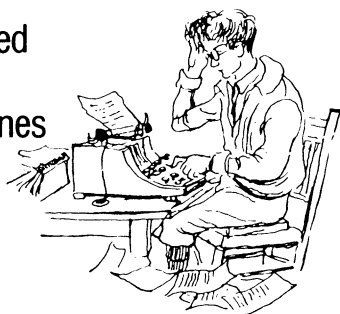


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Keeping aware with ANSOL

THE Australian National Social Sciences Library (ANSOL) produces a wide range of *Current awareness bulletins* which are generated from the Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC) and Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) data bases.

The bulletins, which are produced monthly, cover such topics as early childhood education, libraries and information services, the media, quality of working life, organisational development and leisure and recreation.

The *Current awareness bulletins* list an average of 30 citations each, with abstracts, and cost \$1.25 per title per month. For further information contact ANSOL, National Library of Australia, Canberra ACT 2600.

From the annual reports

SINCE the request in *Incite* (no3) for copies of recent annual reports, three such reports have arrived, all from far afield.

From formerly war-torn and now independent Zimbabwe came the report of the Chairman of the Board of the National Free Library Service of Zimbabwe, Rhodesia, for the year ended 30 June 1979. The Chairman reports the highest circulation figures since 1972/3, with a rapid increase in the number of African borrowers. Sharply rising book prices meant a reduction in purchases.

This universal problem is reflected in the annual report of the Library of the Broken Hill Division of the University of New South Wales, where in the year 1978/9 a number of serial subscriptions were cancelled. The Librarian, Peter Longrigg notes in his report that 'it is unlikely that sufficient funds will ever be available to enable all serials received by the Library to be bound', and consideration is being given to obtaining more serial items on microfiche.

Meanwhile in the NT, the year 1979 was distinguished at Darwin Community College Library by a fire on the top floor of the Casuarina Learning Resources Centre. Mike Friganiotis, Head, LRC, reports a very active year, and from what he foreshadows, 1980 will be even busier, with plans to acquire a portable colour video system and investigations of automated acquisitions and circulation systems.

National Free Library Service, Dugald Niven Library, Twelfth Avenue, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe; University of New South Wales, Broken Hill Division, Library, PO Box 334, Broken Hill, NSW 2880; Darwin Community College, Learning Resources Centre, Darwin, NT 5790.

A nation of readers

IN October 1978 the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and the Book Industry Study Group sponsored a report and seminar on the reading habits of Americans.

This report, which was published last year by the Library of Congress, was the result of a

six-month survey, and incorporates a summary of results of previous studies of the American book reading and buying public.

Among the many findings of the BISG survey was that 94 percent of the adult population had read some type of published material – prompting the comment from one of the seminar participants that it was almost inconceivable to him that anyone could survive in our society for six months without reading something.

'Reading', by the way, was limited to reading books, magazines or newspapers – the survey was not into literacy. Use of libraries is commented on briefly in the highlights from the survey.

Those whose appetite is whetted by LC's *Reading in America 1978* may wish to delve into the complete 333-page *1978 Consumer research study on reading and book purchasing* (BISG Report no6). The latter is available from the Book Industry Study Group Inc, PO Box 2062, Darien, Connecticut 06820.

Those who are happy with an overview, useful bibliography, summary of previous research and a US\$4.95 price tag may wish to settle for *Reading in America 1978*, available from the Information Office, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540. (ISBN 0 8444 0314 8).

Equal rights

WHEN recently a 1980 edition of *Your rights* reached me, my immediate reaction was to see if it contained more pages than the 1979 edition (see *Incite* no6, 18 April 1980).

You will be relieved to know that it is the same size as the previous edition, not whittled away, thanks to active organisations such as the Victorian Council for Civil Liberties.

The VCCL publishes *Your rights*, which covers vital areas of day-to-day living such as neighbour problems, consumer rights, wills and estates, freedom of speech, family law and buying a house. Information is of course basic, and no substitute for a plausible lawyer if you wind up in court.

The brief note on book censorship, for example, though helpful in referring one to the Institute of Historical Review for information on books subject to 'informal' trade boycotts, is misleading in stating that there is no formal censorship of 'serious' books in Australia – it all depends upon what you mean by serious.

But informative *Your rights* certainly is, and very good value at \$1.20. Available from newsagents and booksellers, or from your local Council for Civil Liberties, or direct from the VCCL, PO Box 137, Carlton, Vic 3053. (No ISBN).

Lost in the forest

A VERY broad coverage of the whole topic of Australia's native forests is attempted in Ian W. Penna's *Native forests researcher: a directory of environment research and literature on native forests*.

Penna's aim is to present a list of people and organisations interested in or researching subjects related to the 'maintenance of the non-wood production values of Australia's native forests', together with a brief bibliography of relevant material.

He covers ecology and fauna, fire effects, hydrology, pests and pathogens, aborigines, recreation, chemical products, urban forestry and many other subjects. In each section he lists the relevant bodies, and names some of the key personnel, with an indication of their fields of specialisation.

He also lists a number of community conservation organisations and key government departments. Finally he lists a number of films about trees and forests which are

available for loan from various organisations.

Financial and time restraints are probably responsible for the lack of subject and author index, and for the lack of explanation of some of the abbreviations used; these features would have made it easier to find one's way through this verdant growth. Otherwise it is well-planned and executed.

Native forests researcher by Ian W. Penna was published last year by the Australian Conservation Foundation in its National Report Series. It is available from the ACF at 672B Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn, Vic 3122 and costs \$10.00 plus 80 cents postage (\$7.00 to ACF members). (ISBN 0 85802 061 0).

Yet more law

LAW: a guide to select law sources in the Canberra College of Advanced Education Library is now in its third edition.

This useful booklet, compiled by Gregory P. Jones and Peter Stone, is of more than internal interest – it is a useful and cheap basic guide for anyone interested or involved in legal research.

It is of course on a much more modest scale than Enid Campbell's *Legal research materials and methods* (2nd edition, Sydney: Law Book Company, 1979) which is the standard work on the topic for Australian users, but is nonetheless worthwhile.

Law is published as no3 in the series library reference guides by Canberra College of Advanced Education Library, PO Box 1, Belconnen, ACT 2616, and costs \$4.00. (ISBN 0 85889 058 1).

20th Century Australian

A LITTLE firm in Neutral Bay, NSW, specialises in second-hand books dealing with Australia in all its aspects in the 20th century. They periodically publish catalogues on specific themes, and the latest I have seen (no5, 1980) deals with Australians and war. So if you are after a set of the *Official history of Australia in the War 1914-1918*, they have one for \$120.

They have much more besides, from \$4 upwards. And they offer *some* Hale and Iremonger, Melbourne University Press and Australian National University Press publications at about 10 percent off recommended retail prices. Australian Studies Books, as they call themselves, live at PO Box W64, Hayes Street, Neutral Bay, NSW 2089. □



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Registration Examination

Registration Examination candidates are reminded that 1980 is the **last** year in which the Registration Examination will be conducted. Post or supplementary examinations will not be offered. The examination will be held from Wednesday 5 to Friday 14 November 1980, and a detailed timetable will be published in a later issue of *Incite*.

Applications closed 30 June 1980.

The examination fee is \$20 per paper.

■ Late applications are accepted on payment of a late fee (\$15 per application) up to 31 July 1980.

Application forms are available from the LAA Office, 35 Clarence Street, Sydney 2000 or from Branch office-bearers or employers.