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The formal beginning of an ambitious project to publish a new biographical directory of librarians in the United States and Canada was announced on May 22, 1979 in Washington, D.C. by Robert D. Stueart, Director, Simmons College School of Library Science, and chairperson of the advisory committee to the project. Tentatively titled Who's Who in Library and Information Services, the work will be published in the spring of 1981 by K. G. Saur Publishing, Inc.

The American Library Association, in cooperation with an advisory committee selected to represent various sectors of the library/information science community, will provide editorial direction for the project. The committee and the publisher met at the offices of Carol A. Nemeyer, Association Librarian for National Programs, Library of Congress, and Chairperson of the ALA Publishing Committee, to review the editorial plan, content and form of the entries, and eligibility guidelines.

Candidates for inclusion in the directory will be chosen from among librarians, information scientists, trustees, educators, activists, subject specialists and others currently active in the information community in the United States and Canada. The first questionnaire will be mailed during the fall of 1979.

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In addition to Chairperson Stueart, other members of the advisory committee are John T. Corrigan, Editor, Catholic Library World, representing the Council of National Library Associations; Vivian D. Hewitt, Librarian, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; R. Brian Land, Director, Legislative Library of Ontario; and Alphonse F. Trezza, Executive Director, National Commission on Library and Information Science.

Staff for the project are Joel M. Lee, ALA Headquarters Librarian, Editor in Chief; George A. Bogden, K. G. Saur Publishing, Inc., Publisher; and Jane T. Hedges, K. G. Saur Publishing, Inc., Editor.