

# Chairman's Letter to the Education and Behavioral Sciences Subsection

It is time that the Education and Behavioral Sciences Subsection starts to become a working group. It is apparent both from the large group attracted in Kansas City and the number of letters received, that there are many librarians receptive to the idea of actively participating in its program. Its stated purpose is to provide a forum for the discussion of common problems. Lacking a simple communication medium, and as one annual meeting is hardly a forum, the formation of local area discussion groups has been suggested. At the Kansas City meeting a number of people filled out a questionnaire developed by Wayne Gossage. As briefly outlined below, it might serve to generate ideas:

1. What are the categories of materials and/or services with which we are distinctly concerned? a) subjects b) formats c) services
2. What deficiencies in cataloging, indexing, abstracting and other means of bibliographic control exist in our areas of concern?
3. What are the educational needs (for librarians, teachers, others) in our areas of concern?

There are doubtless other librarians in your city or town who could be included in such a discussion group. If you need help, we have begun to develop a file of interested people and you may write to me at New York University for the names of those near you. If there really is nobody, you might like to give us your own ideas in relation to these questions or any others pertinent to our area of responsibility.

The Nominating Committee for the 1969/70 officers is as follows: Howard Dillon (Harvard Graduate School of Education) is the Chairman, and serving with him are Barbara E. Anderson (San Francisco State College) and Toyo Kawakami (Ohio State University). The offices to be filled are those of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Chairman-Elect (who also serves as Program Chairman for the June 1970 meeting), and Secretary. Those interested in submitting names for consideration should write to Howard Dillon at Longfellow Hall, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138.

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ces Subsection when you send in your ALA/ACRL dues for 1969. That is the only way you can acquire an official voting membership.

We have requested our June 1969 meeting time in Atlantic City. As promised at our Kansas City meeting, this one is for the behavioral scientists. You will hear more when all plans and requests have been confirmed.

The Kansas City meeting was concerned with indexing in the field of education. Since June the following developments have occurred:

1. *Education Index*: The ALA Committee on Wilson Indexes of the Reference Services Division has met once to study the index. The regular committee is normally augmented by several subject specialists, and in this case, Sidney Forman, Wayne Gossage, and Barbara Marks have been included. By the time of the next meeting on December 4, returns should be in from the preliminary questionnaire sent to all 4,800-plus subscribers late in October. Suggestions on such matters as subject headings, book reviews, author entries, format, may be forwarded to Mrs. Marks for transmittal to the committee,

or be sent directly to Mr. Edwin Colburn at H. W. Wilson.

2. *JIE*: On the basis of a study of education journal indexing and abstracting commissioned by the Office of Education, ERIC is now planning to proceed with the publication of a new monthly index, called *JIE (Journal Index in Education)*. The plans are to start publishing during the Spring of 1969, with the indexing starting from January. Each ERIC Clearinghouse will do certain journals and will assign descriptors according to *The Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors*. It is planned that the format will be similar to that of *Research In Education*.

The revision of one index and the start of another is a lot of progress in six months!

We would be glad to hear of news in the field from any of you. For example, Toyo Kawakami is (when the rigors and exhaustion of Education Librarianship permit) working on a list of acronyms in education which we hope will be published and available to all of us who try to track down obscure initials in bibliographies. We will try to report news of general interest whenever we can. My own book,



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It's statistics time again! I know you're all hoping to see *Library Statistics of Colleges and Universities, 1967-68; Data for Individual Institutions* at midwinter ALA the week of January 26 here in Washington. Mr. Joel Williams of the National Center for Educational Statistics is hoping even harder that the report will be ready for you, in the new olive green covers that have been designed for all NCES publications in the Library Series.

The scheduling of this report had some very strict deadlines which had to be stringently enforced, if the publication were to be issued on time. Although the form contained the notation that it was to be completed and returned by October 1, only 700 out of a possible total of 2,500 had been returned by that date. Duplicate forms stamped "Second Request" were sent to nonresponding librarians on October 3, and another set of forms stamped "Third Request" went to nonrespondents in mid-October. By November 4, the total of forms received had climbed to 2,000, or 80 per cent.

However, each form required complex processing. It was carefully examined for errors and inconsistencies. Since October 1, the staff of NCES has written about 300 letters and probably made about 150 telephone calls to librarians in order to clear up problems. Thereafter, the statistics were keypunched and examined again, for errors and inconsistencies—this time on the computer. Naturally, this series of checks can result in the exclusion of numerous reports from the institutional listing.

NCES has made a valiant effort to include as many institutions as possible in order to present a widespread representation of academic libraries. By November 26, the deadline for this phase of the project, statistics for about 1,880 libraries (nearly 75 per cent of the 2,500

forms sent out) had been edited and key-punched.

What of the remaining reports? NCES will certainly use them. The staff is interested in a complete response from all academic libraries because it intends to publish an *Analytic Report* in the spring. This report will represent the totality of libraries and will present national summary tables.

When the NCES distributed the *Preliminary Report on Academic Libraries, 1966-67* last January, it promised you a complete report on individual institutional data by June. You must be wondering what happened. As you may remember, the original report included data on only 395 libraries. The complete report has been in the computer area for some time. Although the report has been given top priority by the Center, there have been unavoidable delays in the tabulating process. The data processing group, which is outside the Center, has reassured Mrs. Dorothy M. Gilford, the new Assistant Commissioner for Educational Statistics, that it is taking steps to expedite future publications through the use of contractual services, as has been done with the 1967-68 report.

Since Mrs. Gilford's arrival in May, she has placed an increased emphasis on the production of library statistics by the establishment of a new branch and the recruitment of a librarian staff member.

If you wish to discuss your library's statistics as they appear in *Data for Institutional Libraries*, call on Mrs. Doris Holladay or Dr. Bronson Price while you're in Washington. Mrs. Holladay is in room 1010 at 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, and Dr. Price is across the hall in room 1013. His phone number is 962-7443 and Mrs. Holladay's is 963-7708. And if you were one of those librarians who didn't make the October 1 deadline, do give the NCES staff a word of thanks for being patient with you. ■ ■

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*The New York University List of Books in Education*, has now been published. It is an annotated, subject-arranged bibliography of more than 2,800 titles recommended by the faculty of the School of Education, and has been published by Citation Press in New York. For further details see *Library Journal* for November 15, 1968.

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Science Subsection* ■ ■

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