NEW TECHNOLOGY

•BAKER & TAYLOR and the R.R. BOWKER COMPANY have announced a new agreement on the exchange of bibliographic data on a regular basis as part of the final test phase of Bowker's Book Acquisition System (BAS) which begins test marketing this month. During this phase Baker & Taylor will be electronically linked to the Bowker system. The agreement ensures that BAS users and B&T customers will benefit from the most complete and current bibliographic and price information on more than 850,000 titles representing more than 15,000 publishers. The Bowker *Books in Print* database will receive daily price and status updates from Baker & Taylor in its ongoing business transactions, and Baker & Taylor will receive enhancements to its ISBN and forthcoming book information. Access to BAS will be provided by BRS. For further information, contact Baker & Taylor, 6 Kirby Avenue, Somerville, NJ 08876; (201) 722-8000.

•EIC/INTELLIGENCE, INC., has produced a new online database that covers information on the telecommunications industry, including regulation, domestic and international product developments, new research, financial reports, and management shifts. The database, called Tele/Scope, also offers full-text document retrieval and electronic mail capability. Contact: EIC/Intelligence, Inc., 48 West 38th Street, New York, NY 10018; (800) 223-6275.

•The EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICE has developed an online database, called Test Collection, of information on tests and assessment instruments. It can be accessed through BRS and includes measures of achievement, aptitude, intelligence, interests, personality, sensory-motor skills, special populations, and vocational-occupational areas. The descriptions include the test title, subtests, author, year of publication, indexing terms, availability, and other detailed information. For more information, contact Michael Kremin, BRS, 1200 Route 7, Latham, NY 12110; (518) 783-1161.

•The F.W. FAXON COMPANY introduced two new services at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in January. *INFOSERV* is a database of all new serial titles announced during the past three years, as well as serials that have undergone a significant change in title, publisher, edition, or scope. Libraries do not have to be a Faxon customer or a LINX user to access *INFOSERV*. *Union List* is a new module on LINX, the Faxon online serials management system. *Union List* groups can add, share, and maintain up-to-date information on their collective titles and holdings. Products include both group lists and individual member lists in hard copy, tape, or microfiche. For further information, contact F.W. Faxon Co., 15 Southwest Park, Westwood, MA 02090; (617) 329-3350.

•JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, Baltimore, has contracted with Biblio-Techniques to purchase the BLIS bibliographic subsystem software in support of the Milton S. Eisenhower Library's online catalog. It will eventually replace the card catalog as the union catalog for the university's six autonomous libraries. Initially the system will be used by library staff to complete the retrospective conversion of the library's 1.2 million bibliographic records. A $1.2 million grant from the Pew Memorial Trust provided the funds for the acquisition of hardware and software and for part of the retrospective conversion.

•PERSONAL BIBLIOGRAPHIC SOFTWARE, INC., has developed a Data Transfer System that allows personal computer users to download records from online library catalogs such as OCLC and RLIN and convert the record to a correctly punctuated, formatted bibliographic citation in a personal database. The system is a companion to the company's Personal Bibliographic System, and together they allow the user to compile, edit, and manage bibliographies. The system can download sound recordings, films, video recordings, maps, and music scores in addition to books and journal articles. The program is available for the IBM PC, Apple, and Victor 9000 microcomputers. Minimum requirements are 64K of memory, two disk drives, a serial interface, modem, and the Personal Bibliographic System. Contact Personal Bibliographic Software, P.O. Box 4250, Ann Arbor, MI 48106; (313) 996-1580.

•SIMMONS COLLEGE, Boston, has been awarded a $3,300 grant from OCLC to support development of *MicroUse*, a microcomputer-based database that will provide current information on microcomputer applications in libraries and information centers. Researchers at the Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science will carry out the project. Over 400 library microcomputer applications have been entered into the database and the development team is actively search-

ing for additional ones through newsletters, journals, users groups, and direct correspondence. Libraries or information centers with special projects involving microcomputers should contact Ching-chih Chen, GSLIS, Simmons College, 300 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02115.

•University Microfilms International has launched an electronic mail order service to researchers and librarians. Shipment of listed articles from more than 7,300 periodicals is guaranteed within 48 hours of the order entry. Hard copies of articles may be ordered electronically through several major computer communications systems including the OCLC Interlibrary Loan Subsystem, CLASS OnTyme, and ITT Dialcom, which supports the ALANET network. The system guarantees that reproduction rights of copyrighted materials have been obtained and the royalty fees paid. Most of the articles listed since 1978 in such indexes as *Index Medicus*, the H.W. Wilson indexes, *CIJE*, *Engineering Index*, and others are available. For further information, write the UMI Article Clearinghouse, 300 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

•The University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, Library reports that complete automation has resulted in a 10% increase in library use over the same period a year ago. Bibliographic records were placed into a Data Phase database as part of the ALIS II software package which became operational in January 1983. John J. Jax, assistant dean of learning resources, attributed the increased use to the added ease and efficiency of catalog searching and circulation transactions. ▪▪

PUBLICATIONS

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•*American Philanthropy, 1731-1860: Printed Works in the Collections of the American Philosophical Society, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and the Library Company of Philadelphia*, compiled by Cornelia S. King (1984), includes both organizational material, such as catalogs and annual reports of philanthropic agencies, and informational material, such as addresses delivered before these organizations. Arrangement is alphabetical by author of monograph and title of serial, with a full array of cross-references. The cost is $60 from Garland Publishing, 136 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016. ISBN 0-8240-9080-2.

•*Beauty and the Beasts*, by Stephen E. Weil, deputy director of the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden (1983), is a collection of 19 essays and speeches written by Weil since 1971 on developments in art and the law. The essays examine the problems of strengthening museum management and providing public accountability without compromising museum goals. Copies may be ordered for $9.95 paperback, $19.95 clothcover, from the Smithsonian Institution Press, P.O. Box 1579, Washington, DC 20013. Postage and handling are $1.50.

•*Branch Libraries in ARL Institutions*, SPEC Kit #99 (101 pages, November-December 1983), reviews the policies, practices, issues and trends concerning the establishment of branches, closing and consolidating branches, and the use of automation. Single copies may be purchased for $15, with checks made payable to the ARL Office of Management Studies, from the SPEC Center, ARL/OMS, 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

•*The Compleat Bookman: A Centennial Exhibition of the Work of Dard Hunter*, compiled by Robert A. Tibbetts (31 pages, 1983), celebrates the centennial of the birth of Dard Hunter (1883–1966), the Chillicothe, Ohio, papermaker, artist, typemaker, and printer who founded the Mountain House Press. This pamphlet describes the materials of two Dard Hunter exhibits at the libraries of Ohio State University, Columbus, and Ohio University, Chillicothe. Copies may be obtained from Robert A. Tibbetts, Curator, Special Collections, Ohio State University Libraries, 1858 Neil Avenue Mall, Columbus, OH 43210.

•*Current Problems in Copyright* is the theme for the Fall 1983 issue of *Library Trends*, edited by Walter C. Allen and Jerome K. Miller. Articles include a view of the Register of Copyrights' Five-Year Review Report by Nancy Marshall, and an examination of fair use under the 1976 Copyright Act by Roger D. Billings, Jr. Single copies may be ordered for $6 from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Publications Office, 249 Armory Building, 503 E. Armory Street, Champaign, IL 61820.

•*The Electronic Library: The Promise and the*