

can expect, the excellent advice contained in the intervening essays is lost and made to seem beside the point. The final lesson of the volume is the marginality of the book review to American literary scholarship. Taken as a whole, *Literary Reviewing* is a victim of the identity crisis that continues to grip higher education.—*Frank Immler, Humanities/Social Sciences Libraries, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.*

Sitzman, Glenn L. *African Libraries*. Metuchen, N.J.: Scarecrow, 1988. 486p. \$49.50 (ISBN 0-8108-2093-5). LC 87-35658.

African Libraries is a collection of unannotated bibliographies and descriptive essays on all types of libraries in Sub-Saharan Africa, excluding those in South Africa and the Comoros as well as the five North African countries of Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia. There are five parts, followed by a name index.

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Part 2, *Chronology of Library and Related Events, 1773-1984* (p.82-101), is useful for all types of research, as there is no other chronology for libraries in Africa during the colonial period (1885-1958) and after independence (1959 for most of the fifty African countries). Although the events for the first half of the twentieth century are somewhat sparse, Sitzman has provided a framework on which others may build. Use of this section is limited because names and places are not indexed.

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Part 4, Angola to Zimbabwe: a Nation-by-Nation Survey (p.158-259), according to the author is based on standard reference books such as the *Europa Year Book*, the *Unesco Statistical Yearbook*, and the *World of Learning*. This is the easiest part of *African Libraries* to use because the text is arranged alphabetically by name of country. The contents contain a number of statistics and dates followed by type of libraries, their names, locations, and in some cases, volumes held, but the intent seems to be the creation of a directory of African libraries. If so, then numbering

and indexing individual libraries might have been helpful for the user. Also, it should be noted that the list of sources used indicates that the information is five years old.

Part 5, Bibliography of African Librarianship (p.260-468), is the most important section, containing 2,700 unnumbered and unannotated citations to periodical and encyclopedia articles, monographs (unpaginated), and serials primarily in English, French, Scandinavian, and German, with a few titles in transliterated Russian. It is essential that the contents of the Guide to Arrangement of the Bibliography (p.262-69) be consulted before attempts are made to find references on Africa in general, Africana, interregional and regional titles, international meetings (1953-1984), and national bibliographies (further subdivided by name of country and then by type of library). The authors of books and articles are indexed in the name index. Updated supplements for 1986-87 are to appear in *Advances in Library Administration and Organization*. The com-

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