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New RASD Reference Tool

The third edition of Reference Books for Small and Medium-sized Libraries is now available. The new edition was prepared by an Ad Hoc Committee of Reference and Adult Services Division of the American Library Association.

Like its predecessors, this reference work is designed as a helpful guide for purchasing adult reference collections for newly established libraries and for improving and adding to existing collections. However, the third edition is a complete revision of the 1969 and 1973 editions and contains 1,048 entries, a 36 percent increase over the 770 entries in the 1973 edition.

In addition to its usefulness as a selection aid, this book, "may also be used for introductory library science courses in reference bibliography," comments the editor of Reference Works for Small and Medium-sized Libraries, Larry Earl Bone, in his preface.

The book is arranged by major subject categories. Entries give author, title, edition, publisher, date, paging or volume, price and brief annotations that describe the contents, indicate scope, and point out important features and special uses.

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The Ad Hoc Committee worked 18 months compiling and revising entries. The committee was chaired by Larry Earl Bone, Director of Libraries, Mercy College, Westchester County, NY, and included: Laurel Grotzinger, Dean and Chief Research Officer, The Graduate College, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo; Agnes L. Reagan, Professor, Graduate School of Library Science, University of Texas at Austin; Nathan A. Josel, Jr., Assistant Director, Madison (WI) Public Library; Ann Rogers, Library Media Specialist, Jefferson County Public Schools, Lakewood, CO; Jovian P. Lang, OFM, Associate Professor, Division of Library and Information Science, St. John's University, Jamaica, NY; and with the special participation of Richard Sweeney Halsey, Associate Professor, School of Library and Information Science, State University of New York at Albany.

Copies of the third edition of Reference Books for Small and Medium-sized Libraries may be purchased for \$9.00 (checks payable to the American Library Association) from the Order Department, ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.