
Letters

To the Editor:

Toward the end of her extensive and informative review of the *Evan Bedford Library of Cardiology Catalogue* (*Bull. Med. Libr. Assoc.* 66: 265–266, Apr. 1978) Nancy Whitten Zinn writes:

The catalog seems to be remarkably free of typographic errors. One reference, that to James Hope's *Treatise on the Diseases of the Heart* (no. 271) states that the first edition appeared in 1832, whereas both Willius and Keys and Garrison and Morton give the date as 1831. But aside from that, the catalog is a superb example of British bibliographical publication.

In the Garrison and Morton entry (no. 2747) I made a mistake in giving the date as 1831; it is correctly given in the Evan Bedford catalogue.

Ms. Zinn rightly praises the catalogue as a superb example of British bibliographical publication. For this, much credit is due to Gordon Smith and Leonard M. Payne for their expert and painstaking bibliographical and editorial work on it.

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RECOMMENDED LISTS OF BOOKS AND JOURNALS

To the Editor:

Lawrence Onsager's "A bibliography of recommended lists of books and journals for health sciences libraries" (*BMLA* 66: 338–339, July 1978) fails to include an article by me, "The academic health sciences librarian and serials selection" (*BLMA* 62: 281–290, July 1974). That article listed journal titles for which subscriptions were held by at least 90 % of the surveyed libraries. Although the core list which appears in my article cannot be regarded as a definite guide for journal collection development, it is the result of a more comprehensive approach than many similar lists. Since the article's publication I have had many requests for the expanded list which is mentioned in it. Therefore I feel that it is appropriate to mention its omission from Onsager's bibliography.

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UPS VERSUS USPS

To the Editor:

Any library about to study their delivery services, as suggested by Kaya and Hurlebaus (*BMLA* 66:345–346, July 1978) would do well to investigate at least two options not presented in the Cincinnati investigation. USPS offers a special handling service supplementary to the library rate for \$.70 for up to ten pounds or \$1.25 for up to twenty-five pounds. This service may match UPS delivery time at less cost. A parcel post insurance policy with a private insurance company may be advantageous to the volume mailer. At the University of Toledo we are insuring with a private carrier all outgoing books shipped via USPS (both loans and borrows) for about \$.03 per package.

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To the Editor:

May I draw the attention of your readers to a serious error in item 11 of the "Bibliography of recommended lists of books and journals for health sciences libraries" (*BMLA* 66: 338–339, July 1978).

The fourth edition of *Books and Periodicals for Medical Libraries in Hospitals* in fact contained entries for 454 books and 321 periodicals, not 100 and 11 as printed. Through its successive editions, this publication has always aimed to provide comprehensive guidance on the selection of basic stock for those setting up small medical libraries in general hospitals.

I should also like to point out that a fifth edition of this bibliography was published in June 1978, and that it now lists 557 books and 326 periodicals. Subject and author indexes and a list of specialist booksellers have been added in this edition, extending its length to seventy-nine pages. It is published in London by the Library Association, and may be obtained in the U.S. through the Nichols Publishing Company, P.O. Box 96, New York, NY 10024.

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