New Publications

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The Internet, edited by Brian Cooper, et al. (128 pages, October 1996), is one of the easiest and most practical guides to getting connected available today. Unlike other handbooks that get caught up with Unix commands and overwhelm the Net newbie with 20 pages of TCP/IP protocol history, the text is spare and the graphics are splendid. The only catch is that this book is specifically for Windows 95 users. Here are some of the user-friendly contents: using Windows 95 to configure your modem; questions you should ask a new service provider; time-saving e-mail tips; handling cookies; choosing the right search tool; configuring an IRC client; exploring virtual worlds. An excellent book for beginners as well as for those who haven't quite been keeping up with it all. $16.95. DK Publishing, 95 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. ISBN 0-7894-1288-8.

The Bernard Becker Collection in Ophthalmology: An Annotated Catalog, compiled by Lilla Wechsler, Christopher Hoolihan, and Mark F. Weimer (180 pages, 3d ed., July 1996), describes the holdings of this collection at Washington University's School of Medicine in St. Louis. One hundred additional items have been cataloged since the second edition was published in 1983. New to this edition are 18 color illustrations depicting opthalmological history. $45.00. Washington University, Bernard Becker Medical Library, 660 S. Euclid Ave., Box 8132, St. Louis, MO 63110. ISBN 0-912260-13-0.

Developing and Managing Video Collections, by Sally Mason-Robinson (133 pages, September 1996), is a practical manual for librarians faced with expanding their video holdings. The author covers evaluation, selection, policies, cataloging, display, and future technologies. Appendices contain *Booklist* criteria for evaluating nonprint materials, a model video evaluation form, applicable interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights, and prominent video festivals and awards. $39.95. Neal-Schuman Publishers, 100 Varick St., New York, NY 10013. ISBN 1-55570-230-9.

An Inordinate Fondness for Beetles, by Arthur V. Evans and Charles L. Bellamy (208 pages, December 1996), is a bug-lover's bible. The title is taken from an alleged remark by the British scientist J. B. S. Haldane who, when asked what could be inferred about the work of the Creator from a study of His works, replied, "an inordinate fondness for beetles" (Ringo was His favorite). Approximately 350,000 species of beetles have been described since 1758, an average of slightly more than four per day. Not all of them are cataloged here, but readers will get a close and colorful look at the Coleoptera in this well-illustrated volume. Chapters cover beetle anatomy and habitat, fossils, behavior, interactions with humans, collecting, and conservation. $40.00. Henry Holt and Co., 115 W. 18th St., New York, NY 10011. ISBN 0-8050-3751-9.

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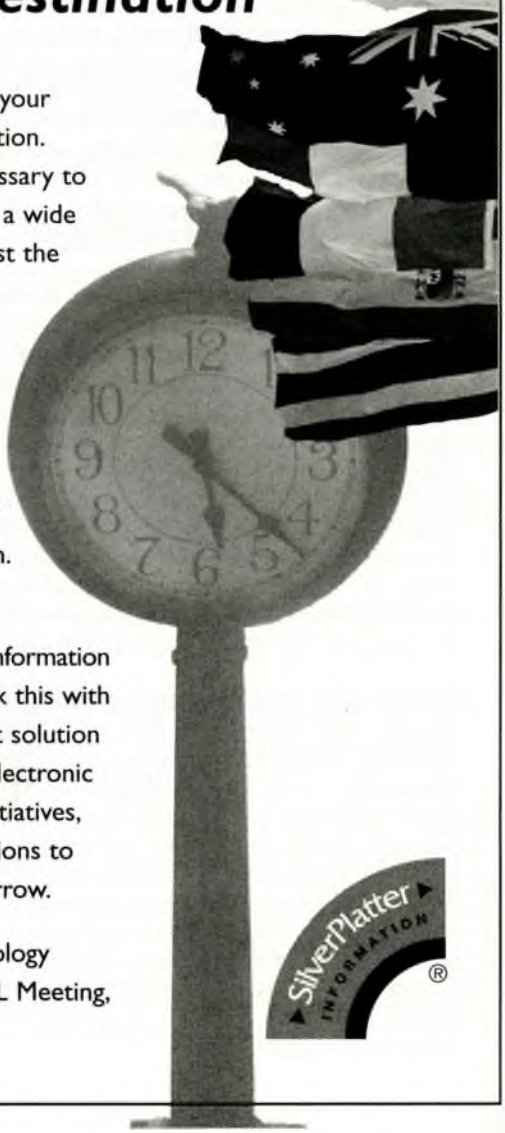

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