

'birds of prey' we are instructed to 'see also Birds'.

Summing up, this is a well-delivered edition, a capably edited member of the growing DDC family which, with its avowed aim of user convenience, deserves to find favor with its intended users.

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(1) South, M.L.(Ed.): Dewey Decimal Classification for School Libraries. British and International edition. Albany, NY: Forest Press 1986. IX,179p.

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FETTERS, Linda K.: **A Guide to Indexing Software**. New York, NY: Amer.Soc.Indexers 1989. 3rd.ed. 26p., ISBN 0-936547-06-5

This booklet provides an extremely lucid and systematic overview of the features of nine programs that can assist the indexer in his work (Cindex, IndexAid2, Indexer's Assistant, Indexit, INDEXX, In> Sort, MACREX, wIndex, MIS). The author's comments are preceded by a list of 36 criteria according to which the programs are evaluated. These criteria are grouped under "Basic Features", "Editing and Displaying Entries", "Formatting/Printing Features" and "Sorting". A "Comparison Chart" provides an overview as to whether or not these criteria are satisfied by the various programs. This facilitates comparison and selection of an indexing program for a given purpose at hand.

The discussion of the individual programs follows a common, consistently applied scheme, subdivided into "Hardware Requirements", "Preparing Entries", "Sorting and Cumulations", "Formatting", "Printing Effects", and "Recommendation". Prices, suppliers, and the quality of accompanying manuals are also mentioned.

Apparently, all the programs under discussion work without any thesaurus component, and the possibility of working with an integrated thesaurus is not included in the evaluation criteria. Indexing in these systems seems to be restricted to the mere extraction of text words. Such an approach, however, can yield only moderate results. If, for example, the searcher finds the subject headings "pesticides" and "insecticides" in the index, he rightly expects a paraphrasing passage "Use of pesticides against the oriental fruit fly" not merely to be indexed under the text word "pesticides", but at least in addition under "insecticides" too, although this word does not occur in the text. Mere word extraction as is practiced in the software presented and even suggested by it, does not serve this purpose.

If no pertinent demand is raised by the indexers or if such a need is even negated (cf. Linda K. Feters: Indexing Software", in Weinberg, B.H.(Ed.): Indexing - the state of our knowledge and the state of our ignorance, p.28, second paragraph), the software producer does not feel the necessity of an initiative for developing a correspondingly more advanced program. This is one of the consequences of the widespread neglect by American authors of the progress already achieved in Europe.

It is highly desirable that this guide should be further updated and supplemented and that the above-mentioned gap in the supply of American indexing software be recognized and filled.

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STEPHAN, Werner (Comp.& Ed.): **Die Schlagwort-normdatei. Entwicklungsstand und Nutzungsmöglichkeiten**. Vorträge eines Kolloquiums zur Schlagwort-normdatei (SWD) in Frankfurt a.M. am 5. und 6. Oktober 1989. (The Authority File of Subject Headings. State of Development and Opportunities for Use. Lectures of a Colloquy on the Authority File of Subject Headings at Frankfurt/Main on 5-6 Oct.1989). Berlin: Deutsches Bibliotheksinstitut 1990. 179p. DBI Materialien, 90

(The following review summarizes the contents of the papers presented which have already been listed in German in Int.Classif., Section Classif.Lit. 17(1990)No.3/4, p.189 (Nos.080-097). Dr.Bies introduced his review with a copy of the contents list and added the following English translations to the titles:

Kelm, B.: SWD as a working instrument of the subject cataloguing of the Deutsche Bibliothek and the CD-ROM-version of the German National Bibliography as an example of an OPAC provided with RSWK chains. - Gödert, W.: Processing and retrieval of data formed by RSWK in the CD-ROM version of the German National Bibliography. - Stephan, W.: Cooperative management of a data file and the editorial tasks of the Deutsche Bibliothek. - Geißelmann, F.: On the tasks of the central editorial department of the Bavarian co-operative system for the SWD. - Schubert, H.: On the tasks of the central editorial department of the Bavarian cooperative system for the SWD. - Traiser, W.: The present state of the SWD-systematization and preliminary thoughts on its further development. - Loth, K.: The structuring of the subject headings of the authority file of subject headings. - Rinn, R.: The relations between the SWD and other authority files or standard data. - Auer, G.: The use of EDP and subject cataloguing at Austrian research libraries. - Höhne, H.: Thoughts on a possible use of the RSWK and a contribution to the SWD on the part of the 'Deutsche Bücherei'. - Beaujean, M.: The use of the services of the Deutsche Bibliothek at the Hannover municipal libraries. - Galsterer, B.: Düsseldorf municipal libraries and metropolitan city libraries in North Rhine-Westphalia. - Nowak, C.G.: Use of the SWD and the RSWK-chains by means of the library information system BASIS at the Bochum municipal library. - Brake-Gerlach, U.: Library and information system Oldenburg. - Schwan-Michels, R.: Co-operative alphabetical subject