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Analysis of Errors in the University of California Union Catalog Supplement. By Charles P. Bourne and others. Inst. of Library Research, Univ. of California, Berkeley. 1976. 81p. ED 127 922. MF—$0.83; HC—$4.67.

A study examined the error rate of the University of California Union Catalog Supplement, a forty-seven-volume, computer produced book catalog of the materials cataloged by the nine University of California campuses during the years 1963–67. The study attempted not only to determine the rate and nature of errors, but also to develop a methodology for studying large bibliographic files. A stratified sample of ninety-four pages was examined, types and rates of errors were identified, and errors were categorized according to degree of seriousness. This report describes the methodology and provides tabular summaries and explanations of the results.


Data are tabulated for Pennsylvania academic libraries in three main categories: collections (1974–75), staff salaries (1975–76), and operating expenditures (1974–75). Data on library collections cover number of volumes, microforms, and audiovisual titles. Information on library staff includes number of professional and support staff and staff status and salaries. Expenditures are tabulated by institutional category and by type of expenditure and institution.


A study was conducted at the Moffitt Undergraduate Library of the University of California at Berkeley to determine the extent and the cost of book losses due to theft and to determine the cost-effectiveness of book security systems. A sample inventory was taken, and the theft rate (13.7 percent) was statistically derived. The rate of loss was translated into a cost figure, projected over time, and compared with the cost of book security systems. It was shown that the cost of installing and operating a security system was far less than the projected cost of book thefts.


The current formula for staffing libraries and resource centers in Virginia public institutions of higher learning was examined by a subcommittee of library directors. Questionnaires were mailed to relevant institutions to collect information regarding: (1) input variables, (2) staffing needs as perceived by the directors of the institutions, and (3) current staffing data. Pearson product moment correlations were used to aggregate the data. A modified version of a staff formula previously used by the State University of New York was recommended to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.


Six university libraries were visited and observations were made on their procedures for indicating locations of reference books in card catalogs. Comparisons were made between other libraries and Wayne State University libraries in the following areas: (1) the decision.
to classify books as reference, (2) the labeling of reference books, (3) the reference catalog, and (4) ways of indicating reference locations on catalog cards. Recommendations for the Wayne State system were made.


The Committee on Safety and Emergencies of Cornell University Libraries compiled this loose-leaf guide to handling emergency situations within the libraries. The first section lists emergency situations in alphabetical order and provides step-by-step procedures intended to minimize danger to life and property. The remaining sections deal with organization of the committee, emergency planning coordinators in each building, methods of prevention and preparation for emergencies, and organizations outside the libraries that may become involved when emergency situations occur. Blank spaces are provided for names and phone numbers of persons trained in emergency procedures. A safety inspection checklist also is included.


A study was conducted to determine: (1) whether technical processes at the Booth Library, Eastern Illinois University, should be automated; and (2) if automation were required, which system would be economically and technically feasible. Data from 323 technical service transactions were selected on a random basis between July 1971 and June 1973, and the data analysis revealed sluggish movement of books through technical processing. Automation of specific processes was recommended, and appropriate technology was identified. The proposed system called for use of Library of Congress MARC tapes to generate new book notices, book orders, and catalog cards. It was estimated that the new system would save more than $30,000 within five years of the implementation.


Written for an undergraduate course at the University of California at Berkeley, this handbook also serves as a general text on library use. Detailed instruction is given on the use of card catalogs, reference materials, periodicals, newspapers, microforms, government documents, and other library collections. Major general reference works are described, and representative specialized works are listed. A model search strategy for researching a subject is outlined, and suggestions are given for bibliographic citation formats, note taking, and using unfamiliar libraries. A guide to twenty-seven libraries on the Berkeley campus and a glossary of library terminology are included.

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Georgi, Charlotte. The Arts and the World of Business; A Selected Bibliography. Supplement II. Research Paper, no. 33. Los Angeles: Graduate School of Management, Univ. of California, 1976. 98p. $5.00.

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