Institutes on "The Catalog in the Age of Technological Change," co-sponsored by ALA's Information Science and Automation Division (ISAD) and the Resources and Technical Services Division (RTSD), Cataloging and Classification Section, will be held in New York City (April 22-23) and Los Angeles (May 19-20).

The institutes will provide a forum for examining the impact of technology on the catalog, the time-honored primary tool of the profession.

In recent years, the viability of the catalog as a bibliographic tool has been questioned. Predictions of its demise and replacement have been made.

The institute discussions will consider:

--how technological changes have affected the catalog user in all types of libraries.

--whether the cataloging rules for nonprint materials must be different than those for print materials

--the role of the Library of Congress

--after publication of the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, 2nd edition, what next? What will be its impact on the public library user? on the research library user?

Speakers will include Joseph Howard, Seymour Lubetsky, Phyllis Richmond (New York only), Michael Gorman, Sanford Berman, Bernadine Hoduski (Los Angeles only), John Byrum, Anne Lipow, and Jean Weihs. Maurice Freedman, New York Public Library, is the program chairperson and organizer.

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