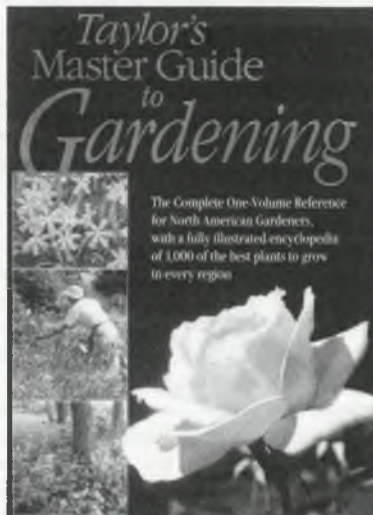


The All Music Book of Hit Singles

compiled by Dave McAleer (431 pages, September 1994), is the only book to show both U.S. and U.K. chart listings side by side for every month from 1954 to 1993. McAleer's unique system of comparison considers not only a record's weekly chart positions, but also the number of weeks it spent on the Top 10 and Top 20, its weeks at Number 1, and its performance on other major charts. Putting 40 years of pop and rock into perspective, the book also includes trivia, anecdotes, 175 photographs, a list of the top 100 U.S. and U.K. singles artists of all time (the Beatles number 2 in the U.S. but number 3 in the U.K.!), and special features on hits that never made the Top 20. \$22.95. Miller Freeman Books, 6600 Silacci Way, Gilroy, CA 95020. ISBN 0-87930-330-1.

The American Library Association Guide to Information Access

edited by Sandy Whiteley (533 pages, September 1994), describes information resources in both print and electronic form for high school researchers, undergraduates, and independent scholars. The main part of the book is made up of 36 topical chapters, from agriculture to writing. The introductory chapters are a minicourse on the major electronic sources of information: online services, bulletin boards, the Internet, CD-ROM, the bibliographic utilities, and online library catalogs. Traditional sources, such as government publications and newspapers, are also reviewed as are places where information can be found. Each of the topical chapters lists reference books, CD-ROM and online sources, periodicals, government publications and agencies, associations, libraries, LC subject headings, and re-



search centers relevant to the subject. This excellent handbook is a logical place to begin research in unfamiliar topics and is essential for undergraduate reference collections. \$35.00. Random House, 201 E. 50th St., New York, NY 10022. ISBN 0-679-43060-1.

Libraries and the Internet/NREN: Perspectives, Issues, and Challenges

by Charles R. McClure, William E. Moen, and Joe Ryan (516 pages, May 1994), identifies factors that will affect libraries' involvement in national networking policies. Of particular interest is chapter 2, which looks at how two technologically advanced university libraries (Carnegie Mellon and the University of Southern California) have met the challenges of an electronically networked environment. Other chapters examine the economics of networked information, the Federal Depository Library Program and the NREN, and library education and the NREN. \$35.00. Mecklermedia, 11 Ferry Lane West, Westport, CT 06880. ISBN 0-88736-824-7.

Open Systems, Client/Server, and Your Library

by Gary Lee Phillips and Stuart W. Miller (15 pages, revised ed., May 1994), describes in nontechnical terms the identifying characteristics of an open system and a client/server application and includes a brief look at the communication standards needed for this environment. A list of questions and answers are based on actual questions posed to Ameritech Library Services staff. Free from Ameritech Library Services, 1007 Church St., Evanston, IL 60201.

SALALM and the Area Studies Community

edited by David Block (235 pages, 1994), contains pa-

pers presented at the 37th Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials, held in Texas in 1992. Topics include area studies in the 21st century, Miami and the Cuban Revolution, people in the history of the Latin American book trade, approval plans, and cataloging backlogs. \$45.00 (plus \$2.50 handling). SALALM Secretariat, General Library, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131-1466. ISBN 0-917617-39-8.

The Sexual Harassment of Women in the Workplace, 1600 to 1993, by Kerry Segrave (273 pages, July 1994), looks at harassment in a variety of occupations from indentured servants and slaves to Tailhook and the Clarence Thomas/Anita Hill hearings. This book provides some insight into societal reaction to sexual harassment over the years, although it offers no solutions. A well-documented survey of a problem that is by no means new. \$32.50 (plus \$2.00 handling). McFarland & Co., Box 611, Jefferson, NC 28640. ISBN 0-7864-0007-2.

The Social Art: Language and Its Uses, by Ronald Macaulay (241 pages, March 1994), covers such topics as how a child acquires language skills, the magic power of words, regional dialects, conversation, language and thought, and pidgin and creole languages. The chapters are short, entertaining, and prime candidates for supplementary reading in undergraduate language courses. \$25.00. Oxford University Press, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. ISBN 0-19-508382-2.

Taylor's Master Guide to Gardening, edited by Rita Buchanan and Roger Holmes (624 pages, October 1994), is a one-volume reference book for gardeners, a compendium of authoritative information and advice to consult on planning, designing, and planting a home garden. More than 3,000 trees, shrubs, and flowers are described and illustrated in 300 line drawings and 1,300 stunning color plates. Descriptions focus more on gardening concerns than botanical features. In chapters on the ongoing care of the garden, environmentally sound practices and organic pest controls are recommended. There are excellent sections on making the most of small spaces, gardening for wildlife, and improving your soil. \$60.00. Houghton Mifflin Co., 215 Park Ave. South, New York, NY 10003. ISBN 0-395-64995-1.

Trade, Industrial, and Professional Periodicals of the United States, edited by Kathleen L. Endres (467 pages, June 1994), offers historical profiles of 66 specialized business periodicals, among them *Oil & Gas Journal*, *Farm Journal*, *Restaurants & Institutions*, *Industry Week*, and *Aviation Week & Space Technology*. Of particular interest are profiles of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and *Library Journal*. Each entry describes the journal's editorial policies, personnel, bibliographic information, and historical data. \$99.50. Greenwood Press, 88 Post Road West, Westport, CT 06881-5007. ISBN 0-313-28042-8. ■

ALA approves Goal 2000

ALA's Executive Board approved at its fall meeting "ALA Goal 2000: a Five-Year Plan to Position the Association for the Information Age." The plan was developed and submitted by ALA Executive Director Elizabeth Martinez.

Martinez said the goal is to have the association as closely identified with the public's right to a free and open information society—intellectual participation—as it is with intellectual freedom.

Some recommendations include expanding the ALA Washington Office to increase its ability to follow and influence national issues and legislation; establishing an Office of Information Technology; and creating an independent charitable foundation called the Fund for America's Libraries.

ALA Goal 2000 calls for a five-year thematic cycle for major ALA initiatives and activities that would provide a framework for activities of the association's divisions and units and maximize use of ALA resources.

Martinez also proposed a dues increase and establishment of the Fund for America's Libraries to support implementation of ALA Goal 2000. The dues increase, the first in ten years, would be devoted to expansion of the Washington Office and establishment of an Office for Information Technology.

The ALA Goal 2000 and the Fund for America's Libraries documents are now posted on the ALA Gopher under the menu item V: About ALA's Executive Board. To access the documents route your gopher client to gopher.mic.edu. ■