Evaluation Set One

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Four members of our ILS 504-S70 Reference and Information Resources and Services class at Southern Connecticut State University, Spring 2007, have collaborated to review the 22 bibliographic and library catalog reference sources identified in Unit 3, Evaluation Set One. We have prepared detailed reviews for each resource based upon the criteria cited in Katz (2002, chap.1), Bopp & Smith (2001, chap. 13), other readings for this unit. These criteria include purpose, authority, scope, format, arrangement, entries, special features, use, and overall evaluation. Following our evaluation the group chose the reference resources they found most valuable.

Sources


   *Purpose.* Provides information on books published in America in the given year.

   *Authority.* For this 1992 edition, the entries come from MARC II tapes and books that were submitted to the R.R. Bowker Company.

   *Scope.* The 1992 edition contains over 44,000 titles. Federal and governmental publications, quarterlies, periodicals, pamphlets less than forty-nine pages are excluded in this edition.

   *Format.* The 1992 edition is formatted in four columns per page, and the entries use a modified ISBD format. Included in the entries are: main entry, title (in italics), subtitle, author, place of publication, publisher, date of publication, collation, series statement, notes, and classification numbers according to the Library of Congress Classification scheme.
Arrangement. This edition has four sections. Main, Adult fiction, Juvenile fiction, and index. Dewey classes are used to arrange the entries.

Entries. Included in the entries are: main entry, title (in italics), subtitle, author, place of publication, publisher, date of publication, collation, series statement, notes, and classification numbers and subject headings according to the Library of Congress.

Special Features. Sections as well as entries are set up according to Dewey classifications.

Uses. American Book Publishing Record is useful to librarians in any library setting. It is a handy device to consult when purchasing materials as well as gathering cataloging information.

Overall Evaluation. This bibliography is full of useful information pertinent to any type of librarian. The arrangement of entries and information is what librarians are used to, making it easy to navigate and user-friendly.


Purpose. Bibliographic Index is published three times per year in April, August, and December and it serves as a list of bibliographies published in the year.

Authority. Entries in Bibliographic Index come from parts of books, pamphlets and periodicals as well as those bibliographies published elsewhere. Material comes from Wilson periodical indexes and other indexes that are used at research libraries. Most bibliographies that appear in this book have at least fifty citations.

Scope. 2,800 periodicals are examined on a regular basis for bibliographic material and entry into Bibliographic Index. Entries cover all varieties of topics.
published within the past five years are included. Types of materials that are excluded are: non-print items, reprints, catalogs of library holdings, and bibliographies of clinical medicine and case law.

*Format.* Entries are arranged in two columns with the entry in bold-face type listed alphabetically by subject.

*Arrangement.* *Bibliographic Index* uses Library of Congress subject headings to arrange the citations. Under each heading the citations are listed alphabetically.

*Entries.* Entries are alphabetical by main entry under each subject heading. They are formatted in two columns. Information within the entry includes title, author, publication information, and ISBNs.

*Special Features.* Library of Congress Subject Headings are used to organize the index.

*Uses.* This item will be useful when trying to develop the library collection beyond what it already has. Information on a variety of topics will help libraries acquire materials for subjects in which they are lacking books. Medical and law librarians may not find this index as useful as public librarians.

*Overall Evaluation.* This index is very comprehensive. It is up-to-date and easy to use. Librarians can also access information online through

http://www.hwwilson.com/databases/biblio.htm where they can search not only current indexes but previous years as well.


*Purpose.* This is a web-based database containing bibliographic information on books, audio books, as well as videos.


Authority. *Books in Print* is a Bowker company. Bowker is “the official U.S. agency for assigning ISBNs and is North America’s leading provider of bibliographic information.”

Scope. This database includes information on over five million items.

Format. Users can search by keyword, author, title, ISBN/UPC in the format of book, audio or video and in the status of in print, out of print, or forthcoming. Users can also browse by subject or browse by index (author, title, and publisher).

Arrangement. Users have the authority to choose how results are arranged. in either descending or ascending order according to date, relevance, title, author, publisher, ISBN/UPC, format, Dewey number or LCCN.

Entries. Entries include. The main entry (underlined and capitalized), author, publisher, ISBN/UPC, format, date, price, availability, LCCN, and Dewey number.

Special Features. Includes a reader’s advisory service called Fiction Connection.

Uses. Librarians will find this a valuable tool when selecting materials, looking for materials, and recommending materials to patrons. This database is vast and includes useful information on millions of materials.

Overall Evaluation. Some services require users to be a subscriber, and this would be well worthwhile. This database is convenient, up-to-date, and user-friendly. Not only can it be used for selecting new materials to add to the library’s collection but also to get pertinent bibliographic information. This is definitely a key tool in today’s libraries.

Purpose. Whitaker’s Books in Print was formerly known as British Books in Print. It is a British trade bibliography. It is the only British list of books in print. Titles included are those published within the United Kingdom and those that are printed in English.

Authority. All of the information found within this bibliography is supplied directly from the publishers of the works.

Scope. This edition contains 484,839 titles provided from 16,168 publishers. Whitaker’s has come a long way since its first edition which included 35,000 titles from 135 publishers.

Format. Entries are arranged in two columns. This item is divided into: list of publishers, publisher prefixes, series and their publishers, and the author, title, and subject index. Authors are listed before titles, and main entries are in bold type.

Arrangement. This work is in four volumes arranged alphabetically by publishers, publisher prefixes in numerical order, series, author, title, and subject.

Entries. Entries include the authors, titles, date of publication, number of edition, series, name of publisher, price, and children’s book reading key.

Special Features. The children’s book reading key is a reading ability scale. This is helpful for parents, teachers, librarians, and children in finding a title that best fits the child’s needs and abilities.

Uses. Whitaker’s Books in Print is useful to all librarians, not just those who work in the United Kingdom. American librarians often times need publishing and ordering information for items published in the U.K. It may not be the number one reference for acquisitions librarians in the United States but should be available for when the need arises.
**Overall Evaluation.** This item gives complete, detailed information on items published in the United Kingdom. More information and services can be found online at [http://www.bowker.com/catalog000104.htm](http://www.bowker.com/catalog000104.htm). This is a handy item to have as a librarian, although there are others that are more pertinent to a librarian working in the United States.


**Purpose.** Provides a list of titles, fiction and non-fiction, of books, magazines, and web resources appropriate for children from preschool through sixth grade. Includes reviews helpful to children’s librarians and school media specialists.

**Authority.** The H.W. Wilson Company used two groups of people to compile the lists found in this bibliography, both of which included librarians who are experienced working with children. They re-evaluated previous editions of this text and made suggestions for new titles to be included.

**Scope.** 6,738 titles and 6,421 analytical entries are included in the 18th edition of *Children’s Catalog*. A new section on web resources is included as well as a section on audio books.

**Format.** Entries are arranged in two columns. The author’s name appears in bold-face type.

**Arrangement.** This item is arranged in three parts: classified catalog, author, title, subject & analytical index, and web resources. The classified catalog contains the nonfiction items in order according to the Dewey Decimal classification system. The author, title,
subject & analytical index is arranged alphabetically and contains all of the entries in the catalog.

Entries. Entries include author(s), title, subject(s), illustrator, editor, publication company, publication date, classification number, price, ISBN, and a brief summary of the work.

Special Features. In the 18th edition special attention is paid to items about minorities, ecology, natural sciences, and natural history.

Uses. Children’s librarians, school media specialists, and elementary school teachers will find this to be a very valuable tool in the selection, purchasing, and cataloging of items. The short summaries are very helpful at getting to the heart of the subject.

Overall Evaluation. This catalog is filled with useful information on great items. Any librarian working with youth is advised to refer to this catalog frequently when selecting materials to purchase and recommend


Purpose. This index provides information on books that are published in the English language during 1990.

Authority. Information submitted by publishers is arranged by The H.W. Wilson Company, a well established company that has been in the library business for over 100 years.

Scope. The 1990 edition is in two volumes. It includes all books published in English for the year 1990. Materials that are excluded are government documents, maps, books with
less than fifty pages, plays, juvenile literature, scholarly materials, and materials that are self-published.

*Format.* Entries are set up in two columns, with the main entry in bold-face type.

*Arrangement.* Entries are listed alphabetically and follow the Library of Congress Filing Rules. Volume two contains a directory of publishers and distributors.

*Entries.* Entries include: author, title, series, edition, illustrator, pages, prices, publication date, publisher, ISBN, and LCCN.

*Special Features.* not applicable

*Uses.* Librarians, specialized or not, will benefit from this detailed resource. All books published in English in a given year are included. This will be a valuable purchasing tool.

*Overall Evaluation.* There are several bibliographies and indexes that librarians can use to aid them in selection and classification; this is one of them. To purchase this index every year might become expensive; therefore, librarians may want to subscribe to H.W. Wilson online to get up-to-date information all the time at [http://www.hwwilson.com](http://www.hwwilson.com)


*Purpose.* A selective list of established and contemporary works of adult fiction either written in or translated into English.

*Authority.* The editors are Juliette Yaakov and John Greenfieldt, and the Managing Editor is Zaida Nidza Padro. Publishers supply copies of their books and the information about editions and prices. Staff members from a variety of public libraries participate in the selection process. Published by H.W. Wilson, which publishes several other reference sources. Fiction Catalog has been published since 1898.
Scope. The 13th edition includes 5,461 titles and 1,820 analytical entries for novelettes and composite works. In addition to this volume, four annual supplements cover the years 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999. The books listed are hardcover editions that were published in the United States, or published in Canada or the U.K. and distributed in the U.S. Out-of-print titles are included. Information about an out-of-print title that is reissued between editions of the Catalog will be included in the annual supplement. The availability of hardcover reprint editions is noted whenever possible. Large print editions published in hardcover are also identified.

Format. Published in a single hardcover volume. The four annual supplements are paperbound.

Arrangement. The Catalog is arranged in three parts. The first part is organized alphabetically by author's name, or by title if that is the main entry, followed by the selected works by that author. The second part is a Title and Subject Index. There are specific subject headings for persons, places, events, historical periods, lifestyles, and legendary characters. There are also headings for genre, form (large print editions, for example) and literary technique. The third part is a Directory of Publishers and Distributors.

Entries. Each entry in Part 1 includes author, title, publisher, date of publication, paging, illustration note, latest known price, out-of-print status, reprint publication data, ISBN, and, when available, the Library of Congress card or control number. Notes regarding sequels, publication history, and contents of story collections are supplied. A descriptive summary and, in most cases, an excerpt from a reviewing source conclude the entry. Each book that was listed in Part 1 is listed again in the Title Index, followed by the name
of the author under which the entry will be found in Part 1. Each book is also listed under its main subjects or themes in the Subject Index, as well as under headings for genre, form, and literary technique if appropriate. Subject headings and subject cross-references are printed in capital letters. Each entry in the Directory of Publishers and Distributors includes the full name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and ordering instructions.

**Special Features.** Access by subject or theme is considered one of the Catalog's most important features and is especially valued by reader advisors.

**Uses.** Readers' advisory in public libraries. Collection development in public and academic libraries.

**Coverage.** Although selective, and therefore not exhaustive, it does include out-of-print books as well as current fiction. Titles are selected with the assistance of experienced librarians from public library systems in different geographical areas.


**Limitations.** Only selected works are included, and they are not necessarily in print. No information about the authors is included; users are referred to some of Fiction Catalog's companion publications, such as Public Library Catalog. Guide to Reference Books and Adult Nonfiction. Entries are not cumulative; the selections in the next edition may be different, because a different panel may be doing the selecting. Voting represents the collective opinion of a number of librarians in each system. The popularity of a title is not a guarantee as to its quality as a creative work.

**Other Formats.** Also available on-line, with many more features, including machine-readable MARC records, search capability, and links to more reviews.
Frequency of Publication/Update. The print edition is published every four years, with annual supplements. The on-line edition is updated "continuously."

Overall Evaluation. A valuable reader's advisory resource.


Purpose. A list of recently published books and books to come. "This compendium is intended to provide librarians, booksellers, and other book purchasers with the most accurate bibliographic information available."

Authority. Compiled by R.R. Bowker Database Publishing Group, which is also the source of Books In Print. No payment is either solicited or accepted for the inclusion of entries in this publication. Readers and publishers may send corrections. An Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) interface is provided which allows publishers to submit bibliographic data from their own databases via FTP, thus reducing or eliminating typographical errors. The president, CEO, editors, and others are listed on verso of the Table of Contents.

Scope. Each issue of Forthcoming Books expands on the previous issue, updating entries and adding new ones. Information is included on adult trade books, technical and scientific books, YA and juvenile literature, college texts, paperbacks, imports, revised editions, and reprints. All editions and bindings are listed.

Format. A single paper-bound volume, approximately 11" by 15".

Arrangement. Three separate sections are searchable by subject, author, and title. Each section includes a user's guide explaining how to find a subject heading (LCSH is used, mostly), how to find an author entry, and how to find a title entry, with examples of each.
The 4th section is an index to publisher's abbreviated names. There is a separate index of distributors and wholesalers. Example entries are provided.

Entries. Each entry includes the title, author, publisher, subject headings, and price. Ten-digit and 13-digit ISBNs are provided. All ISBNs have been check-summed for accuracy. Publishers', distributors', and wholesalers' address, phone number, email, and website information is provided.

Special Features. There are tables of publisher country codes (ex. GRC = Greece), language codes (GRE = Greek, GEC = classical Greek), and abbreviations. Special subject headings include FICTION, AMERICAN FICTION, DRAMA, POETRY, CHILDREN'S FICTION, and geographical headings such as SOUTHWESTERN STATES—FICTION.

Uses. Ideal as a readers' advisory tool. Invaluable to all librarians who have ordering responsibility.

Coverage. The Winter 2007 issue contains approximately 26,150 titles of recently published and soon to be published works, covering the period from January to April 2007. Approximately 4,120 U.S. publishers are represented.


Limitations. Does not include: books not distributed in the U.S.; books not available to trade or the general public; e-books; books printed on-demand; books available only to members of an organization; subscription-only materials; books sold only to schools; and other works that have limited distribution. (E-books and on-demand publications are listed in Books In Print, which is available on CD-ROM and on-line.)
Other Formats. Available on-line, bundled with Books In Print. From booksinprint.com, go to the Forthcoming Book Room.

Frequency of Publication/Update. Published three times per year. The hardcopy of Forthcoming Books is complimentary with all GlobalBooksInPrint.com and BooksInPrint.com subscriptions.

Overall Evaluation. This is a "must-have" resource, whether in print or on-line.


Purpose. A directory of periodicals, newspapers, newsletters, and newswires that are accessible online in full text.

Authority. The address and telephone number of editor Ruth M. Orenstein are published, and comments and suggestions are welcomed.

Scope. Topics covered include science, technology, medicine, law, finances, business, industry, the popular press, and more. "Fulltext" refers to complete articles only, not to the complete publication. Each edition is complete in itself and replaces all previous editions. New editions are published twice yearly, in January and July.

Format. A single volume, approximately 11" by 15", 198 pp, bound with plastic spiral binding comb.

Arrangement. The first section lists the publications in alphabetical order, followed by a Subject Index and a Geographical Cross-reference.

Entries. Entries are in alphabetical order by name of the publication. Each entry in the 1991 edition then lists the names of the online databases that carry the full text of some or all of the articles in that publication, and the years for which that publication is available on that database. Many of the entries appear to be of legal publications, bar journals, law
reviews, and so on, and the database WestLaw appears frequently, indicating that the legal profession was one of the first to get on board with on-line resources.

*Special Features.* There is a Subject Index and a Geographical Cross-reference.

*Uses.* Locating sources for the full text of articles from a particular publication. Alternative sources may have different periods of coverage, and this directory includes that information.

*Coverage.* Each edition is complete in itself and replaces all previous editions. There is no statement indicating that the publication attempts to offer a complete listing of all publications on all databases.

*Latest Edition.* Fulltext Sources Online is now published by Information Today, Inc., in both print and online editions. The online edition is updated weekly, and the most recent update was February 26, 2007. The print edition continues to be published twice a year, in January and July. ([http://www.fso-online.com/](http://www.fso-online.com/), About FSO) In addition to listing the databases, the URL of the publication itself is given where applicable.

*Limitations.* "Fulltext" refers to complete articles, not to the complete publication. Wire service stories and syndicated columns are omitted due to copyright restrictions. Publications are noted as being "nearly cover-to-cover" or "selected," that is, only certain articles are included. The online edition is available by subscription. Non-subscribers can search for free, but only a registered user can display the full record resulting from a search.

*Other Formats.* Fulltext Sources Online is now available online. ([http://www.fso-online.com/](http://www.fso-online.com/))
Frequency of Publication/Update. The online edition is updated weekly; the print edition continues to be published twice a year, in January and July. (http://www.fso-online.com/, About FSO)

Overall Evaluation. The 1991 edition is useful for historical purposes only. A print edition is still being published and includes many features that were not in the 1991 edition. A search engine won't always turn up this information, which is at the edge of the "deep web." FSO is still a useful tool for any library, but the on-line edition would be preferable due to its being updated more frequently.


Purpose. An annual guide to publications and broadcasting stations including newspapers, magazines, journals, radio stations, television stations, and cable systems.

Authority. Kimberly Hunt-Lawrence is identified as the Project Editor. Formerly published as the Ayer Directory of Publications, this publication has been in print since 1869. Information is obtained primarily through research of publications and publisher websites, and questionnaire responses from the organizations listed. Some clarification and verification of data is obtained through telephone calls. Other published sources are used to verify some information, such as the audited circulation data in publication listings. Publications and media are identified as "ceased" or "unable to locate" as appropriate. The editor's contact information is included, and suggestions, comments, and corrections are welcomed.
Scope. Covers U.S., Canadian, and international media. Approximately 52,000 newspapers, magazines, journals, and other periodicals, plus radio, television and cable stations and systems are listed. The 141st edition has 5,900 new listings.

Format. Published in five (5) volumes. Each volume includes an introduction, a User's Guide, a table of abbreviations, and industry activity (sales, mergers, etc.)

Arrangement. Arranged geographically by state or province and then by city and community. Organized in three volumes to help users find fast facts. Volume 1 covers entries for Alabama to New Hampshire. Volume 2 covers New Jersey to Wyoming and Canada. Volume 3 contains industry activity and statistics, maps, broadcast and cable networks, news, and feature syndicates, a publisher's index; a subject index; and indexes to publications and media that serve agricultural, ethnic, fraternal, trade, technology, and professional interests. Newspaper feature editors are named, along with a master name and keyword index. Volume 4 is a regional market index, arranged by type of medium. newspapers, periodicals, cable, radio, and television. Volume 5 contains the international listings by country and city.

Entries. Each entry includes the address and phone number of the publication, and a website address if available; advertising rates; circulation statistics; local programming; and names of key personnel.

Special Features. The User's Guide includes sample entries and a key for each type of entry. Each volume has a User's Guide. Each volume has a table of abbreviations. Descriptive and statistical data are included for most cities, provinces, and territories. A Map Reference Section in Volume 3 coordinates with this information. Volume 3
contains telephone numbers and addresses of feature editors and other information useful for research purposes.


Coverage. Includes newspapers, magazines, journals, periodicals, radio, television, and cable stations at the local, state, national, and international levels. Contains information such as ad rates, circulation statistics, local programming, and names of key personnel.


Limitations. In order to search using the subject index in Volume 3, it is necessary to consult the index of subject terms, also in the same volume. (In other words, LC subject headings are not necessarily used.) In order to search by format in Volume 4, it is necessary to know the publishing location.


Frequency of Publication/Update. Annually, with a free update sent to all subscribers midway between print editions.

Overall Evaluation. This is a "must-have" resource for any library which has or is trying to cultivate the business community sector of its service area.

**Purpose.** Quoting from the jake FAQ. "Janet Lefkovitz of Hebrew University in Jerusalem came up with this description of what jake does. "Collects and indexes bibliographic information from vendors. Provides a search engine for this information. Encourages downloading of this search engine by individuals and libraries. Provides MARC cataloging records for many electronic journals. Lists vendors for individual titles. For individual titles, gives local libraries the possibility of providing information to their users about the availability of the title through their institution's vendors." What jake does is allow you to find out where a title is available, either in full-text or citation and abstracts. It does NOT allow you to search for specific articles -- just journal titles and databases."

**Authority.** Quoting from the jake FAQ. "jake launched as a fully free, public project following open source development principles in April 1999. The original developers and maintainers were staff at the Cushing/Whitney Medical Library at the Yale University School of Medicine. Dan Chudnov, Kimberly Parker, and Adam Gschwender did most of the work of getting it started." The FAQ was last updated on January 17, 2001, by Kathy Wheeler.

**Scope.** Quoting from the FAQ. "As of 2000-04-04, jake has cross-references for roughly 23,000 journals. There are probably at least 50-100,000 more titles for which jake knows at least something (i.e. which databases have some info for that title) but not cross-references with ISSN and linking."

**Format.** Quoting from the FAQ. "The jake search form is very simple. To search for a title, the journal name or abbreviation is entered. Jake will try to construct URLs that will link directly to the article; however, you will only be able to get the article if your
institution is a licensed subscriber to the journal. This search doesn't work for every article or every journal; jake needs to know the URL patterns in order to make a link.

Arrangement. not applicable

Entries. not applicable

Special Features. jake supported truncation and wildcard characters, and searching by ISSN. Since jake is open source, users have added their own local enhancements, such as searching by subject. Another user added a feature to allow MARC records to be created in either text or binary format to be added to the user's library database.

Use. Identifying useful articles from a variety of academic and general interest databases, similar to the collection of databases that we can access through the Buley Library website. Each of our databases must be selected and searched using its own unique search interface. jake is a means of searching without having to know the unique search interface, because jake has that knowledge built into it.

Limitations. Quoting from the FAQ. "jake doesn't actually store the articles or citations at all. It only knows how to build URLs that will take you to those articles. So while it might seem that jake is giving you articles, it is only helping you find them. To be able to get to the articles from jake, you or your organization needs to have a license to the content from the journals/databases to which jake is pointing you. For many titles, some or all of this content is free, so you can get to full text articles just fine even if your organization doesn't have a license. Even in this case, though, jake is just taking you there. The remote publisher/database/etc. has the text, not jake. If you need articles you can't find through jake or elsewhere, ask your nearest friendly librarian. And while you're at it, make sure that librarian knows about jake, because it might help them find the
article you need faster." Like the collection of databases at Buley, jake still requires the user to select the database to be searched; it does not search across all available databases, although, since jake is open source, some user could have added this feature locally.

*Overall Evaluation.* I was not able to do a search using the real jake, but judging from what I saw in the Internet Archive, I suspect that one of the reasons the project was decommissioned was the advent of Google Scholar and its superior user interface.

*Note.* All of these URLs are either defunct or have been hijacked by a porn site.

http://jake-db.org/ or http://jake.lib.sfu.ca/ or http://jake.med.yale.edu/ FAQ. http://jake-db.org/docs/faq.php. A note on one of the alternate URLs states that "jake.med.yale.edu was decommissioned on 2007-01-31. If you would like a copy the old jake data, see sf.net/projects/jake. So long, and thanks for all the metadata."


(The 9th edition was not available.)

*Purpose.* Provides in-depth reviews of periodical literature

*Authority.* Created by William Katz, a well known authority in the field of library reference services. Published by R.R. Bowker.

*Scope.* The fifteenth edition has reviews for 6,587 periodical titles categorized by subject. Quarterly online updates are included.

*Format.* Published in a single hardcover volume. Quarterly updates are provided online

*Arrangement.* The chapters in the book are arranged alphabetically by subject. Within each chapter titles are arranged alphabetically. The titles are numbered sequentially.
The book includes information on how to use the book, publishers and publishing services, abbreviation guide, an alphabetical Title Index and a detailed Subject Index.

Entries. Bibliographic information for each entry includes: Title, ISSN, Date Founded, Frequency, Price, Editor, Publisher and Address, Internet-WWW, Illustrations, Index, Advertising, Sample, Refereed, Circulation, Date Volume Ends, CD-ROM, Microform, Reprint, Online, Indexed, Book Reviews, Audience, and Annotations.

Special Features. Each subject begins with an overview to familiarize users to the scope of the topic.

Uses. Used by reference staff to assist library users in the identifying the best journals in a subject and for collection development.

Coverage. Includes current periodicals in a wide variety of subject areas. This new edition includes newly added chapters on Biotechnology and Informatics. Also included is a new chapter General Interest: Non-English Language.

Limitations. The quickly changing field of periodicals makes it difficult to keep a print resource up to date.

Other Formats. Not available in other formats. (See Ulrich’s Periodical Directory from Bowker)


Frequency of Publication. Irregular publication schedule. Quarterly online updates.
**Overall Evaluation.** An important resource for all types of libraries.

13. **Citation.** *National union catalog pre-1956 imprints, a cumulative author list representing Library of Congress printed cards and titles reported by other American libraries.*


**Purpose.** The largest print bibliography ever published. It was produced to provide a bibliographic reference resource of all major works printed or written prior to 1956 held by American libraries.

**Authority.** Compiled and edited by the Cooperation of the Library of Congress and the National Union Catalog Subcommittee of the Resources Committee of the Resources and Technical Services Division, American Library Association.

Mansell Information/Publishing Ltd. is the publisher.

**Scope.** The first 685 volumes contain all cataloged works printed or written prior to 1956 from the Library of Congress and reported by several hundred participating American libraries. Volumes 686 – 754 are supplementary volumes containing works added after the deadline for the first submission, as well as changes and revisions to original entries.
Format. The catalog is published in 754 hardcover volumes. The volumes contain entries for books, pamphlets, maps, atlases and music. Periodicals and other serials were included if they were catalogued by the Library of Congress or reported by participating libraries.

Arrangement. The volumes are arranged alphabetically. Within each volume the entries are arranged alphabetically by main entry, usually the author, with cross references and selected added entries.

Entries. Each entry is given a unique designation to identify it within the catalog. The designations consist of the first letter N for the National Union Catalog, followed by the first letter of the main entry, then a number representing the serial position of entry under its initial letter. The numbers are in sequential order to assist in finding an entry within the catalog. The designation is followed by alphabetic symbols indicating the locations of a given work. The American Library Association’s Cataloguing Rules for Author and Title, 1949 edition were used for the authority for the form of entries. Submitted entries were edited to provide consistency. Cross references are provided between original entry forms and subsequent entries. Descriptive and cataloguing information for each entry varies due to the cataloging practices of the contributing libraries. Classification and call numbers are from the original cards reflecting possible local modifications.

Special Features. The comprehensiveness, scope and uniqueness of the catalog contains bibliographic entries not listed in other reference sources.
Uses. Prior to the availability of OCLC’s WorldCat, it was the most comprehensive bibliographic resource. Today it is used as a supplement to WorldCat and other bibliographic resources for the purpose of reference services, interlibrary loan, cataloguing authority work, and historical and genealogical research.

Coverage. The catalog contains bibliographic information for all printed and written pre-1956 works held by the Library of Congress and submitted by participating libraries at the time of publication.

Limitations. Due to the effort to provide consistency in catalog entries, the entry for an item may not match the catalog entry at a library indicated as owning a work. Materials listed may no longer be available. Due to its age and size the catalog is not widely available.

Other Formats. The catalog is also available in microform.

Latest Edition. There are no other editions.

Frequency of Publication. There are no updates.

Overall Evaluation. An excellent resource to be aware for historical and reference purposes.


(This was the resource that a University of Washington reference librarian thought best matched the assigned title. None of their holdings exactly matched the assigned title.)

Purpose. A print listing of serial titles located in libraries in the United States and Canada.
Authority. Produced under the sponsorship of the Joint Committee on the Union List of Serials with the Cooperation of the Library of Congress. Edited by Edna Brown Titus. Published by The H. W. Wilson Company.

Scope. The 3rd edition contains approximately 156,000 titles of a wide variety of serial publications from 956 cooperating libraries.

Format. Consists of five hardbound volumes. Contains the listings from the 2nd edition, plus two supplements, with the addition of almost 12,000 new titles which began publication before 1950.

Arrangement. The volumes are arranged alphabetically. Within the volumes the entries are also listed alphabetically.

Entries. Entries provide a catalog description of the title under latest form name, with cross references from all changed titles and alternate entries. Holdings in reporting libraries are included.

Special Features. 3rd edition contains references that may not exist in other resources

Uses. At the time of publication it was a valuable resource for researchers and librarians. Now it is a resource for locating older serial titles, verification of titles and name changes, and historical research.

Coverage. Includes serial titles before 1950.

Limitations. 3rd edition references titles that no longer exist

Other Formats. None

Frequency of Publication.

Overall Evaluation. See above


Purpose. WorldCat is a searchable worldwide online union catalog database created and maintained by member libraries. It is the largest, most comprehensive resource of its kind.

Authority. WorldCat is produced by the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC).

Scope. WorldCat contains millions of online bibliographic and ownership records contributed by more than 57,000 libraries worldwide.

Format. Online subscription database accessed through FirstSearch, an OCLC search service

Arrangement. Access through FirstSearch provides for basic, advanced, expert search queries. Search results are easily refined by material type, audience, format and content. Search results may be ranked by number of libraries, date, relevance and accession number.

Entries. Individual records depend on material type. They are enhanced with a wide variety of information and multimedia, included links to related resources at other sources.

Special Features. Access to a wealth of metadata for enhancing library resources
Uses. WorldCat is useful for research, locating materials, interlibrary loans, collection analysis, and cataloguing.

Format. Online subscription database accessed through FirstSearch, an OCLC search service.

Coverage. According to OCLC, WorldCat contains than 81 million bibliographic records and 1 billion individual holdings. Records exist for physical items, electronic content, born-digital works and digitally preserved artifacts. Holdings represent languages and cultures from around the world.

Limitations. Subscription required for full access

Other Formats. Limited access versions, Open WorldCat and WorldCat.org, are available freely through the Internet


Frequency of Publication. Ongoing updates.

Overall Evaluation. An outstanding, continually growing and evolving resource.


Purpose. The catalog provides a list of recommended reference and nonfiction books for adults

Authority. Edited by Juliette Yaakov, the items in this edition were elected by a group of experienced librarians representing public library systems from around the United States. H. W. Wilson Company is the publisher.

Scope. The 11th edition contains over 8,000 titles and 2,000 analytical entries.

Format. The catalog is published in a single hardcover volume.
Arrangement. The 11th edition catalog is arranged in three parts. Part one is a Classified Catalog arranged by Dewey Decimal Classification. Within classes works are arranged alphabetically under the main entry, which is usually the author. Biographies are arranged alphabetically by the name of the person. Part two is an author, title, subject and analytical Index of all books entered into the catalog. The third part is a Directory of Publishers and Distributors

Entries. Each entry contains a full bibliographical description. Entries include recommended subject headings and call numbers. A brief description of the contents of the book is sometimes accompanied by a quoted evaluation.

Special Features. Subject access via Dewey Decimal Classification

Uses. The catalog provides information for librarians working in collection development, reference and cataloging.

Coverage. Lists works in a broad range of subjects published in the United States, or published in Canada or the United Kingdom and distributed in the United States

Limitations. Entries are selected by a small group of individuals.

Other Formats. Online subscription available through Wilson Web.


Frequency of Publication. A new hardback version is published every four years, with annual paperback supplements in between.

Overall Evaluation. A useful resource for collection development.

**Purpose.** Provides free online access to information on both print and electronic publications from around the world.

**Authority.** Dubs itself as being “The premier online global resource for information about print and electronic publications.” Receives information from both publishers directly as well as other unnamed sources.

**Scope.** Contains information on over 150,000 domestic and international print and electronic publications including magazines, journals, e-journals, newsletters, and monographs.

**Format.** Users can search by title, publisher, subject, publisher, country of publication, ISSN, or perform a quick keyword search.

**Arrangement.** Search results are displayed in alphabetical order. The results are numbered.

**Entries.** Each returned title is a hypertext link that, when clicked on, allows the user to view the publication, publication type, ISSN, country of publication, language in which the article was published, publisher, publisher’s address, and publisher’s contact information.

**Special Features.** Provides a variety of detailed search tips for using the site, accessible through the “Help” feature.

**Uses.** Can help anyone looking for a specific publication or article from a publication, citation information, or publisher information.

**Overall Evaluation.** The site is currently undergoing technical improvements, causing some of the site’s search features to be temporarily unavailable. Also, only registered users are permitted to access the site. Although registration is free, this may turn some
off. Still, the site is easy to navigate, provides many ways to locate a publication, and provides in-depth information on each publication.


**Purpose.** Provides basic information on many subjects, provides biographical information on a number of authors, and introduces readers to writings ranging from classics to modern works.

**Authority.** Published by R.R. Bowker, a renowned publisher with over 130 years of experience.

**Scope.** Contains information on all titles published as books currently for sale in the United States as well as invaluable out-of-print works likely to be found in a modest public library.

**Format.** Organized as a six volume hardcover set. British and American Literature, World Literature, Social sciences/History/The Arts, Philosophy/Religion, Science/Technology/Medicine, and Indexes.

**Arrangement.** Each volume begins with a “Books about Books” section, which lists books written on the fields covered in the volume as opposed to within the field. Subcategories are used. For example, in the British and American Literature volume subcategories such as Medieval literature, Renaissance literature, and Restoration & Eighteenth Century literature are included. Entries are organized in alphabetical order by author last name.
Entries. Entries include author last and first name, title, publisher, year of publication, price, ISBN, and a brief overview of the work. Entries are grouped into chapters and sections by category.

Special features. Biographic information on authors is included. The information is listed in chronological order, providing a historical context. Also, cross references connect authors working in multiple subject areas.

Uses. Useful to reference librarians who may be called upon to perform reader’s advisory services as well as patrons seeking books on a chosen topic.

Overall evaluation. A must have for any library. Represents the classics and the best in a variety of disciplines. Organized in an easy-to-navigate fashion that would welcome even the most novice user.


Purpose. Most comprehensive directory of United States and Canadian periodicals.

Authority. For more than 35 years Oxbridge Communications has been building one of the largest databases of print media and catalogs in existence.

Scope. Information on more than 61,268 North American magazines, journals, newsletters, newspapers, and directories in 263 subject categories. 4,277 new titles were added to the 32,942 titles held in the previous edition.

Format. A hardcover text with over 2,100 pages.

Arrangement. Entries are arranged by subject. All subjects are conveniently located at the beginning on the book. Beside each subject is the number of items found in that category. Under the subject of “Accounting,” for example, there are 243 items.
Entries. Entries are listed in alphabetical order by title. Each entry includes the title of the work, the publisher, publisher’s address, telephone number, fax number, email address, and website, as well as a brief statement on the purpose of the item, the start date of publication, list price, subscription price, circulation, and physical dimensions of the item.

Special Features. Provides useful circulation and subscription data for business and marketing research as well.

Uses. Can help a library make choices as to which magazines to subscribe to and can also assist patrons in finding information on periodicals of interest.

Overall Evaluation. A more in-depth coverage of periodical publishing in North America may not be found. A valuable reference tool that is useful to librarians while still being simply enough for the average patron to use.


Purpose. These are the companion volumes to Books In Print and several other Bowker publications which are organized by author and title.

Authority. R.R. Bowker publishes numerous bibliographic resources used by all types of libraries. These volumes are produced by the Database Publication Group, in collaboration with the Information Technology Department of Bowker. The verso of the title page lists the names of the senior executives and editorial staff, with contact information that includes a toll-free phone number, email address, and website. The information in the entries is provided by participating publishers. Publishers may
purchase space to highlight important titles. Editorial policies are designed to ensure that entries are uniform, complete, and easy to find.

*Scope.* This edition contains approximately 1,449,880 titles which appear 1,719,140 times under 57,120 headings. (Some titles are listed under more than one subject heading.)

*Format.* The 1998 edition is contained in seven hardcover volumes.

*Arrangement.* The first and seventh volumes include introductory material, and the first through sixth volumes contain the subject headings arranged alphabetically. The entries for each title are listed under the relevant subject headings, alphabetically by author.

*Entries.* Each entry includes the author and title, and other bibliographic information as available, such as LC card or catalog number, illustration notes, number of pages, publication date, price, ISBN, publisher, format (mass market, paperback, textbook, etc.), and reprint status. Library of Congress Subject Headings are followed, with a few exceptions. For example, Juvenile non-fiction sometimes has its own heading; e.g., AERONAUTICS--JUVENILE LITERATURE. LC sequence rules apply. Provisional headings are assigned if no LC subject heading exists. An asterisk indicates a title that is appearing for the first time.

*Special Features.* Volumes 1 and 7 include a How To Use guide, an explanation of the Bowker Subject Authority files, and a List of Abbreviations. Volume 7 includes a table of Symbols and Abbreviations, and subject heading lists for several Bowker on-line databases. Children's Books In Print, Forthcoming Books, Software Encyclopedia, Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory, and American Men and Women of Science.

*Use.* Ready reference; acquisition decisions.
Limitations. Not included are. Bibles, poetry and drama by a single author, fiction by a single author (except for a listing under the subject heading of a recurring character or location), imported books that do not have a sole U.S. distributor, and a few other special cases.

Overall Evaluation. A useful companion to Books In Print. The additional subject lists may be of assistance to users of the other Bowker publications and on-line databases. Very useful in academic libraries, which tend to retain older volumes. Of limited use in public libraries, which tend to weed older materials. The fact that a university library did not have anything more recent than the 1998 edition suggests that the Subject Guide is used more as a thesaurus, to identify the proper subject headings, and not necessarily to identify a particular title.


   www.ulrichswes.com.csulib.ctstateu.edu/ulrichswes/

   Purpose. Provides detailed information on magazines, journals, newspapers, newsletters, and electronic periodicals.

   Authority. Global coverage of thousands of both print and electronic periodicals by reputable publisher R.R. Bowker.

   Scope. Provides information on over 250,000 “active, forthcoming, ceased, and suspended titles in more than 900 different subject areas”


   Format. Users can search by keyword, ISSN, subject, or title. Users can also browse by general subject by selecting from a hypertext alphabetical list of subjects. Browsing by index is another option. Using this feature, users can select any piece of information that
they might know about the item they are looking for, from Dewey decimal number to the publisher’s city, to locate the item.

Arrangement. Search results are listed alphabetically by title. Each title is a hypertext link that brings the user to an entry for the item. Basic information about the item, including publisher, country, ISSN, start year, status, and price are listed beside the title.

Entries. By clicking on hypertext title, users can view more in-depth information about the item, including frequency, latest volume, document type, media, language, Dewey decimal number, Library of Congress number, a description of the item, and ordering information, than what is viewable from the search results screen.

Special Features. The website has many practical features. A “Search my library’s catalog” hypertext link allows users interested in a particular item to search a library catalog for the holding directly from ulrichsweb.com. Another beneficial feature is the “Add this item to.” drop-box, which allows users to create and maintain lists of items of interest. A college student who was researching items for an assignment on secondary education, for example, could search for relevant materials and then save any titles of interest found on a list to print out and refer to.

Use. Useful to librarians seeking ordering and publishing information on periodicals as well as library patrons looking for periodicals on a desired topic.

Overall Evaluation. Thorough coverage of periodicals from around the world, user-friendly interface, and helpful special features make ulrichsweb.com a must-have for any library.
Purpose. Reader's advisory, fiction and non-fiction, for all ages and reading levels.

Authority. Thompson Gale is one of the largest database vendors in the world. A long list of Genre and Subject experts who contributed to this database are identified.

Scope. Includes over 125,100 recommended titles compiled from entries in the print editions What Do I Read Next?, What Do Young Adults Read Next?, What Do Children Read Next?, What Do I Read Next? Multicultural Literature, What Historical Novel Do I Read Next?, What Inspirational Literature Do I Read Next?, plus thousands of award winners, bestsellers, and librarian favorites. Additionally, What Do I Read Next? Online reaches beyond the scope of the print series to include classic fiction and popular nonfiction.

Format. Search by title, author, subject, keyword, time period, geographic location, character and reading level. Follow the series links to additional titles, use the Help Me Find a Book search to get recommendations based on favorite titles or topics, or let the experts recommend books that are similar to a book you've enjoyed.

Arrangement. The main menu has all the links to the specific search screens (author, title, series, custom search) and browsing screens (Help Me Find a Book, Genre Search, Award Winners and Top Picks, and search by character, topic, setting, and time period). The site is very easy to navigate.

Entries. Book entries include a link to biographical information about the author, a brief summary of the work, a list of main characters, the reading level, genre, subject headings,
locale, time period, and any special recognition that the title has received. Sidebar buttons offer "email this," printing, locating books by same author or on same subject, and "add to keeper list."

*Special Features.* To quote from the "About" screen, "What Do I Read Next? Online is an easy and fun-to-use one-stop source for expert recommendations on classic, mainstream or genre fiction and nonfiction titles covering a wide range of subjects for all age levels."

*Uses.* Especially useful for locating fiction of a type or genre that the reference librarian may not be familiar with. Very easy to use, intuitive user interface. Detailed biographical information on the authors.

*Overall Evaluation.* Excellent reader's advisory tool.

**Conclusion**

These days when various on-line resources such as Google and on-line booksellers such as Amazon are fulfilling our needs for factual bibliographic information at no cost, it is well to remember from time to time that not everything is available on the Internet and that the most useful information is not always free. Nothing takes the place of an informed professional opinion based on experience, such as those we found in *Fiction Catalog*, *American Book Publishing Record*, and *Public Library Catalog*. Nor does any standard web search yet take the place of a comprehensive directory such as *Gale Directory of Publications and Broadcast Media* or *Books In Print*.

Based on our evaluations of the twenty-two reference sources in this first set, we offer the following recommendations, where an 'X' means that we would include it in the collection. The annotation (P) indicates that we are referring to the print edition that we evaluated, and (O)
indicates that we are referring to the on-line edition that we evaluated.

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Catherine wrote the "Instructions" for the Commission, which became the liberal program of her reign. In 1775 was issued a manifesto which allowed to freely establish any industry. Charter for cities had set new elective municipal agencies, expanded the circle of voters and consolidated the basis of self-government. In 1773, by decree of Catherine II in St Petersburg was founded Russia's first and second in the world higher technical educational institution - Mining School which trained specialists of metalworking industries. Leading the alliance with Austria and Prussia, Catherine participated in the three partitions of Poland. In 1795, the Empress issued a Manifesto on annexation of Courland "to the Russian Empire forever". Foster, Christopher C (2013) The application of information integration theory to standard setting: Setting cut scores using cognitive theory. Foulis, Stephen A (2013) Recovery from muscle fatigue in young and older adults: Implications for physical function. Francescone III, Ralph A (2013) The role of YKL-40 in the progression of glioblastoma. How framing multiculturalism in different ways changes attitudes and inclusion of ethnic minorities in the United States. Meade, Andrew (2013) A measurement of the W/Z cross section ratio as a function of hadronic activity with the ATLAS detector. Mehranian, Hasmik (2013) Novice drivers: Development and evaluation of training program for hazard anticipation, hazard mitigation and attention maintenance skills in complex driving scenarios. The manuscript Catherine commissioned is a prayer book containing an unusually rich series of devotions illustrated with especially elaborate suites of miniatures. The artist's keen sense of observation combined with an interest in everyday objects was a style far ahead of its time (it would come to flower in seventeenth-century Dutch still-life painting). All the miniatures are filled with amazing detail. Narrative was also one of the great talents of the Master of Catherine of Clevesâ€”he could tell a good story. Finally, Catherine's codex is famous for the artist's innovative b