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New Directory of Special Libraries is bigger and better than ever

THIS LATEST edition of the *Directory of Special Libraries in Australia* includes over 1200 special libraries and information centres. The information for the Directory was collected in the first quarter of 1991 from a mailing to all the libraries and information centres that were included in the last edition. Non-respondents were followed up by telephone and fax, as were the many notes of new and moved libraries which were returned with the update forms. All information received by 25 September 1991 is included in the directory.

It is intended that the database, which was compiled using InMagic software, will be updated quarterly. The printed edition will appear biennially, and essential update columns will appear in *Australian Special Libraries*.

Entries are arranged alphabetically within each state, by the name of the parent body. The Organisation/Library Name Listing includes the parent body's name and the specific library names, but not the 'alternate' names. For example, you won't find the 'Australian Institute of Sport'—you have to know that it is the 'Australian Sports Commission' or the 'National Sport Information Centre'. The Subject Listing has been compiled from the subjects designated by the respondents, producing strings of near synonyms and occasional typos, like the drunken science of 'physhics'.

Minor quibbles apart, this is a splendidly presented loose-leaf publication which, like its predecessors, will be an essential work of reference for us all.

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The City of Melbourne

Materials Selection and Collection Development Policy

THE LIBRARIES and Community Information Branch of the City of Melbourne consists of four public libraries (at Flemington, Carlton, North Melbourne and East Melbourne, with a Branch library at North Melbourne), the Corporate Library, and a community information service, collectively known as 'Melbourne City Libraries'.

The libraries maintain and promote a readers' advising, reference and lending service of print and non-print materials for adults, young people and children. The libraries' English language collections include fiction, non-fiction, large print, audio cassettes, magazines, newspapers and pamphlets. They maintain resources for adults and children from a non-English speaking background, and provide a range of community programs. A home delivery service is provided to people who are unable to visit the library. Regular library visits are also made to local ethnic groups.

The Corporate Library provides services to the Corporation's staff and Councillors. The role of the libraries and Community Information Branch is to meet the information, education, recreation, literacy and language needs of the community through the provision and distribution of print and audio visual resources, and a diverse range of library-based services.

The Materials Selection and Collection Development Policy has been developed to present guidelines for the development of the Libraries' collection to people throughout the municipality, and to the Councillors and staff of the City of Melbourne. The Policy serves a number of purposes. Most importantly it provides information to the community, to enable everyone to contribute to the development of the range of books and other library materials available within the community. The Policy is also a working tool that provides guidance to staff in selecting materials. It provides a coordinated approach to shaping the libraries' collection, and it will assist in the provision of a library and information service, both for the present and the future.

This elegantly produced 34-page document, on recycled paper, will interest all who are concerned with public library management. *The City of Melbourne—Materials Selection and Collection Development Policy* (ISBN 0-94-9624-50-0) is available for sale at \$15.00, from: Melbourne City Libraries, 12-18 Meyers Place, MELBOURNE Vic 3000. Tel: (03) 650 5622; Fax: (03) 650 2265

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