

ABSTRACTS

BÍRÓNÉ VASVÁRI Lilian – TELCS András: Publication data bank in the Library of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. – A bibliometric analysis, giving a picture of the standard of intellectual activities in the individual academic institutes. The analysis was supported by a machine processing of the data. The Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA) has been working since 1981 in the development of a central publication data bank for academic institutes. The data bank can be utilized in preparing science bibliographies regarding the individual institutes or the Academy as a whole; in running a system for retrieval according to bibliographic data; in the computer-aided production of scientometric data and indices. The pre-machine processing of the data, the methods applied in the checking and correction are described. Search is possible with search terms or bibliographic data. Examples are provided to demonstrate the facilities of the retrieval system. [pp. 125–138.]

ARATÓ Antal: Needless books in public libraries. – For those who are engaged in the questions of acquisition the user reaction to the books bought offers a significant feedback. Librarians pay attention to successful books and unsatisfied needs, although a survey of books not used or borrowed less than the average would also be a substantial contribution. It is likely that in public libraries great quantities of books purchased needlessly have settled down – partly for acquisition errors. To bear this assumption out, the circulation of the books bought seven years before in three copies was examined in Jászberény Municipal Library. It was found that at one-third of the titles the readers' interest had been overestimated. Later the list of the non-borrowed books was made in this same library. The author gives an in-depth analysis of the list. He concludes that a more careful acquisition policy and a new approach are necessary. [pp. 139–157.]

SZÉKELYNÉ TÖRÖK Tünde: Acquisition and readership: a few problems in a county library's acquisition practice. – The rise in book prices had an unfavourable effect on Vas County Library, which used to be one of the best equipped county libraries, running outstanding services. In order to utilize the materials budget more economically, laying a greater stress on user needs, the library had to modify its acquisition policy. The author thinks the book review published in "Új Könyvek", an annotated selection tool, are too general and do not help the acquisition officer's job. To support her arguments, she presents the circulation data of a few fiction titles recommended by the biweekly and purchased by the library. On the basis of the qualifying symbols, often unneeded books are purchased. [pp. 158–169.]

VAJDA Kornél: Comments on Mrs. Székely's article. – The author, a member of the „Új Könyvek” staff, comments upon the critical remarks "ex officio". He believes that the general descriptions are necessary, since acquisition should not be looked upon as an operation aimed at individual titles but at a certain type of books, which needs a formal, standard solution. "Új Könyvek" provides guidance for deciding whether the title is needed at all. For calculating the correct number of copies to be purchased other rules should be followed; it is the users of the given library that count the most. [pp. 170–172.]