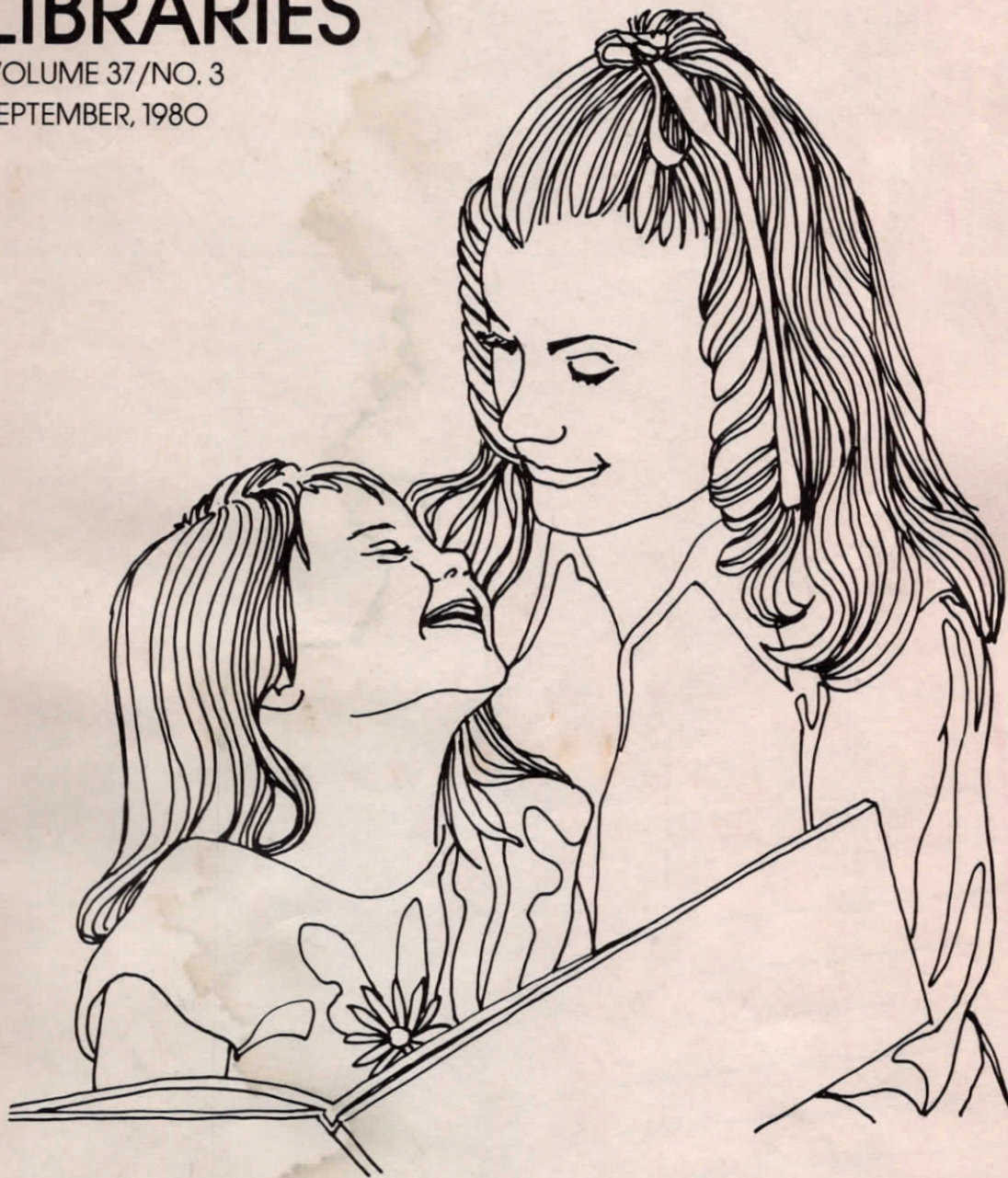


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Issue Introduction

This issue of *Arkansas Libraries* is an exploration of the role of the modern school library media center in the curriculum of the schools for the 1980's. The curricular focus has been selected rather than a recreational or individual student approach to library media center programming because of the editor's firm conviction that the library media center concept is at a juncture in American education. While we have made great strides in bringing library media centers into existence in the last thirty years, we are still on the frontier of knowing how to make an impact on the learning activities in the school. The articles here set forth a framework for a curricular view of the library media center program in the hopes that library media specialists can plan and build a new program orientation.

The lead article written by the editor sets forth the components of a taxonomy of instructional involvement; all the other articles explore various levels of that taxonomy in depth.

Dr. Podemski, a professor in Educational Administration at the University of Arkansas, explores the role of the principal in implementing the taxonomy.

The article and accompanying bibliography on reference service was done by a reference class at the University of Arkansas in the summer of 1980.

Dr. Brenda White, a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, is an enthusiastic and creative school library media specialist near Pittsburgh and is very active in American Association of School Librarians. Her article explores the concept that the library media center should be able to respond creatively to spontaneous requests made by students and teachers.

Dr. Blanche Woolls explores our responsibility to sell our programs. She is a professor at the University of Pittsburgh, has been a school library media specialist and a district library media supervisor, and is a tremendous and practical speaker about library media center programming.

Judy Pitts, a former English teacher and

now a library media specialist at Springdale High School writes an interesting fictional account of how she plans to include instructional design in her program. Her approach is very instructive.

Dr. Janet Stroud is a professor at Purdue University and has been a school library media specialist. Her writing on evaluation of library media center programs and on the handicapped has been well-received nationally. Here, she presents a very practical and realistic approach to instructional design.

Finally, Margaret H. Garrett, Library Media Specialist at Little Rock Air Force Base #2 sums up the challenge of the issue from the view of the practitioner.

The editor wishes to extend appreciation to his advanced administration class members in the Little Rock area who helped develop the taxonomy. These persons included: Roy Sullivan, Frankie Holt, Margaret Garrett, Margaret Crank, Betty Schrader, and Ann Presley. Joan Brandt, Director of the Jennie Lou Milton Library and Learning Resources center at the University of Arkansas worked with the editor in the very early stages to see the need for a taxonomy and helped create it. She read the final manuscript and offered many suggestions.

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Taxonomy Level 3

Maximum Use of the Reference Collection

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One of the largest investments in materials for the school library media center is for the reference collection. If the collection is to be worth the price, it would seem logical that its use should be maximized. Yet, traditionally, the entire collection is non-circulating on the theory that the library media center staff can maximize reference responses only if the collection is available at all times.

A newer trend and one that makes much more sense is to allow all reference books to circulate for home use overnight and to circulate to classrooms if needed during the day. Those library media specialists who are afraid to circulate an expensive reference book should think twice before buying it in the first place.

So often, older editions of the encyclopedias are allowed to circulate but the newer editions are guarded. This policy guarantees that all papers written from these books have a high chance of containing outdated information! My recommendation to library media specialists who love to guard encyclopedias has always been: circulate the new set and guard the old set. At least, the currency of research papers will increase and if a volume is lost, you can limp along with an old edition volume until the new one can be replaced. One would wish that encyclopedia

publishers would come out with a paperback edition of their product. It would be cheaper and by the time the information was outdated we could throw away the set without a guilty conscience. Too many things are bought in library bindings which turn out to be shelf-sitters which will still be in pristine condition when your great grandchildren send their children to the LMC.

One way to maximize the potential of level three of the taxonomy is to have a very large reference collection. With shrinking budgets, however, this is becoming much more difficult. One solution is to coordinate your buying of reference tools with neighboring schools and the public library and then use telephone reference networking more often. Another solution is to buy every reference tool you possibly can in paperback editions.

Recently, the author taught a reference course and we decided to see just how many reference tools were available in paperback that would be appropriate for the school library media center. We took a trip to our local paperback book shop and made some lists. We found that tools for the elementary school were very few in number, but books for the junior high and high school were very plentiful. The following bibliography is our sifting of the best we found.

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GENERAL

Freed, Polly. *Possum Living-How to Live Well Without a Job and With Almost no Money*. Universe Books, 1978. \$3.95.

Hunting and dressing wild game, fishing and gardening.

Guinness Book of World Records. Bantam, Annual. \$2.95.

The best in 10,000 categories.

Jones, O. Garfield. *Parliamentary Procedure at a Glance*. Hawthorn Books, 1971. \$3.50.

Easy-to-use common sense approach to rules for group leadership.

Landers, Ann. *The Ann Landers Encyclopedia*. Ballantine Books, 1978. \$7.95.

Collection of Ann's answers to all types of questions.

Levine, Michael. *How to Reach Anyone Who's Anyone*. Price/Stern/Sloan, 1980. \$4.95.

Names, addresses and phone numbers of movie stars, personalities, government officials.

Neubert, Christopher and Withiam, Jack, Jr. *How to Handle your own Contracts*. Sterling Publishing Co., 1980. \$6.95.

A layman's guide to contracts, leases, wills, and other legal agreements.

1980 Consumer Buying Guide. New American Library, 1980. \$2.50.

Guide to buying different types of items such as stereos, TV's, and fishing equipment.

Wallechinsky, David, et al. *The Book of Lists*. Bantam, 1977. \$2.95.

Lists to dazzle the trivia minded.

Weisinger, Mort. *1001 Valuable Things You Can Get Free*. Bantam, 1979. \$1.99.

Guide to free gifts from manufacturers and the government.

The World Almanac and Book of Facts. Grosset and Dunlap, Annual. \$13.95.

Facts galore!

Worth, Fred L. *The Complete Unabridged Super Trivia Encyclopedia*. Warner Communications, 1977. \$2.95.

All the things you didn't know you wanted to know.

Wylie, Harriet. *420 Ways To Clean Everything*. Harmony Books, 1979. \$2.95.

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LITERATURE

Cohen, J. Mand and Cohen, M. J. *Penquin Dictionary of Quotations*. Penquin Books, 1960. \$4.95.

Quotations are listed by author and by subject.

Grozier, Edwin A., ed. *Plot Outlines of 101 Best Novels*. Barnes and Noble Books, 1962. \$4.95.

Condensation and plot outlines of selected novels.

Hunt, Jonathan, ed. *The Hamlyn Pocket Dictionary of Quotations*. Hamlyn, 1979. \$3.50.

Over 6,000 famous quotations selected primarily for their conciseness and wit.

Peter, Dr. Laurence J. *Peter's Quotations*. Bantam, 1977. \$3.50.

From Socrates to Woody Allen - gems of levity, wisdom, and outrageous wit.

Porter, Roy E. *The Writer's Manual*. ETC, 1980. \$16.95.

How to write research papers, stories, poetry.

Tips on getting published.

Atlas of 100 maps from the realms of literature and legend.

Ross, Robert. *Research: an Introduction*. Harper and Row, 1974.

Step by step guide to a research paper - from planning to presentation.

Stillman, Frances, ed. *Whitfield's University Rhyming Dictionary*. Crowell, 1964. \$2.95.

Alphabetical, thesaurus-like arrangement.

Zimmerman, J. E. *Dictionary of Classical Mythology*. Bantam, 1964. \$2.25.

Has mythological, historical, and bibliographical entries.

LANGUAGE

Dictionaries

Boatner, Maxine Tull, et al. *A Dictionary of American Idioms*. Barron's Educational Series, 1975. \$7.95.

Includes slang, proverbs, cliches, each defined and illustrated. Excellent for foreign speakers.

Ehrlich, Ida. *Instant Vocabulary*. Pocketbook, 1988. \$2.50.

Vocabulary building aid.

Krevisky, Joseph and Linfield, Jordan L. *Bad Speller's Dictionary*. Random House, 1967. \$2.50.

Thousands of words listed by a wrong spelling—Correct spelling is then given.

Rafferty, Kathleen, ed. *The Dell Crossword Dictionary*. Dell Books, 1978. \$1.95.

Alphabetically and topically arranged.

Sharp, Henry, ed. *Follett Vest-Pocket 50,000 Words*. Follett Publishing Company, 1978. \$2.50.

50,000 words are spelled, stressed, and divided. Webster's Third Edition was used as a base.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary. Pocket Books, 1974. \$2.25.

This pocket dictionary is based on Webster's Third—over 57,000 entries.

New World Dictionary. 2nd college edition. William Collins Publisher, 1979. \$8.50.

Collegiate desk dictionary with over 150,000 entries.

Webster's New Elementary Dictionary. Merriam Webster, 1975. \$2.50.

32,000 entries with 1,000 illustrations for elementary students.

Wentworth, Harold and Flexner, Stuart Berg. *Pocket Dictionary of American Slang*. Pocket Books, 1960. \$2.50.

An abridgement of the *Dictionary of American Slang*. Contains about fifty per cent of the hard-cover 2nd edition.

Foreign Language Reference Books.

There are many to choose from in every popular language including:

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dictionaries,
usage books,
phrase books,
pronunciation guides, and
verb helps.

Thesaurus

Laird, Charlton. *Webster's New World Thesaurus*. Fawcett Popular Library, 1974. \$7.95.

Arranged alphabetically, synonyms listed by frequency of use.

Lewis, Norman. *Roget's Thesaurus in Dictionary Form*, Revised Edition. Berkeley, 1976. \$1.75.

"Most authoritative, efficient, and thorough reference work on words."

Mawson, C. O. Sylvester, ed. *Roget's Pocket Thesaurus*. Pocket Books, 1946. \$1.75.

Arranged categorically with an index.

Merriam Webster's *Thesaurus*. Pocket Books, 1978. \$4.95.

Based on Webster's *Collegiate Thesaurus*. Includes synonyms, antonyms, related words and idioms.

Soule, Richard. *Soule's Dictionary of English Synonyms*. Bantam, 1961. \$2.50.

The correct and most expressive word for the exact thought.

Wittels, Harriet and Greisman, Joan. *The Clear and Simple Thesaurus Dictionary*. Grosset, 1971. \$5.94.

A storehouse of synonyms and antonyms in dictionary arrangement for children.

Usage and Writing

Hopper, Vincent F. *1001 Pitfalls in English Spelling and Usage*. Revised edition. Barrons, 1970. \$4.50.

Contains 123 irregular verbs fully conjugated plus sections on grammar, usage and spelling.

Lewis, Norman. *Better English*. Dell, 1956. \$2.25.

Guidebook on proper pronunciation and usage.

The Merriam Webster *Handbook of Effective Business Correspondence*. G. and C. Merriam Co., 1976. \$3.95.

Step-by-step instructions, examples, and diagrams in style, composition and accuracy.

ATLASES AND MAPS

The *Whole Earth Atlas*. Hammond Inc., 1978. \$6.95.

This atlas has 256 pages of full color maps, zip codes, and a gazetteer index of the world.

There are many good paperback atlases designed for the traveler that are excellent for the school library. Titles include:

Rand McNally *Deluxe Edition* \$7.95.

Rand McNally *Road Atlas of U.S., Canada and Mexico* \$6.95.

Globe *Compartment Road Atlas* \$1.25.

Rand McNally *Interstate Road Atlas* \$2.50.

The *North American Road Atlas* \$3.95.

Mobil Travel Guide \$5.95.

PHILOSOPHY

Ranes, Dagobert D. *Dictionary of Philosophy*. Littlefield Adams, 1979. \$4.95.

Individuals, philosophic terms and a basic description of different philosophies.

POLITICS

Safire, William. *Safire's Political Dictionary*. Ballantine, 1978. \$9.95.

Meanings and lively origins of the words politicians use.

THE ARTS

Boyce, William F. *Hi Fi Stereo Handbook*. Sams, 1978. \$4.95.

Audio systems from source to sound.

Brooks, Tim and Marsh, Earle. *The Complete Directory to Prime Time Network TV Shows, 1946 - Present*. Ballantine, 1979. \$10.95.

Who, what, when, where - alphabetically by show title with index.

Dellar, Fred and Thompson, Roy. *The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Country Music*. Harmony Books, 1977. \$8.95.

Covers country music in its many forms.

The Joy of Photography. Eastman Kodak, 1979. \$9.95.

A guide to tools and techniques.

Maltin, Leonard. *TV Movies, 1979-80* Revised edition. Signet, 1979. \$2.95.

Ratings, descriptions and actors of 12,000 movies plus over 800 made-for-TV movies.

Osborne, Jerry. *Popular and Rock Records, 1948-1978*. O'Sullivan, Woodside and Co., 1978. \$7.95.

Official price guide for collectible records.

Stensvold, Mike, ed. *Basic Guide to Photography*. 2nd Edition. Petersen Publishing Company, 1979. \$5.95.

Covers basic photography subjects from how to choose equipment to selling photographs.

Van Daalen, Nicholas. *The Complete Book of Movie Lists*. Dutton, 1979. \$5.95.

1,001 facts, quotations, answers, opinions, and statistics about movie stars, motion pictures and the people who made them.

Zalkind, Ronald. *Contemporary Music Almanac*. Shirner Books, 1980. \$9.95.

Awards, events, trends and who's who in music in 1980.

SCIENCE

Dictionaries

Asimov, Isaac. *Words of Science and the History Behind Them*. Mentor, 1959. \$1.95.

Dictionary of Geologic Terms. Revised edition, Anchor, 1965. \$3.95.

Steen, Edwin. *Dictionary of Biology*. Barnes and Nobel, 1971. \$4.95.

12,000 terms defined.

Story, Ronald D., ed. *The Encyclopedia of UFO's*. Doubleday and Co., 1980. \$12.95.

Sightings, theories, illustrations, feature articles.

Young, E. C. *New Penguin Dictionary of Electronics*. Penguin, 1979. \$4.95.

Thousands of terms defined and illustrated.

Health

Derbyshire, Caroline. *The New Woman's Guide to Health and Medicine*. Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1980. \$5.95.

Offers facts and figures on the sexual and reproductive aspects of women's health care.

Linde, Shirley. *The Whole Health Catalogue*. Rawson Associates Publishers, Inc., 1977. \$6.95.

A major medical consumer self-help book.

Wene, Art and Feldman, Sandy. *Help Yourself to Health*. Perigee Books, 1980. \$10.95.

A health information and service directory with information about over 3,500 nation-wide health resources.

Identification Books

Little, Elbert L. *The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Trees*. Alfred A. Knopf Co., 1980. \$9.95.

Easy-to-use identification keys of trees. Has real photographs.

MacFall, Russell P. and Wollin, Jay C. *Fossils for Amateurs A Handbook for Collectors*. Van Nostrand Reinhold Co., 1972. \$7.95.

How to find, collect, classify, prepare, and exhibit fossils.

Oliver, A. P. H. *The Larousse Guide to Shells of the World*. Larousse and Co., Inc., 1977. \$8.95.

Covers a wide range of shells from all over the world. Twelve hundred species described, 1000 illustrations.

Peterson *Field Guide Series*. Houghton. \$2.95.

Series includes titles on birds, shells, mammals, stars, trees, reptiles, and others.

Sabelli, Bruno. *Guide to Shells*. Simon and Schuster, 1979. \$9.95.

Classification system, where and how to collect, preserve, organize, and identify shells.

Zim, Herbert S. *Golden Guides*. Golden Press. Var. dates. \$2.25.

Series includes nature topics, science, hobbies, and field guides.

Plants and Gardening

McDonald, Elvin. *The World Book of House Plants*. Popular Library, 1976. \$1.50.

Everything you ever wanted to know about indoor gardening.

Newcomb, Duane. *The Apartment Farmer*. Avon Publishers, 1977. \$1.75.

A guide for growing vegetables on fire escapes, patios, rooftops, window sills - even in closets.

Newcomb, Duane. *The Complete Vegetable Gardener's Sourcebook*. Avon Books, 1980. \$9.95.

A comprehensive catalog of equipment for all types of vegetable gardens.

Seddau, George. *The Pocket Guide to Indoor Plants*. Simon and Schuster, 1979. \$4.95.

An instant reference for the amateur and more experienced gardener.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Collecting

Edmund's *United States Coin Prices*. October, 1980 edition. Edmund's Publications Corp., 1980. \$2.50.

Comprehensive current market prices for all U.S. coins.

Guide to Pocket Knives. Books Americana, 1978. \$2.95.

Identification and values of Case, Cattaraugus, Remington, Russell, Tree Brand, and Winchester knives.

Hudgeons, Marc, ed. *The Official 1980 Blackbook Price Guide of United States Coins*. House of Collectibles, Inc., 1980. \$1.95.

Coinage 1816 to date. 16,000 buying and selling prices, official ANA grading system.

Hunt, Leslie. *Veteran and Vintage Aircraft*. Scribner's, 1974. \$12.50.

The world's preserved aircraft, where they are, what they look like and who owns them.

Liman, Ellen. *The Collecting Book*. Penguin Books, 1978. \$9.95.

Facts on hundreds of collectibles. Interviews, lists of collectors willing to exchange information, lists of collecting publications.

McLoone, Margo and Seigel, Alice. *Sports Cards Collecting, Trading and Playing*. Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1979. \$4.95.

Information on collecting cards, how to read them, what makes them valuable.

Pocket Edition of the Scott 1980 Stamp Catalogue. Scott Publishing Company, 1979. \$2.50.

Compendium of stamp collecting, revised price guide.

Pocket Guide to Bottles. Books Americana, 1978. \$2.95.

Value and identification guide.

Pocket Guide to Guns. Books Americana, 1978. \$2.95.

Identification and values of shotguns, rifles, handguns, and antiques.

Postage Stamp Prices of the United States, United Nations, and Canada and Provinces. Spring-Summer, 1980 edition. H. E. Harris and Co., Inc., 1980. \$2.25.

Lists of stamps, price changes, retail prices.

Toepfer, Thomas. *American Beer Can Encyclopedia*. L-W Promotions, 1979. \$7.95.

Listing of beer cans, values.

Hobbies

Kemsley, William. *Backpacking Equipment Buyer's Guide*. Collier Books, 1977. \$8.95.

How to select equipment for specific backpacking purposes.

Lieberman, Jethro K. and Rhodes, Neil S. *The Complete 1980 CB Handbook*. Avon, 1980. \$2.95.

CB-English/English-CB dictionary, FCC rules, available equipment, CB slang and technical terms.

Individual Sports

Gardner, James B. *Illustrated Soccer Dictionary for Young People*. Prentice Hall, 1978. \$2.50.

History of, how to play and rules of soccer.

Illustrated (name of sport) Dictionary for Young People. Prentice Hall, var. dates. \$1.95.

A series of titles including tennis, skating, gymnastics. Terms are defined, pictured and explained.

Sugar, Bert Randolph. *The Sports Collectors Bible*. Bobbs-Merrill Company, Inc., 1978. \$11.95.

Buying, selling, trading guide for cards, buttons, programs, and all sports collectibles.

AUTOS

There are many repair guides, auto price guides, new and old model guides, car care manuals and service manuals available.

1980 Autos. DMR Publications, 1980. \$2.25.

Buyers' guide to ratings, specifications, prices, best buys.

Used Cars Rating Guide. Simon and Schuster, 1979. \$3.95.

Factual reports on the used car values of the 1970's.

BIOGRAPHY

Robinson, Herbert Spencer. *The Dictionary of Biography*, revised and enlarged edition. Littlefield, Adams, 1975. \$4.95.

Brief biographies of 4,000 prominent persons.

GUIDANCE

Personal living

Barkas, J. L. *The Help Book*. Scribner, 1979. \$9.95.

An annotated directory to 5,000 programs, organizations and agencies that help deal with almost every kind of problem.

Gray, Winifred. *You and Your Wedding*. Bantam, 1965. \$2.50.

Etiquette and procedures for the important occasion.

The Guide to Self Sufficiency. Hearst Books, 1976. \$10.00.

Food from fields and animals, garden, and the wild; natural energy; crafts and skills.

Lasson, Kenneth. *Your Rights and the Draft*. Wallaby, 1980. \$1.95.

Rights and obligations concerning the draft.

Newman, Mildred, and Berkowitz, Bernard. *How to be Your Own Best Friend*. Ballantine Press, 1971.

Self-awareness and self-improvement guide.

Vanderbilt, Amy. *Amy Vanderbilt's Everyday Etiquette*. 2nd rev. ed. Bantam, 1967. \$2.95.

Living graciously by the rules.

College

Cass, James and Birnbawn, May. *Comparative Guide to American Colleges*, 9th ed. Harper, 1979. \$8.95.

Admission requirements, academic opportunities, environment and community.

Gruder, Edward C., and Branson, Morris. *Scholastic Aptitude Test SAT*. Monarch Press, 1976. \$4.95.

Geared to the latest exam; all areas of the SAT covered with sample questions.

Millman, Jason and Pauk, Walter. *How to Take Tests*. McGraw-Hill, 1969. \$2.95.

Principles and techniques of taking achievement and scholastic aptitude tests.

Shapiro, Murray, ed. *How to Prepare for the American College Testing Program ACT*. Barrons Educational Series, Inc., 1979. \$5.50.

Sample problems.

Shaw, Harry. *30 Ways to Improve Your Grades*. McGraw Hill, 1976. \$3.95.

Guide to improve study skills.

Suchar, Elizabeth W. *Financial Aid Guide for College*. Monarch Press, 1978. \$5.95.

By the Director of Financial Aid Services, College Entrance Examination Board.

Getting a job

Angel, Juvenal L. *The Complete Resume Book and Job Getters Guide*. Pocket Books, 1980. \$2.95.

Sample resumes, covering letters and points on interviewing.

Dible, Donald M. *Up Your Own Organization*. The Entrepreneur Press, 1974.

A handbook on how to start and finance a new business.

Faux, Marian. *The Complete Resume Guide*. Monarch Press, 1980. \$3.95.

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