

Book notices

F. John Chirgwin. *The library assistant's manual*. 4th.ed. London: Library Association, 1993. 126pp. £25.00 (£20 LA members). ISBN 1 85604 071 2.

Earlier editions were an aid to preparing candidates for the Library and Information Assistant's Certificate of the City and Guilds of London Institute but this edition is intended to be an introduction to libraries and librarianship both for students undertaking courses and others such as teachers in charge of school libraries who need an overview. There are 12 chapters; Public libraries; National and academic libraries; Special libraries and information centres; Organisations and associations; Government and control; Acquisitions and stock records; Classification and cataloguing; Good Housekeeping; Lending procedures; Multimedia and information technology; Enquiries and reference material and Office practice. References are provided at the end of each chapter and there is a short list of general reading together with a List of Abbreviations.

Micheline Hancock-Bealieu, ed. *Information systems for end-users: research and development issues*. London: Taylor Graham, 1992. 85pp. £22.00. ISBN 0 947568 57 3.

This volume includes 8 papers and is published on behalf of the Library and Information Research Group (UK). The papers are: A fish's eye view of information (Jack Meadows); The impact of information systems on user groups, with special reference to politicians and journalists (David Nicholas); Designing for the end-user market place (Charles Oppenheim); CD-ROM: the answer for end-users? (David Rigglesford); The human factors of information systems (Cliff McKnight); On the care, preservation and maintenance of end-users (J. Eric Davies); Training for MEDLINE on CD-ROM: a case study in an industrial environment (Maureen Sullivan); A productioner's view of self-service information systems (Bruce Royan). The editor provides a brief overview of the topic.

Michael Brittain, ed. *Integrated information systems*. London: Taylor Graham, 1992. 100pp. (British Library R & D Report 6054). £22.00. ISBN 0 947568 53 0.

This publication arose out a British Library Research and Development Department funded project to examine how large companies were developing integrated information system. The substance of the book is in Chapter 3 where 10 case studies are presented. The evidence produced by the case studies is examined in Chapter 4

and Chapter 5 provides conclusions, recommendations and guidelines. In addition to a short bibliography Chapter 2 provides a literature review of material from 1985. The interview schedule is provided in an appendix.

***Journal of information networking* Volume 1 Number 1 1993. Editor Lorcan Dempsey. London: Taylor Graham. 102pp. 3pa. £57.00. ISSN 0966 9248.**

The issue includes 4 articles: Research networks and academic information services: towards an academic information infrastructure: Part 1 (Lorcan Dempsey); Networking and the bibliographic utility: a perspective in time (David Buckle); The future of Campus-Wide Information Systems: toward the Virtual Campus (Colin K. Work); The 'Open Library Network': Pica and SURFnet (Alex Klugkist). In addition there are 9 book reviews and the first of a regular section on Network resources and access tools by the network resources editor Dennis Nicolson).

***Journal of document and text management* Volume 1 Number 1 1993. Editor Forbes Gibb. London: Taylor Graham. 100pp. 3pa. £55.00. ISSN 0969-9325.**

This issue contains papers presented at the October 1992 Institute of Information Scientists conference on Text Retrieval. There are 7 papers included: Navigation requirements in large hypertext systems (Chris F. Reynolds & John Robertson); Query analysis in a visual information retrieval context (P. G. B. Enser); An introduction to image processing and picture management (A. E. Cawkell); Text retrieval: from a monolingual system to a multilingual system (Edmond Lassalle); Multimedia and database design: a discussion of database technology and its use in multimedia (John Mallett & Colin Manning); Some proposed changes in EC copyright legislation (Graham P. Cornish); The electronic book (Robert J. Sherman).