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MINNESOTA UNION LIST OF SERIALS

A new microfiche edition of the Minnesota Union List of Serials (MULS) has been produced. Published as the second edition, revised, January 1979, this new MULS includes the holdings of nine additional Minnesota libraries. The serial collections of twenty-three South Dakota libraries are also included. The incorporation of the South Dakota records is covered by a contract between the State of South Dakota and the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board. Funding for this portion of the South Dakota project was granted by the Bush Foundation. Continuing in the tradition of the earlier South Dakota Union List of Serials, six Iowa college libraries, members of the Colleges of Mid-America (an interstate consortium) are also included.

Accompanying the microfiche is a pamphlet reproducing the introductory pages and code lists. It is hoped that this will make the determination of locations of titles go a bit more quickly. By mistake, some holdings locations were printed for libraries with which there is no resource sharing arrangement. These Montana holdings are in the data base as a result of contract work done by MINITEX and are not valid in the network. A list of these invalid symbols appears on page xx of the pamphlet.

Each MINITEX participating library has been provided with one copy of the new MULS. Additional copies are available to participating libraries at \$35.00 a set and to non-participants at \$60.00. The microfiche is 42x, and can be read on a 48x reader. Address orders to the MINITEX Office.

NEW MINITEX MANUAL

The MINITEX Manual of procedures for accessing the Reference Services: Document Delivery, Reference/Information, Online Literature Search, Periodicals Exchange, and Locations Search, has been completely rewritten and was published in February. The new manual was first presented and discussed by public service staff of MINITEX participating libraries at regional meetings held in Saint Paul at the University of Minnesota on February 20, Fargo near the North Dakota State University on February 27, and St. Joseph at the College of St. Benedict on March 9.

MINITEX routinely distributes one copy of its publications to each participating library. The manual was given to each library represented at the regional meetings or later mailed to libraries not able to attend these meetings.

THROW AWAY ALL EARLIER MANUALS

A few extra copies of the Manual are available and for sale at \$5.00 each to MINITEX participants. Address orders to the attention of Mark Eckes.

FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF COPYRIGHT LAW

The Ad-Hoc Copyright Subcommittee of the American Library Association Legislation Committee has asked for suggestions for the Five-Year Review of the 1976 Copyright Law. They request librarians to make a statement of the issues we believe the Copyright Office should examine as part of the review. Mail your comments to the ALA Washington Office, 110 Maryland Ave NE, Box 54, Washington, DC 20002.

LOCATION SEARCH SERVICE--CODES SUPPLIED

To initiate a location search request to MINITEX, a library adds "NLOC" to an inter-library loan request. If MINITEX is not able to fill the request through resources available to the network, we will provide the requesting library with the symbols of libraries outside the network which are listed in bibliographic tools as owning the title. Two types of codes will generally appear.

If the location is found in the National Union Catalog or its Register of Additional Locations, the Union List of Serials, New Serial Titles, National Register of Microform Masters or Newspapers in Microform, it will be represented by a symbol of variable length, usually consisting of both upper and lower case letters. These are derived from a mnemonic system based upon geographical location which was developed by the Library of Congress.

Libraries receiving these LC symbols from MINITEX may want to buy Symbols of American Libraries, 11th edition, Washington, Library of Congress, 1976. It costs \$3.00 (includes postage) and may be ordered from the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Navy Yard Annex, Washington, D.C. 20541.

The other codes supplied by MINITEX are from the OCLC data base. These are three-letter, upper case symbols which have very little, if any, mnemonic significance. OCLC issues a list titled "OCLC Participating Libraries Arranged by OCLC Symbol" every six months. These are sent only to libraries cataloging on OCLC. You might be able to obtain superseded editions from neighboring OCLC libraries. MINITEX receives a few extra copies which we'll send on request as available.

For more information about the location search service, see the MINITEX Manual, page 44.

PUBLICATIONS TO NOTE

An article by Jack King of Hamline University, "Put a Prussian Spy in Your Library," appears in the Fall 1978 issue of RQ, vol. 18, no.1, pp. 30-37. It is a discussion of the process of providing information.

"The Role of the School Library Media Program in Networking" has been prepared by the Task Force on the Role of the School Library Media Program in the National Program and published by the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. It is available from NCLIS, 1717 K Street N.W., Suite 601, Washington, DC 20036

ONLINE WORKSHOPS

MINITEX sponsored two Lockheed Introductory Systems Seminars which were held on March 1-2 and 7-8 at the Hennepin County--Southdale Library in Edina. Dr. Joseph DiSalvo of Lockheed was the instructor for each session. With this training, the 24 librarians from MINITEX libraries who attended are prepared to perform computer-assisted literature searching and produce subject bibliographies from the numerous data bases available online via the Lockheed DIALOG System.

The growth of online subject searching in the network is exciting to watch. MINITEX offers online search services to libraries not having the equipment and staff expertise to respond to patron requests for computer searches. The local library, however, is ultimately the best place for patrons to obtain this service. Libraries are encouraged to consider adding this as a local service whenever feasible and justified by local need.

COMING AND GOING

Farewell to those moving on to other states: Shawn Duffy from the Legislative Reference Library, Tom Taylor from the South Dakota State Library, Dottie Hiebing from Northwest Regional Library, Harry Dutcher from Kitchigami Regional Library, Stephen Von Vogt from the Viking Library System, Dennis Lawson from Virginia Public Library, and Suzanne LeBarron from the OPLIC/NEH project.

Julie Chase is the Acting Director at Northwest Regional. New librarians at the Legislative Reference Library are Bruce Willms, Technical Services and Dan Gjelton, Reference. Let us know about new staff so that we can keep our mailing lists up to date.

RESOURCE SHARING THOUGHTS

Library resource sharing turns out to fit right into a theory of Buddhist economics expounded by E.F. Schumacher in his book Small is Beautiful. We often say that interlibrary loans are pursued for patrons only in cases of special, unusual need and not for the regular needs of the local library community, that strong local collections and human resources are essential for effective library service, and that libraries borrowing from others need to be aware of the impact they have on the patrons of those other libraries.

Schumacher writes, "From the point of view of Buddhist economics, therefore, production from local resources for local needs is the most rational way of economic life, while dependence on imports from afar and the consequent need to produce for export to unknown and distant peoples is highly uneconomic and justifiable only in exceptional cases and on a small scale. Just as the modern economist would admit that a high rate of consumption of transport services between a man's home and his place of work signifies a misfortune and not a high standard of life, so the Buddhist economist would hold that to satisfy human wants from faraway sources rather than from sources nearby signifies failure rather than success. The former tends to take statistics showing an increase in the number of ton/miles per head of the population carried by a country's transport system as proof of economic progress, while to the latter--the Buddhist economist-- the same statistics would indicate a highly undesirable deterioration in the pattern of consumption." (Schumacher, E.F., Small Is Beautiful, Economics as if People Mattered, NY, Harper & Row, 1975, p.59)

And what of the benefits of the Buddhist economic system? He says "The optimal pattern of consumption, producing a high degree of human satisfaction by means of a relatively low rate of consumption, allows people to live without great pressure and strain." (p.58)

TWX SOUND SHIELD FOR SALE

FOR SALE. TWX sound shield, Gates Acoustinet 185C for TWX Model 85 Teletype with pushbutton dial and tape capacity. Original cost \$311.00. Will sell for best offer. Hill Reference Library. 612-227-9531.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

The Library at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter received some Lilly Foundation funding for a two-month project to assist in the performance evaluation of the professional staff. The project includes the development of a structured self- and peer-evaluation, as well as an outside consultant, all focusing on performance assessment for professional librarians in their service to students and faculty.

The grant allowed, and MINITEX was happy to co-sponsor, an open meeting on March 5. Eldred Smith, Director of the University of Minnesota Libraries and consultant to the project, presented a paper and conducted a seminar. Mr. Smith is nationally recognized for his work in this field. The meeting provided an opportunity for sharing this expertise with MINITEX colleagues.

CELTIC LIBRARY AT COLLEGE OF ST. THOMAS

Several members of the O'Shaughnessy Library staff at the College of St. Thomas in Saint Paul are preparing the Celtic Library, a special collection of 4800 titles focusing on Ireland, Scotland and Wales, for eventual use. Many unique Celtic-related titles are being contributed to the OCLC data base. During the project (1978-82), the Celtic Library will be a "closed" collection, and once it has been cataloged, it will be a limited-access collection. Because of the rarity and/or fragility of most of the items in the collection, Celtic Library titles will not circulate.

GRANT MONEY FOR TWO-YEAR COLLEGES

The National Endowment for the Humanities is inviting community, junior, technical, and other two-year colleges to apply for grants under the Public Library Program for the Humanities. To be eligible, the two-year college must provide direct library services to the general public--in any of the fields broadly defined as the humanities.

Contact Nancy Doyle Bolt, Acting Assistant Director of the Public Library Program, National Endowment for the Humanities, 806 15th Street NW, M.S. 406, Washington, D.C. 20506 for more information.

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MLA PRE-CONFERENCES PLANNED

Meetings of the MINITEX Reference Users Group (RUG) and Catalogers User Group (CUG) have been scheduled as a pre-conference of the Minnesota Library Association spring conference at Concordia College in Moorhead.

Elizabeth F. Stroup, Director of General Reference at the Library of Congress will speak to the reference librarians on "Exhausting Your Resources" and "Appropriate Referrals." Kaye Gapen, Director of Technical Services at Iowa State University and an OCLC trustee, will speak to the catalog librarians on "Retrospective Conversion--Planning, Implementation, Potential Use." She will also address the combined groups on "Automation, Codes and Standards in Technical Services and Their Relationship to Public Services."

The dates of the Pre-Conference are May 16-17. Program details and registration information will be forthcoming from MINITEX. Room reservations for the night of the 16th should be made through MLA Conference Registration.

VISITORS

Recent visitors to MINITEX have been Stephen R. Salmon, Library Plans and Policies, University of California System; and Phyllis Land, Indiana Department of Public Instruction.

NETWORKING READING

A good source of information about the current networking scene is Susan K. Martin's Library Networks 1978-79 (New York, Knowledge Industry Publications, 1978). Martin discusses history, present operation, and future developments of various automated systems and focuses particularly on the major utilities--OCLC, RLIN (formerly BALLOTS), Washington Library Network (WLN) and University of Toronto Library Automation Systems (UTLAS). It may be an especially useful guide for library personnel with little background in automated services.

Information about current developments toward the creation of a National Library Network can be found in a series of "Network Planning Papers" of the Network Development Office at the Library of Congress. The series includes Network Planning Paper #1: A Nationwide Location Database and Service, #2: A Glossary for Library Networking, #3: Initial Consideration for a Nationwide Data Base, and #4: Message Delivery System for the National Library and Information Service Network: General Requirements. All four Planning Papers are available on request from the Customer Services Section, Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Navy Yard Annex, Bldg. 159, Washington, D.C. 20541.