresses and phone numbers, personnel, subject scope, collection size, access conditions and voucher requirements.

This is a useful guide to this group of libraries, and it was compiled by Rosemary Bell, Librarian, Department of Main Roads, PO Box 198, Haymarket, NSW 2000 (phone (02) 218 6520). (ISSN 0726-7754)

## Caught mapping

Where would you find out how much of the Northern Territory has been mapped? Or which flood maps of NSW are now available? Questions such as these require access to the multiplicity of lists and catalogues of official and unofficial mapping agencies in Australia. For help in tracing these you could reach for the *Checklist of Australian map catalogues and indexes*, a second edition of which was published last year. Edited by Dorothy F. Prescott and Judith Scurfield, this modest 23-page monograph lists and indexes 137 sources of information, covering subjects as diverse as Aboriginal sea rights and gemstones.

Copies of the *Checklist* are available from the Business Manager, Australian Map Circle, 9 Fortune Street, Box Hill North, Vic 3129. It costs \$10.00, post free. (ISBN 0 9593900 3 0).

## Rare, but well done

The literature of rare books in Australia is not overwhelming. Some of the references are indeed as fugitive as some of the rariora themselves. All the more useful, then, is Trevor Mills' 65-page *Rare books collections in Australian libraries: an annotated bibliography*, which was published last year by the Bibliographical Society of Australia and New Zealand (BSANZ). This work is both a guide to published sources of information on rare book collections and on individual items in them, with some important restrictions: coverage is restricted to books printed before 1801, Australiana is excluded, and comprehensive coverage of privately-owned collections has not been attempted.

Within these confines, Mills has produced a helpfully annotated, well-indexed and attrac-

tively-presented bibliography. *Rare books collections in Australian libraries* is BSANZ Occasional Publication no 3 and costs \$12.00 (\$8.00 to BSANZ members). It is available from the Society c/o Graduate School of Librarianship, Monash University, Clayton, Vic 3168. (ISBN 0 9598271 2 9)

## Naturally Canadian

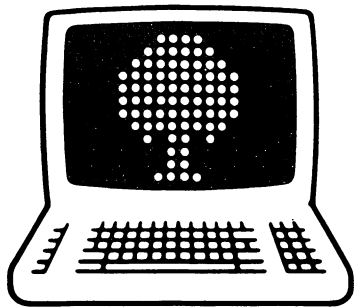
Gabriel Pal's *How to find information on Canadian natural resources* is an excellent example of a guide to the literature which has been produced on a modest budget: word processor, camera-ready copy, and then a few bob well spent on design. This 182-page paperback, published last year by the Canadian Library Association, provides a general introduction to searching the literature, followed by a more specific chapter on the periodical literature (including online indexing and abstracting services). The remainder of the work consists of separate sections dealing with energy, minerals, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, wildlife, water and climate, each with its own introduction. Most entries are annotated, and there is a title/keyword index — this means, in fact, 'title and subject keyword' index — which is adequate.

*How to find information on Canadian natural resources* by Gabriel Pal was published in 1985 by the Canadian Library Association and costs C\$25.00. (ISBN 0 88802 178 X)

## Biographical bonanza

Biographies of some 15,000 writers for 'young adults' can be traced using the second edition of *Writers for young adults: biographies master index*, which was published by Gale Research in 1984. This is yet another volume in the Gale biographical index series, indexing entries in over 500 biographical dictionaries in the familiar manner. It aims to be comprehensive, and includes references to writers specialising in teenage fiction as well as 'writers of adult fiction and nonfiction whose work has been designated as suitable for young adults' in various sources. There is also a sprinkling of writers in other media, such as songwriters and screenwriters. This work will be useful for specialised collections which do not already hold the massive *Biography and genealogy master index*, from which it is drawn.

*Writers for young adults: biographies master index*, edited by Adele Sarkissian, was published by Gale Research in 1984 and costs US\$85.00. (ISBN 0 8103 1473 8)



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