

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY: REGIONAL ARCHIVAL AND LIBRARY NETWORKS

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I. Archival Networks

Since archival networks and depository systems are a recent development in the archival world, the professional literature on networks, with the possible exception of the Presidential Library System, is not extensive. For an excellent overview of the historical development of cooperation among archivists see John A. Fleckner's "Cooperation as a Strategy for Archival Institutions" in *The American Archivist* (vol. 39 (October, 1976), pp. 447-459). For more recent unpublished reports, program statements, guidelines, and agreements, those interested should contact the network coordinators or the agency responsible for network operations.

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II. Library Networks

The literature on library networks is as voluminous as the literature on archival networks is sparse. Most larger libraries—especially academic research libraries—belong to at least several networks and the use of computers created exponential growth in the field in the 1970s. Over 2,000 publications are available on library networks and the list of publications appears to be growing even faster than the networks.

For a brief introduction to library networks the following articles may be useful: "Networks: Who, Why, How?" in *Wisconsin Library Bulletin* (vol. 71 (May, 1975), pp. 97-130); D. A. Redmond, "Network Characteristics: Catching Fish or Looking for Loopholes" in *Special Libraries* (vol. 62 (July/August, 1971), pp. 257-264); and Barbara Markuson, "Library Network Planning: Problems to Consider, Decisions to Make" in *Network* (vol. 2 (August/September, 1975), pp. 7-8).

More detailed basic information is found in the three editions of *Library Networks* published by Knowledge Industry of White Plains, New York: Seth Goldstein edited the first (1974-1975), Susan K. Martin the second (1976-1977) and the third (1978-1979) volumes. *Library Networks* contains information on currently operating networks including automation and technological changes, funding and administration, and provides a selected bibliography. The most recent edition includes chapters on "Preparation for Networking: How To Do It;" "Network Management: Issues and Problems;" and "Networks and the Future." Ira W. Cotton's *Network Management Survey* Washington, D. C.: National Bureau of Standards, February, 1974 (DOC; ERIC cite, Ed 092 162) studies the mission, technology, organization, finances, and legal aspects of five larger networks. The Special Libraries Association Networking Committee's *Getting Into Networking: Guidelines For Special Libraries* (New York:

S.L.A., 1977; 34 pp. bibliography) provides guidelines for exploratory, planning, development, operational, and evaluation phases. Although somewhat dated, the published proceedings of the Kent Center for Library Studies' *Colloquium on Library Networks*, edited by Edward M. Heiliger (Kent, Ohio: Kent Center for Library Studies, 1969; 55 pp.) is still useful.

For those interested in more specific, advanced research on library networks there are several commonly available publications and serials with which to begin. The ERIC Clearinghouse on Information Resources published *A Selective Annotated Bibliography on Library Networking*, edited by Susan K. Martin (Stanford, California: Stanford University School of Education, Center for Research and Development in Teaching, 1975), which lists over 150 references. *Library Literature*, published monthly by the H. W. Wilson Company in New York, provides over 600 citations over the last five years. The two professional publications most useful are the *Journal of Library Automation and Network*, published by the Library Automation Research and Consulting Association (formerly titled "LARC Newsletter"). For a directory of networks the researcher should begin with the *Directory of Academic Library Consortia*, Donald V. Black and Carlos A. Cuadros, editors (2nd ed.; Santa Monica, California: System Development Corporation, 1975). This *Directory* lists American library networks by title and includes the following information on each: membership, funding, staff, publications, headquarters, and an information source for the network.

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