

PROFESSIONAL READING

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Outspoken, Articulate White

White, Herbert S. **Librarians and the Awakening from Innocence: A Collection of Papers.**

G.K. Hall. 1989. 382p. index. LC 88-32652.
ISBN 0-8161-1892-2. \$38.50.

In this collection of 37 articles and papers, Dean White of Indiana University's School of Library and Information Science challenges the theoretical, philosophical, and practical bases of many library educational, political, and management practices. His outspoken views are articulated on required continuing education, stricter accreditation standards, taking risks, library budget negotiations, periodicals prices, the uselessness of user studies, etc. Most are opinion pieces, and about two-thirds date from the past five years. The tone of these articles is strong; the message is that librarians need to think more aggressively about obtaining resources, their professional image, library education, and what libraries can be. Collected as a group these essays powerfully convey the ideas of a leader of the library profession. Recommended for all librarians.—*Mary Jane Brustman, SUNY at Albany Libs.*

Non-ARL Stats

ACRL University Library Statistics, 1987-88.

Assn. of College & Research Libraries. 1989. 79p. ISBN 0-9389-8288-8. \$49.95; members, \$29.95.

This is the fifth in a series of statistical compilations on non-ARL university libraries of the United States and Canada. (The data collected since 1978-79 are also available in machine-readable form from ACRL.) The number of university libraries included has been increased from 81 in 1985-86 to 100 this time, but college and junior college libraries have been omitted. The data are organized into the same 26 categories as in 1985-86, covering collections, interlibrary loans, personnel, and expenditures. There are bound to be some mistakes in a compilation this size, but five mathematical errors in the "% Increase" column on p. 6 are disturbing.—*Thomas F. O'Connor, Manhattan Coll. Libs., Bronx, N.Y.*

No-Nonsense Acquisitions

Eaglen, Audrey. **Buying Books.**

Neal-Schuman. (How-To-Do-It Manuals for Librarians, No. 4). 1989. 166p. bibliog. index. ISBN 1-55570-013-6. \$35.

Writing from the trenches, Eaglen has given us a spunky and no-nonsense,

though occasionally simplistic, manual for "how to buy books good." Her premise—that librarians must understand publishing as a business in order to purchase books wisely—is certainly indisputable. To this end she provides a good overview of the economics of a risky business and its impact on library book purchasing. Her section on publishers, retailers, and wholesalers is informative and interesting, but the section on automated acquisitions disappoints. Although a case study of one library's in-house system may seem appropriate for the book's how-to focus, this section would have been more useful as an evaluation and comparison on commercially available systems. Eaglen has her biases—she dismisses approval plans as "a waste of time, money, and professional training" and she provides virtually no information on purchasing foreign materials. Nonetheless, *Buying Books* succeeds as a practical guide to acquiring domestic in-print materials for acquisitions librarians in public and small academic libraries. Recommended.—*Betsy Kruger, Acquisitions, Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Lib.*

Online Guidelines

Sieburth, Janice F. **Online Search Services in the Academic Library: Planning, Management and Operation.**

American Library Assn. 1988. 331p. index. LC 88-888. ISBN 0-8389-0490-4. pap. \$30.

Sieburth provides standard guidelines for the establishment, management, and expansion of online database search services in academic libraries. Seen as an integral component of the reference department, the goal of the service is to provide accurate, efficient, and, above all, current services to the patron. With this goal in mind, the author examines its planning and implementation; management issues such as financing and staffing; and control mechanisms such as procedures, evaluations, and reports. She reviews the role of the service within daily reference operations, as well as within the library organization. The impact of newer developments such as CD-ROM or even OPACs, however, is not fully discussed. Issues such as financing are fairly represented, yet end user search advocates will be disappointed as Sieburth edges toward reinforcing the librarian's intermediary role. Bibliographic references tend to be dated, yet the reading list for source material is fairly comprehensive. Recommended as a solid text for library school and academic reference departments.—*Mary Hemmings, Technical Svcs., Law Lib., Univ. of Calgary, Alberta, Canada*

Briefly Noted

Boccaccio, Mary, ed. **Constitutional Issues and Archives.**

Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference. 1989. 81p. pap. \$6.

A collection of papers presented at the fall 1987 meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC), the first in a planned series of Archival Symposia to be published by MARAC.—*MR*

The Community of the Book. 2d ed.

Library of Congress. 1989. 140p. index. ISBN 0-8444-0635-X. pap. \$10.95.

Subtitled *A Directory of Selected Organizations and Programs*, this project of the Center for the Book was compiled by Maurvne D. Williams and edited by the center's director, John Y. Cole. It is a guide to nearly 100 organizations that promote books and reading.—*MR*

Crawford, Walt. **MARC for Library Use: Understanding Integrated USMARC.** 2d ed.

G.K. Hall. 1989. 358p. permanent paper. index. LC 88-34724. ISBN 0-8161-1887-6. \$38.50; pap. ISBN 0-8161-1889-2. \$24.50.

Updated and revised from the 1984 edition to include changes in USMARC standards.—*MR*

Merrill-Oldham, Jan, ed. **Meeting the Preservation Challenge.**

Assn. of Research Libraries. 1989. 70p. permanent paper. ISBN 0-918996-15-5. pap. \$28; ARL members, \$14.

This volume contains the papers presented at the 11th Membership Meeting of the Association of Research Libraries on October 22, 1987. Includes entries from LC's James Billington and many university librarians.—*MR*

Smith, Adeline Mercer & Diane Rovena Jones. **Free Magazines for Libraries.** 3d ed.

McFarland. 1989. c.232p. appendix. index. LC 89-45001. ISBN 0-89950-389-6. pap. \$19.95.

This sewn softcover has been completely updated, increasing in size to include approximately 500 entries in 66 categories.—*MR*

Wright, Keith C. & Judith F. Davie. **Library & Information Services for Handicapped Individuals.** 3d ed.

Libraries Unlimited. 1989. 142p. index. LC 88-27189. ISBN 0-87287-632-2. \$24.50.

Updated from the 1983 edition, this volume contains a new chapter on handicaps caused by contagious diseases such as AIDS. This section also contains a resource list of organizations, books, videos, and curriculum materials.—*MR*

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