# BOOK NOTICES

**L.J. Taylor, ed. *British librarianship and information work 1976–1980.* 2 Vols. London: Library Association, 1983. 297 pp., 304 pp. £29.50 (each volume). ISBN 0-85365-763-7, 0-85365-825-0.**

This latest edition in a series dating back to 1928 has now appeared in two volumes with a slight title change from the previous two editions, *British librarianship and information science,* which covered 1966–1970 and 1971–1975 respectively. Like its forerunners, the volumes are intended to provide the standard overview of current activities in British library and information work, although the editor concedes that every topic cannot be covered in each issue of the series. This current edition, for example, has no section on professional associations or international aspects of British librarianship. The expansion to two volumes, however, has allowed lengthier treatments of cataloguing, classification and indexing than were found in the last edition, together with information on the development of computer applications and networks, and new chapters on community information, local studies, library buildings, special types of literature (e.g. patents and microforms) and special types of library (e.g. news information libraries). The chapters are provided by over 40 contributors, normally well-known in their specialized fields, who in many cases have provided useful extended bibliographies to supplement their brief surveys. Detailed indexes are included in both these closely-printed volumes.

**Helen A. Knievel, ed. *Cooperative services: a guide to policies and procedures in library systems.* New York: Neal-Schuman, 1982. 300 pp. $29.95. ISBN 0-918212-56-1.**

The editor has collected policy statements covering such aspects as finance, collection development, computerization, personnel, interlibrary lending, and services to the handicapped for 41 cooperative library systems in the United States. The editor states "There have been no guidelines or examples of existing policies available that could be used by systems personnel, administration, and boards of trustees in the development or evaluation of a system set of policies. This book has been assembled to help meet that need".

Additionally the results of a survey aimed at identifying trends in present-day operations of over 100 cooperative library systems are presented.