viable and beneficial one on which to spend so much time, energy, and money, the answer appears to be an unequivocal yes.

The significance of this study cannot be overemphasized. The need for procedures, forms, staffing, and administration of non-traditional continuing education projects will become more and more pressing. Continuing education has not come upon the scene without its questions and challenges; and this very important book provides a foundation for present needs and future studies.—Sylvia G. Faibisoff, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb.


Since 1974, librarians at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside have been teaching library research skills to students majoring in several disciplines. This is one of the series of manuals that have been developed cooperatively by librarians and faculty members to assist in this effort. Each text is designed to introduce the students to library resources in a relatively short period of time and in a way that involves the student in the actual use of the materials.

The library edition of Materials & Methods for Political Science Research is composed of a workbook and an instructor's manual, both of which are available separately for course adoption.

The workshop introduces students to, and requires them to use, a wide variety of reference tools. It focuses on the methods of information gathering and the types of information sources appropriate for research and independent study in political science. In each of twelve chapters a specific type of material and its use for political science students is discussed, followed by assignments that test the ability of the individual to use standard sources in locating information. The focus of the last chapter is the study of techniques and search strategies that are necessary to complete a successful research project.

The instructor's manual is designed to be used by the instructor in conjunction with the workbook. Specific suggestions regarding instructional procedures, the role of the library staff, and sources are given. A checklist of titles used enables the instructor to determine whether the library owns the exact editions of the titles used for the assignments. To save the instructor the time-consuming chore of creating individual question sets for use with the workbook, twenty different sets of fill-ins containing specific information requests are provided in section 7. Thus the assignments are individualized. Although every student reads the same question, each is asked for a different item of information.

This volume and others in this series are welcome additions to the growing list of materials that are available for library bibliographic instruction. The workbooks can be used for independent or guided study courses, noncredit study or continuing education programs, and graduate library science courses. They are useful either for a one-credit course or for the library unit of a three-credit methods course.

The manuals are adaptable and can easily be used by academic or library faculty. All of the titles used as examples are generally available in medium-size college libraries. These volumes are invaluable and should be available in all academic libraries. Being acquainted with them is a must for all reference and library instruction librarians.—Roy H. Fry, Loyola University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.


A number of books on the planning of library buildings were published prior to the building boom of the 1960s and early 1970s. Those such as Keyes Metcalf's detailed and lengthy volume on academic library buildings have been heavily used as the source for everything we always wanted to know...