

BIBLIOS REVISITED

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In the following, Orange County Public Library's earlier reports on its BIBLIOS system are updated. Book catalog and circulation control modules are detailed, development and operation costs documented, and a cost comparison for acquisitions cited.

"In 1968 ALA began publishing, through its Information Science and Automation Division, a *Journal of Library Automation*. It is perhaps appropriate to note that in the first three quarterly issues only one public library project was described (1), and this was a project under contemplation, not one actually in operation." (2) This statement by Dan Melcher to substantiate his contention that library automation is suspect is, in itself, suspect. The public library project alluded to as being contemplated in 1968 was brought to fruition by Orange County (California) Public Library in 1969, and has functioned with startling success ever since. In addition, the finished system was reported to the library (3) and data processing (4) worlds in 1969 and 1970 respectively.

Orange County Public Library's BIBLIOS (Book Inventory Building Library Information Oriented System) is a system designed to fulfill all functional requirements of a multibranch library which is growing by leaps and bounds (5). Specifically these functional requirements are: acquisitions, book processing, catalog maintenance, circulation control, and book fund accounting, in addition to management reporting on a level not practical in a manual system.

THE FUNCTIONAL SYSTEM

The interrelation of these system elements is shown diagrammatically in Figure 1. Briefly and from a user's point of view, the system works like this:

A title is desired by someone, patron or staff member. The person refers to the book catalog, Figure 2, to see if the item is in the collection. If it is and not in circulation, he gets the book directly. If the item is in circulation, he can submit a request for it—to receive the book on its return. To update the catalog, a cumulative supplement is produced, keeping current the listing of the library's holdings. If the title is not found in the catalog or supplement, the monthly cumulative on-order list, Figure 3, is consulted. If the title is listed, a request is submitted and, on receipt and processing, the book is released to the requester. If the title is cancelled, the requester is notified.

When a title wanted for the collection is not listed in either the catalog or the cumulative on-order list, a bibliographic information sheet (BIS), Figure 4, is completed and optically scanned into the system. This information is essentially a pre-cataloging bibliographic description of the desired material. Once entered, these same data serve first to create purchase orders and related reports; then, once edited by the catalogers from the book in hand, to create book card and pocket sets (Figure 5), book catalog entries, shown in Figure 2, holding lists (shelf lists) for each branch, and a broad array of operational reports. It is a feature of BIBLIOS that the descriptive data (from the BIS) are entered in their entirety only once. This means that a bibliographic description need not be initialized by each individual using it; rather, it need only be consulted and, if necessary, corrected or deleted. Thus, an entry once in the system is immediately available for, among other purposes, ordering. This is especially significant since it means that each entry in the book catalog, the catalog supplement, the cumulative on-order list, etc., can be ordered against by simply using the key number for the desired item and the number assigned to the branch wishing to order. This poses the possibility of orders for materials which are OP or otherwise not readily available through the usual vendor channels. BIBLIOS addresses these potential errors by listing (pre-vend list, Figure 6) all order requirements for review before they are used to create orders. By editing this list against *Books in Print* and/or publishers' catalogs and taking corrective action, orders for the unobtainable are short-stopped.

On placing an order, while a unique subpurchase order number is mechanically created, the key number continues to document the title for processing purposes. In this role the key number follows the order until it is filled or cancelled. Thus, the key is used by BIBLIOS to update inventory automatically on receipt of an order and to create the card and pocket sets for those materials received. Finally, the key number is used by the branches to report inventory changes and, as a subset of inventory, for circulation control.

Since it is through the key number (or key, for short) for a bibliographic citation that the citation is used in the various functions performed by BIBLIOS, perhaps a little detail concerning the key is in order.

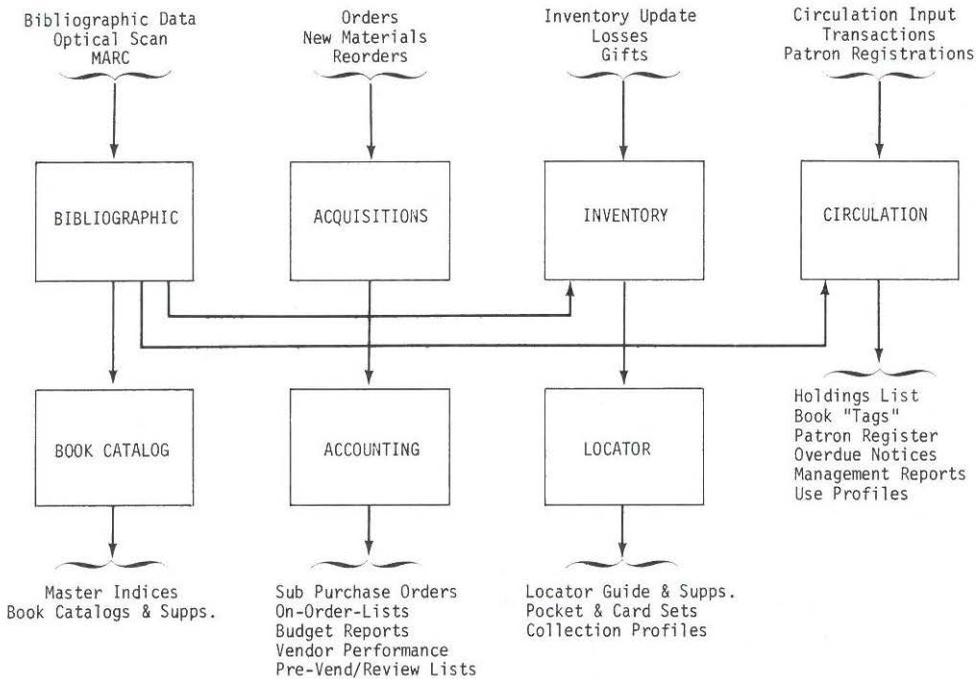


Fig. 1. BIBLIOS—The functional system.

THE KEY NUMBER

In Figure 2, the key for 73084452 has been underlined. The key number resembles the LC card order number. Wherever an LC card order number is available, it is used. When no LC card order number is available, a unique Orange County (OC) number is applied. The OC number consists of two alphabetic characters in the first two positions (at one time the numbers implied year) of the "traditional" number followed by a six-digit sequential number. Since the Library of Congress has certain idiosyncracies about its card order number, the key also specifies the type of material it represents (for example, only book keys are in the *book catalog*), and identifies each volume, or edition, of a title which has a blanket LC card order number.

The selection of the LC card order number for this application was based on a suspicion that the bulk of materials in the collection were already

ADULT CATALOG '71 CUMULATIVE SUPPLEMENT 7 AUTHOR-TITLE SECTION

<p>Wall, Joseph Frazier. Andrew Carnegie. Oxford University. 1970 1137p Index Bibliog Photos Biography 92-C AA006725</p>	<p>Walter Chandoha's Book of Foals and Horses. See: Chandoha, Walter 636.1 1971 AA011379</p>	<p>Ward, Mary Jane. The Other Caroline. A Novel Crown. 1970 216p FICTION 70108078</p>	<p>Washington, George, Pres. U. S., 1732-1799. The Journal of Major George Washington. March of America Facsimile Series, No. 42. Original T. P. Reads... Williamsburgh Printed; London, Reprinted for T. Jefferson 1754. Covers the Period from Oct. 1753 to Jan. 1754 University Microfilms. 1966 32p No Index Maps 973.26 66026314-001</p>
<p>Wall, Leonard Vernon <i>Compiler</i> The Puppet Book. Ed. of G. A. White. 2nd & Extensive Rev. Under Ed. of A. R. Philpott Faber & Faber. 1965 300p Index Bibliog B/W Illus Photos 791.53 68017740</p>	<p>The Walter Syndrome. See: Neely, Richard FICTION M 1970 79122149</p>	<p>Ward, Ritchie. The Living Clocks. Drawings by Hollett Smith Alfred A. Knopf. 1971 385p Index B/W Illus Photos 574.1 77111247</p>	<p>Washington International Arts Letter <i>Editor</i> Grants and Aid to Individuals in the Arts. Containing Listings of Most Professional Awards and Information About Colleges, Universities and Prof. Schools of the Arts... by the Editors of the Washington Intl Arts Letter Paperback Wash. Intl Arts Letter. 1970 75p No Index R378.34 70112695</p>
<p>Wall Street and Witchcraft. See: Gunther, Max 133 1971 AA012873</p>	<p>Walters, Barbara. How to Talk with Practically Anybody About Practically Anything. Doubleday. 1970 195p 808.56 AA007142</p>	<p>Warde, Frederick B. Fifty Years of Make Believe. By Frederick Warde International Pr. Syndicate. 1920 310p FICTION 21008154</p>	<p>Waskow, Arthur I. The Freedom Seder. A New Haggadah for Passover Holt, Rinehart, Winsto. 1970 56p B/W Illus 296.437 79103557</p>
<p>The Wall Street Jungle. See: Ney, Richard 332.678 1970 76084477</p>	<p>Walton, Clarence C. Ethos and the Executive Values in Managerial Decision Making Prentice-Hall. 1969 267p Index Bibliog 658.4 73084452</p>	<p>Wardropper, Bruce W. <i>Editor</i> Spanish Poetry of the Golden Age. Edited by Bruce W. Wardropper Appleton-Century. 1971 353p For Lang Poetry Collection Bibliog SP861.08 78132806</p>	<p>Wasley, Ruth. Bead Design. A Comprehensive Course for Beginner and Experienced Craftsman by Ruth Wasley and Edith Harris Crown. 1970 216p Index B/W Illus Col Illus Photos 746.5 Flint</p>
<p>Wallace, Irving. The Nympho and Other Maniacs. Simon- Schuster. 1971 475p Index Bibliog B/W Illus Biography 301.415 AA011778</p>	<p>Walton, Izaak. The Lives of John Donne and George Herbert. Bound with the Pilgrim's Progress, by John Bunyan. V. 15 in the Harvard Classics Collier. 1909 418p FICTION 09023026-001-015</p>	<p>Ware, Clyde. The Eden Tree. Touchstone Publishing Company 1971 357p FICTION AA013079</p>	
<p>Wallace, Marcia. Barefoot in the Kitchen. A Cookbook for Summer Hostesses. Drawings by Reid Perez Kolman St. Martin's Pr. 1971 150p Index B/W Illus 641.5 73145431</p>	<p>The Lives of John Donne and George Herbert. Bound with the Pilgrim's Progress, by John Bunyan. No. 15 in the Harvard Classics Collier. 1937 418p FICTION 37040164-001-015</p>	<p>Warmack, Oliver J. The Mystery of Iniquity. Volume 1. 2 Thess. 2,7 Pub. by the Author. 1969 120p No Index 200 77013647-001</p>	
<p>Wallace, Robert <i>Editor</i> The World of Bernini, 1598-1680. By Robert Wallace and the Editors of Time-Life Books Time-Life Books. 1970 192p Index Bibliog Chronology Col Illus AA016</p>	<p>Wambaugh, Joseph. The Blue Knight. An Atlantic Monthly Press Book Little, Brown. 1972 338p Lg FICTION 79175474</p>	<p>Warman, Edwin G. ... and Their Curr...</p>	

Fig. 2. A book catalog page featuring four columns.

assigned a number, a suspicion which was confirmed on completion of conversion through simple reporting of the keys on file. In short, after fifty years of operation of Orange County's libraries, 92 percent of all titles in the collection had an "LC number," a factor one might weigh when trying to decide between ISBN and LC card order number; nor has it been indicated that ISBN's will be developed retrospectively.

AN UPDATE TO THE SYSTEM

In the paper presented to the American Society for Information Science in 1969 (6), neither the book catalog nor the circulation control modules had been implemented.

Book Catalog

In May 1971, the first edition of BIBLIOS book catalog was released for public use. Since that date, the cumulative supplement has been run six times. The module of BIBLIOS producing the book catalog and cumulative supplement is diagrammed in Figure 7. Input is the title-master file (the system's bibliographic data base) and a specification of the output required. The output options available to the library include the production of either a full catalog or a cumulative supplement (displaying all entries placed on file since production of the full catalog which have been edited by cataloging). In the case of full catalog production, the title-master file is updated to reflect the use of all qualifying entries for catalog production and the date of their use. This updating facilitates cumulative supplement production by precluding the use of these entries from display until the next full catalog run.

In addition to the type catalog (full or supplement), the library designates the format of the output. Either an off-line print-out or a print file designed to drive a mechanical photocomposition device, or both, can be requested. It is important to note that this print file is designed specifically to be hardware independent, e.g., it will run on RCA, Photon, Alphanumeric, or comparable equipment with equal ease. Hardware independence in its simplest terms means the computer program does not have to be rewritten each time a vendor goes out of business. And, coincidentally, this print file is in the sequence it is to be displayed in. In short, the vendor only performs that processing necessary to make his device set type to the library's specification for layout, font style, and font size—a specification, it might be added, which calls for upper- and lower-case type from a file in upper-case only.

This approach differs from what has become typical of book catalog production in that sorting, file maintenance, and all related processing are sustained by the library through BIBLIOS. The vendor only sets type, prints, and binds. The results spell savings since a potentially error-laden file does not have to be committed to the most expensive of all displays, photocomposition, before corrections can be made.

LR20L404 CUMULATIVE ON-ORDER LIST

MEDIA 01 BOOK

AUTHOR	TITLE
WIDERBERG, SIV	MY BEST FRIEND
WIDMER, KINGSLEY	WAYS OF NIHILISM
WIER, ESTER	WHITE OAK
WIEST, J. / LEVY, F.	MANAGEMENT GUIDE TO PERT-ANSON'S VOYAGE
WILCOX, LESLIE A.	BY THE SHORES OF SILVER L
WILDER, LAURA (INGALLS)	WIT AND WISDOM OF HOLLYWD
WILK, MAX	CROSS AND THE SWITCHBLADE
WILKERSON, DAVID	NAUTICAL ARCHAEOLOGY
WILKES, BILL ST. JOHN	AIRCRAF ENGINES OF THE W
WILKINSON, PAUL H.	PREVENTION OF DRINKING PR
WILKINSON, RUPERT	LUCK OF HARRY WEAVER
WILLARDS, MILDRED WILDS	MODERN LEATHER DESIGN
WILLCOX, DONALD	NEW DESIGN IN JEWELRY
WILLCOX, DONALD	WOOD DESIGN
WILLIAMS, BRAD	LOST LEGENDS OF THE WEST
WILLIAMS, COLIN	HOMOSEXUALS AND THE MILIT
WILLIAMS, ETHEL W.	KNOW YOUR ANCESTORS
WILLIAMS, GARTH	BIG GOLDEN ANIMAL A B C
WILLIAMS, JAY	SILVER WHISTLE
WILLIAMS, JOHN G.	FIELD GUIDE TO THE BUTTER
WILLIAMS, JOYCE	ADJUSTABLE JULIE
WILLIAMS, MILLER	ONLY WORLD THERE IS
WILLIAMS, ROBERT M.	U C L A BUSINESS FORECAST
WILLIAMS, TENNESSEE	MILK TRAIN DOESN'T STOP H
WILLIAMS, URSULA MORAY	BOY IN BARN
WILLIAMS, URSULA MORAY	THREE TOYMAKERS
WILLINGHAM, WARREN W.	FREE-ACCESS HIGHER EDUCAT
WILLIS, F. ROY	ITALY CLOSSES EUROPE
WILSON, EDMUND	UPSTATE
WILSON, ELLEN JANET (CAME	AMERICAN PAINTER IN PARIS
WILSON, ERICA	CREWEL EMBROIDERY
WILSON, H. W., FIRM, PUBL	FICTION CATALOG FOR 1970
WILSON, IRA G.	WHAT COMPUTERS CAN NOT DO
WILSON, JEAN	WEAVING IS FUN
WILSON, JOHN ROWAN	BARRINGTON
WILSON, KENNETH L.	HAVE FAITH WITHOUT FEAR
WINCHELL, CONSTANCE MABEL	GUIDE T REFERENCE BOOKS,
WINDCHY, EUGENE C.	TONKIN GULF
WINN, MARIE	PLAYGROUP BOOK
WINTER'S TALES	WINTER'S TALES 16, 1970
WINTERBURN, MOLLIE	TECHNIQUE OF HANDBUILT PU
WINTERS, DONALD L.	HENRY CANTWELL WALLACE AS
WIRTEMBERG, PATRICIA Z.	ALL-AROUND-THE-HOUSE ART
WISE, ARTHUR	WHO KILLED ENDOR POWELL
WISE, HERBERT ALVIN	GREAT TILES OF TERROR / T
WISE, SIDNEY T.	INVEST AND RETIRE IN MEXI
WITHERS, CARL	AMERICA. RIDDLE BOOK
WITKIN, B. E.	SUMMARY OF CALIFORNIA LAW

Fig. 3. All outstanding titles are reported in the monthly cumulative on-order list.

LC-DC NUMBER	SUB PU NBR LB ORDER NO	VENDOR	QTY	PTL CD	LIST PRICE
72114229.....	7127707747	BT	22		3.86
AA011448.....	7117908249	BRD	4		7.00
73136008.....	7127705427	BRD	5		3.95
AA011253.....	7113002633	BRD	1		4.95
73125589.....	7127700308	BRD	1		8.95
39027949.....	7117918536	PKW	1		2.80
73124983.....	7122105261	BRD	23		7.95
63009442.....	7125600790	BRD	1		4.95
77159558.....	7127703436	BRD	4		7.95
41013397.....070	7122106980	CH	2		25.00
78083057.....	7109704020	BRD	8		10.00
72131147.....	7122107263	BT	12		4.50
69017667.....	7125602394	BRD	1		12.50
79126670.....	7122103587	BRD	3		7.50
68012400.....	7127705530	BRD	1		8.95
70080368.....	7127702979	BRD	1		5.95
AA011209.....	7125605046	BT	2		8.95
60015252.....	7127702742	BRD	1		5.00
57004312.....	7122100631	BRD	1		3.30
71136987.....	7122104431	BRD	16		3.47
73146203.....	7125601188	BRD	1		3.95
AA012052.....	7122100095	BRD	1		1.35
76122786.....	7125602623	BRD	1		4.95
AA017727.....	7116109875	CH	2		10.00
63013641.....	7125605433	BT	1		3.75
79102411.....	7127700637	BRD	7		3.80
79152875.....	7127704868	BRD	16		3.80
AA017711.....	7116108965	CH	20		6.50
75083024.....	7127702651	BRD	1		8.50
75143302.....	7125603613	BRD	1		8.95
70149223.....	7125600143	BRD	6		4.95
62009637.....	7127701161	BRD	1		7.50
09035044.....070	7125609788	WI	26		25.00
73112925.....	7122112088	PKW	8		6.95
AA013577.....	7127708884	BT	11		8.95
72150926.....	7125607764	DD	9		6.95
77124696.....	7125603013	BT	6		3.95
AA006785.....067	7117903415	BRD	2		4.00
AA012353.....	7125608130	DD	4		6.95
67013591.....	7127711323	CHA	1		4.95
55013394.....071	7127708931	BT	3		5.95
AA017794.....	7116104869	BRD	4		10.00
76630793.....	7127707032	BT	2		8.95
68028058.....	7122100197	BRD	1		5.00
76148431.....	7125603651	BRD	4		5.95
48005552.....	7127702071	BRD	1		4.95
AA017685.....	7117918194	DRM	27		1.95
53010845.....	7127705905	BT	3		3.50
60004794.....169	7122109607	CH	3		25.00

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Fig. 4. It all begins with the bibliographic information sheet (BIS).

Bibliographic Information Sheet

List @I Fiction @J Level @K Sub-Level @L Dewey-Pre @M Dewey Base @N Dewey Interpolation @O Cutter @P

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Publisher

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Bibliographic Notes Information Queries

% Net Price Proc.

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<p>PROPERTY OF: ORANGE CO PUBLIC LIB 25 431 S MANCHESTER ORANGE 92668</p>	<p>\$4.95 75123232 CC 25</p>	<p>1970</p>
<p>F6021-132</p>	<p>F6021-132</p>	<p>01695</p>
<p>133.5 SCHMIDT, STEVEN ASTROLOGY 14 1970 \$4.95 75123232 12/27/71 PROPERTY OF: ORANGE CO PUBLIC LIB 25 431 S MANCHESTER ORANGE 92668</p>	<p>133.5 SCHMIDT, STEVEN ASTROLOGY 14 1970 \$4.95 75123232 CC 25</p>	<p>COPY YW</p>
<p>F6021-132</p>	<p>F6021-132</p>	<p>ENVELOPE © UNICO BUSINESS FORMS</p>

Fig. 5. Pocket, circulation cards, spine label, and property stamp are machine-generated for each addition to inventory (reduced by 20 percent).

Holdings data are not included in the Book Catalog. Holdings are displayed separately in the locator guide (Figure 8), where the key for each item in the book catalog which has inventory is listed in concert with the numbers for these branches holding the item and, when more than one copy is held, the number of copies. The locator guide is kept current with a cumulative supplement which lists all changes to inventory. This approach, rather than displaying holdings in the book catalog, was chosen for a variety of reasons. First, it makes little sense to display strictly numeric data which lend themselves to tightly packed typography in a format designed for text and for which a premium page rate is being paid. Second, inventory data are volatile for a multibranch library. The holdings of any given branch vary significantly from month to month due to patron losses, acquisitions, gifts, etc. In addition, holdings (inventory) shifts are fostered by a standing policy that titles not being used extensively at one branch be reassigned to another branch to fill a known requirement.

While the locator guide tracks the holdings for all titles in the collection, BIBLIOS also creates holdings lists (Figure 9) for each branch. These lists display, in shelf-list sequence, the materials in each branch's collection. In use, they replace the traditional shelf list (and related filing) at the individual branch as well as facilitating periodic full branch inventory to maintain the accuracy of the inventory master file. Reporting, for inventory purposes, uses the key number for the affected items.

Circulation Control

Where the book catalog and allied subsystem components have been successfully implemented, circulation control (for lack of a device to economically capture circulation transaction data) has not. An economical data collection unit designed for libraries has not been developed to date by any major manufacturer. In those cases where a machine having the necessary characteristics is offered, it invariably is the product of an undercapitalized firm which promptly goes broke after demonstrating its prototype. The result of this "state of the hardware art" is that the ten fully coded and tested programs in the BIBLIOS circulation control subsystem have been shelved.

Operational, though not operating, this subsystem which is shown diagrammatically in Figure 10, draws on the two major data bases maintained by BIBLIOS, the Title-Master and Inventory Master Files. For implementation, the manual registration files now resident in the branches would have to be converted, and book tags or cards would have to be generated and placed with their respective volumes. When these requirements are satisfied, the only remaining input would be circulation transactions created from "marked book" (7), patron card, and the yet-to-be-marketed transactor. These data elements would be patron number, key number, branch number, and Julian date. The method used to capture this transaction input could take any of a broad array of formats (punched

L820J702 -- PRE-VEND LIST		ORANGE COUNTY			MEDIA		
LC-DC NBR	SERIAL	R	AUTHOR	F	A	ON	LIST
			CD TITLE	NF	J	HD	PRICE
AA013106	1	RÜBNER, ALEX THREE SACRED COWS OF ECON	N	A		8,90
74160871	1	RUDOLFSKY, BERNARD UNFASHIONABLE HUMAN BODY	N	A		14,95
73163093	1	RUNYON, CHARLES W. PIG-WORLD	F	A		4,95
76160353	1	RYCK, FRANCIS LOADED GUN	F	A		4,95
AA012421	1	SACK, JOHN LIEUTENANT CALLEY	N	A		5,95
77125906	1	SANDERS, ED. FAMILY	N	A		6,95
AA013111	1	SANDERSON, IVAN TERENCE U. S. A.	N	A		12,95
61014215	1	SANDOZ, MARI THESE WERE THE SIOUX	N	J	R	3,50
AA010485	3	SANTESSON, HANS STEFAN DAYS AFTER TOMORROW	F	J		5,95
AA010476	1	SASEK, MIROSLAV ESTO ES SAN FRANCISCO	N	J		2,16
AA010477	1	SASEK, MIROSLAV ESTO ES WASHINGTON, D. C.	N	J		2,16
65019787	1	SASEK, MIROSLAV THIS IS HONG KONG	N	J	R	4,95
59016286	1	SASEK, MIROSLAV THIS IS PARIS	N	J	R	3,94
74171270	1	SAXTON, JOSEPHINE GROUP FEAST	F	A		4,95

Fig. 6. Before producing a sub-P.O., the pre-vend list is checked for O.P. materials, among other things.

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TY	PUBLISHER SPECIAL ORDER DATA	DATE	VDR CD	D CD	DISC PCT	NET PRICE	PR CD	AV CD
3	BARNES-NOBLE ...ECONOMICS	1971	*BRD BT	A A				
4	DOUBLEDAY	1971	*DD	A				
5	DOUBLEDAY SF	1971	*DD	A				
9	STEIN-DAY	1971	*BRD BT	A A				
2	VIKING PRESS	1971	*BT BRD	A A				
3	E. P. DUTTON	1971	*BT BRD	A A				
2	RAND McNALLY	1971	*BRD BT	A A				
1	HASTINGS HOUSE	1961	BT *BRD	A A				
13	LITTLE, BROWN JLG DISTRIBUTED BY DOUBLEDAY	1971	*BT BRD	C C				
9	HOLING PROYECTO-LEER URDER DEPT. BRU-DART	1970		A				
10	HOLING PROYECTO-LEER URDER DEPT., BRU-DART	1970		C				
1	MACMILLAN-NY	1965	*CH	C				
1	MACMILLAN-NY	1959	*CH	C				
6	DOUBLEDAY	1971	*DD	A				

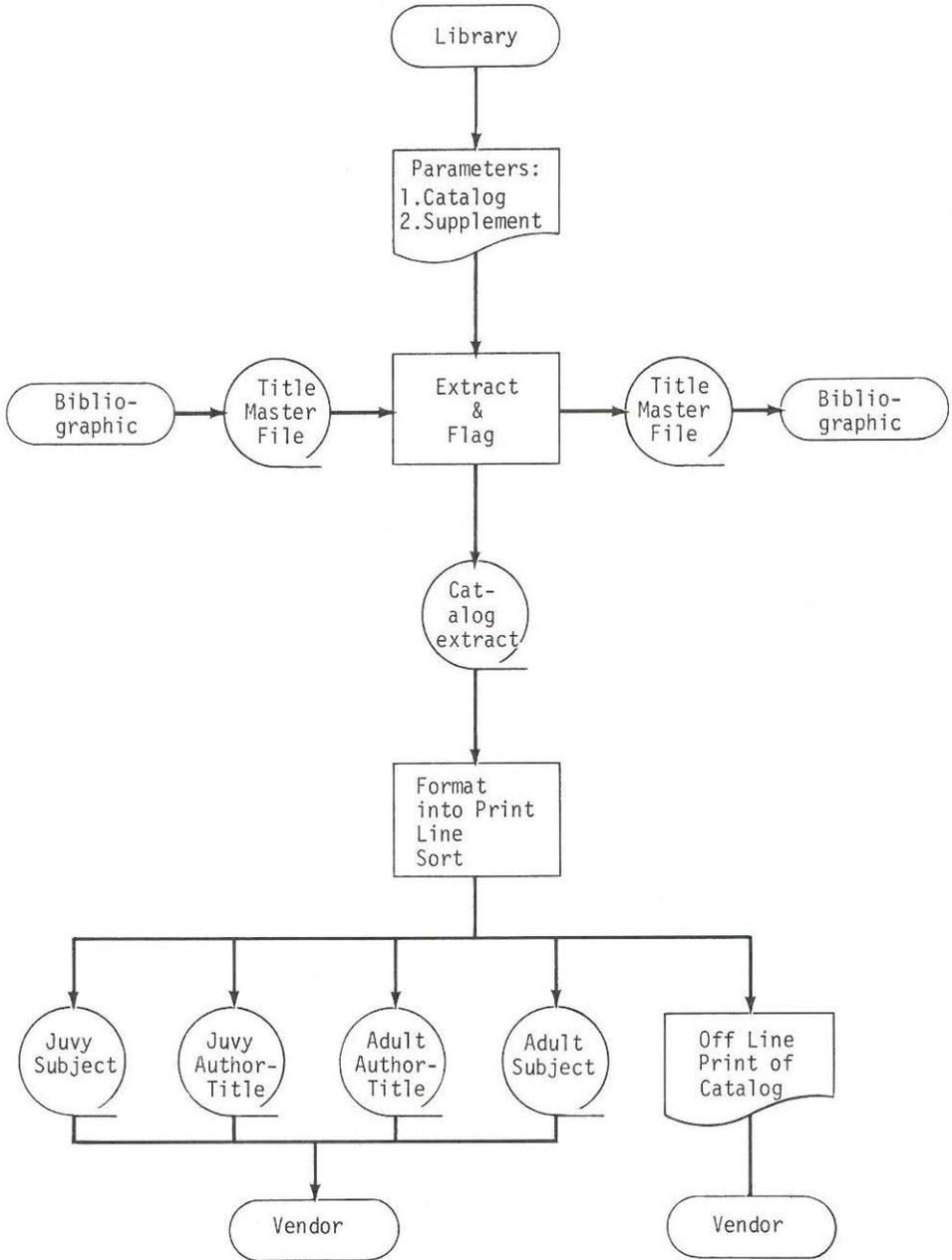


Fig. 7. *BIBLIOS* book catalog subsystem.

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52012846 02-3 11 13 14 15 21 22 23 24-3 25 26-2 27 28 32-2 35 41 42 52 56 61 63	52013175 11	52013550 02 14 21 32 42 63	52013827 21
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52012875 36	52013200 26	52013566 02 26 27 28 42 45 61-2	52013836 61
52012878 28	52013202 02	52013569 35	52013845 14
52012887 28 61	52013217 21 27 28 35	52013571 02 22 61	52013850 25
52012891 23 52	52013219 27	52013574 63	52013852 02 14 42
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52012902 45	52013242 32	52013618 02 11 13 21 23 24 27 28 32 35 41 42 61	52013879-001 01 11 14 21 22 23 24 27 28 32 42 56 61
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52012924 24 25-2 28 63	52013290 02 11 14 24 25 26-2 35-2 42 45 56 61	52013675 26	52013968 01
52012926 24	52013291 24	52013677 02-2 11 13 14 15 21-2 22-2 23 24 25 26 27 28 32 35 41 42 45 52 54 56	52013969-001 02 61
52012933 01 14 24 32 35 61 63	52013292 24		52013969-002 02 61
52012949 24	52013293 24		52013969-003 02 61
52012951 28			
52012953			

Fig. 8. If a title listed in the book catalog has inventory, the key, branch number, and copy count are displayed in the locator guide.

LB40C301 HOLDINGS LIST	COST CENTER
CALL NUMBER	ADULT
	AUTHOR * T
795.415	REESE TERENCE * STORY OF AN ACCUSATION
795.415	SHEINWOLD ALFRED * SHORT CUT TO WINNING BRIDGE
795.415	SMITH THOMAS M * LOOK IT UP IN HOYLE
795.415	YOUNG RAY * BRIDGE FOR PEOPLE WHO DON T KNOW ON
795.41503	REESE TERENCE * BRIDGE PLAYER S DICTIONARY
795.42	CCLLVER DONALD I * SCIENTIFIC BLACKJACK AND COM
795.42	THORP EDWARD D * BEAT THE DEALER A WINNING STRA
795.438	BLACKSTONE HARRY * BLACKSTONE S MODERN CARD TR
795.438	STANYON ELLIS * CARD TRICKS FOR EVERYONE
795.540973	RAND MCNALLY * 1970 RAND MCNALLY GUIDEBOOK TO C
796	BISHER FURMAN * WITH A SOUTHERN EXPOSURE
796	KROUT JOHN ALLEN * ANNALS OF AMERICAN SPORT
796	MITTELBUSCHER C F * CALL EM RIGHT
796	MURRAY JIM * SPORTING WORLD OF JIM MURRAY
796	SMITH ROBERT MILLER * GRANTLAND RICE AWARD PRI
796	SMITH WALTER WELLESLEY * VIEWS CF SPORT
796	VANNIER MARYHELEN * INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM SPORTS
796	WOOD CLEMENT * COMPLETE BOOK OF GAMES
796.026	SPORTS RULES ENCYCLOPEDIA * SPORTS RULES ENCYCL
796.03	SALAK JOHN S * DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN SPORTS
796.068	AARON DAVID * CHILD S PLAY
796.068	BUTLER GEORGE D * RECREATION AREAS
796.069	ISAACS STAN * CAREERS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN SPOR
796.08	PEPE PHILIP S * WINNERS NEVER QUIT
796.08	WIND HERBERT WARREN * REALM OF SPORT
796.082	ESQUIRE * ESQUIRE S GREAT MEN AND MOMENTS IN SP
796.082	SPORTS ILLUSTRATED * SPORTS THE AMERICAN SCENE
796.09	COHANE TIMOTHY * BYPATHS OF GLORY
796.0973	BEST SPORTS STORIES * BEST SPORTS STORIES FOR I
796.0973	BEST SPORTS STORIES * BEST SPORTS STORIES FOR I
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796.0973	BEST SPORTS STORIES * BEST SPORTS STORIES FOR I
796.1	BRÖER MARION R * FUNDAMENTALS OF MARCHING
796.13	CHASE RICHARD * HULLABALOO AND OTHER SINGING FO
796.15	WAGENVOORD JAMES * FLYING KITES
796.3	HOLT RICHARD * TEACH YOURSELF BILLIARDS AND SNO
796.31	AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION * OFFICIAL RULES HANDBAI
796.31	MAXWELL HARVEY C * AMERICAN LAWN BOWLER S GUIDE
796.323	AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION * OFFICIAL A A U BASKET
796.323	SPORTS ILLUSTRATED * BOOK OF BASKETBALL
796.32307	VERDERAME SAL RED * ORGANIZATION FOR CHAMPIONSH
796.323092	AUERBACH ARNOLD RED * RED AUERBACH WINNING THE
796.323092	PETTIT BOB * BOB PETTIT THE DRIVE WITHIN ME
796.3236	AXTHELM PETE * CITY GAME
796.33	CENERLY CHARLIE * FORWARD PASS
796.332	SCHENKEL CHRIS * HOW TO WATCH FOOTBALL ON TELEV
796.33203	TREAT ROGER L * ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FOOTBALL
796.332058	RIGER ROBERT * BEST PLAYS OF THE YEAR 1962
796.33206	CURRAN BOB * FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR QUAR
796.332077	DEVINE DAN * MISSOURI POWER FOOTBALL
796.332077	SCHÖOR GENE * TREASURY OF NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL
796.332082	NEWCOMBE JACK * FIRESIDE BOOK OF FOOTBALL
796.33209	BELL JOSEPH N * BOWL GAME THRILLS

Fig. 9. The maintenance of manual shelflists is obviated by a BIBLIOS-produced holdings list for each branch.

NON-FICTION

TITLE	R	S	NBR	LC/OC	NBR
	*			67C17872.....	
	*			61016665.....	
	*			78077366.....	
CARD FROM ANOTHER	*			64015641.....	
	*			63025374.....	
COMPLETE CASINO GUIDE	*			66023116.....	
STRATEGY FOR THE GAME OF TWENTY ONE	*			66012019.....	
BOOKS	*			58005566.....	
	*			68022206.....	
CAMPGROUNDS REV ED	*			60C01380.....	
	*			62008215.....	
	*			29000805A.....	
	*			88091802.....	
	*			68C25594.....	
SPORTS STORIES	*			62015934.....	
	*			53C06862.....	
FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN	*			60007465.....	
	*			38003909.....	
DICTIONARY	*			61019409.....	
	*			60013658.....	
	*			64012696.....	
	*			57011288.....	
SPORTS	*			64019529.....	
	*			67026079.....	
	*			66019433.....	
SPORTS	*			61010232.....	
	*			63021480.....	
	*			63016506.....	
961	*			45035124.....061	
963	*			45035124.....063	
964	*			45035124.....064	
966	*			45035124.....066	
970	*			45035124.....070	
	*			65021807.....	
CLUB GAMES	*			49008127.....	
	*			68031281.....	
BOOKER	*			58003667.....	
	*			88C40004.....	
	*			66025876.....	
BASKETBALL GUIDE 1965 1966	*			88090177.....	
	*			62011346.....	
FOR HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL	*			63014720.....	
HARD WAY	*			67011223.....	
	*			66C14357.....	
	*			AA010179.....	
	*			60012110.....	
VISION	*			64020856.....	
	*			61013913.....	
	*			62022305.....	
FOR BACK	*			65022618.....	
	*			62005250.....	
	*			62C18326.....	
	*			64019933.....	
	*			2 63016799.....	

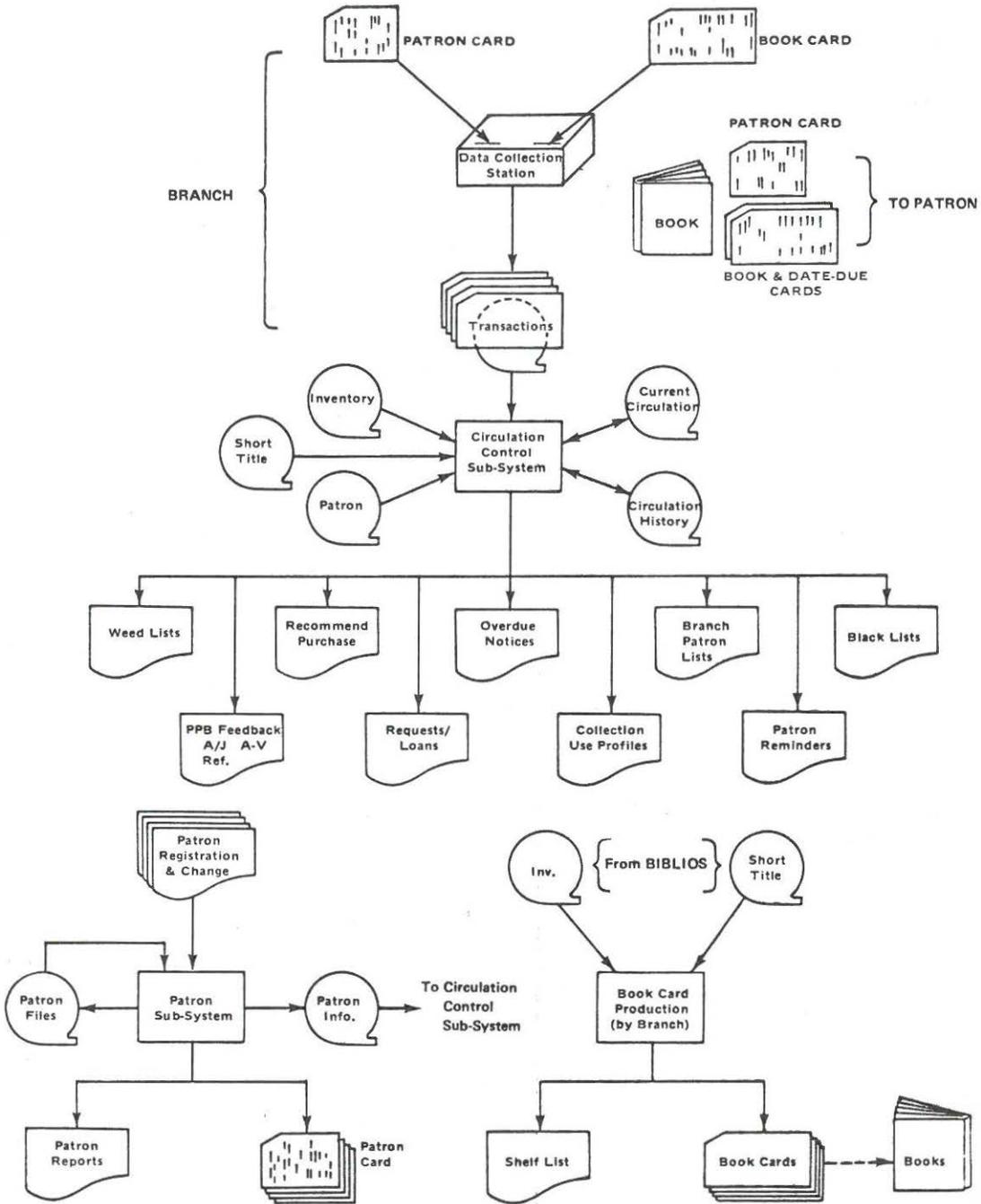


Fig. 10. BIBLIOS circulation control subsystem.

cards, cassette, or mini-reels). Ideally, the elusive transactor should be able to "read" a label on the book as well as a patron card.

Kimball labels, "Sunburst" tags, magnetically coded swatches and the like have worked and continue to work in the retail trade; there is no reason why they shouldn't work for libraries. The only deterrent seems to be the reticence of their manufacturers to enter an unknown market where, following the Melcher axiom, they are met with a "stubborn, 'show me' attitude when automation is proposed." (8)

The products designed into the circulation control module include: weed lists, patron "black lists," circulation profiles (graphically displaying patron use of each branch's collection), and automatic duplicate ordering. Reports measure circulation from a manager's viewpoint, but not to the exclusion of such bread-and-butter products as overdue notices, registration lists, and related statistical recapitulations.

A WORD ABOUT DOCUMENTATION

For each program in each subsystem of BIBLIOS, forty unique programs in all, there is a formal package consisting of:

1. A program specification detailing the inputs, processing, outputs, idiosyncracies, and edits of that program;
2. A listing of the COBOL program itself;
3. An operations binder (notebook) section for set-up and run procedures;
4. A user's guide section relating requirements and diagnostics to the librarians using the program including typical problems; and,
5. Assorted total system binders (notebooks).

While some might think "overkill," in automation this is not the case. The BIBLIOS system has yet to fail a scheduled commitment. Further, it is suspected that the mere discipline of documentation caused many serious reconsiderations of program and procedural logic, at the time and on the spot, with the result that BIBLIOS is a reliable system—requiring no major rework and continuing to respond to the library's functional requirements for over two years at this writing.

A WORD ABOUT DEVELOPMENT COSTS

Both developmental and operational costs for BIBLIOS are known and documented. Specifically, the costs to procure such a system are broken out in Table 1, where each subsystem is examined in terms of the dollars it represents and the assorted tasks required to bring it into being. The totals represent all costs over approximately a three-year period beginning with rough specifications and yielding the first book catalog.

It must be noted that final program specifications and coding were performed for Orange County by a contractor. This approach was chosen, since a good job done on time was wanted. That the approach was valid is

Table 1. BIBLIOS development costs (including full conversion and publication of first book catalog).

	MARC	Bibliographic Inventory	Book Catalog Locator Guide	Acquisitions	Circulation	Total
Contractor Program Specifications & Coding	\$16,686	\$ 54,299	\$ 25,800	\$ 72,305	\$ 91,000	\$260,090
Orange Co. Public Library						
Analyst	3,360	7,840	2,240	14,560	7,000	35,000
Coordination	1,225	7,679	818	5,310	5,670	20,702
Implementation (K.P., Machine Time, Etc.)	4,772	12,263	4,635	7,879	10,110	39,659
Conversion/Outside Services	800	53,500	41,370			95,670
Subtotal	10,157	81,282	49,063	27,749	22,780	191,031
TOTAL	\$26,843	\$135,581	\$ 74,863	\$100,054	\$113,780	\$451,121

evidenced by the achievement of a successful system on schedule and within budget. This approach reflects a contention that librarians can specify their requirements if they "have a mind to," and that a contracted programming staff can satisfactorily perform to predetermined standards and timeframes if properly directed. In direct contrast to this approach are the incredible schedules developed when requirements are not specified (and frozen), and the suspected monumental costs hidden in lost staff time due to extended parallel operations or simply waiting until "they" get the "... thing" to run right.

The remaining cost components, briefly, reflect direct library analyst time, the cost of coordination meetings, direct key punch and machine time for programs, their test, debug, string test, systems test, and for the bibliographic and book catalog, subsystems conversion and catalog print file generation. The conversion/outside services include a MARC subscription, the creation and use of a group of nine typists to optically scan the library's files to convert them to machine readable form (including error correction), and the contracted services of a photoreproduction house to mechanically compose, print, bind, and deliver 500 sets of the book catalog and 100 sets of the locator guide. These are the costs of setting the system up, staff training, and creating a single operational display: the book catalog.

A WORD ABOUT OPERATING COSTS

Early in 1965, as a prelude to implementing a book acquisition program, a time/cost study was performed to determine how much it cost the library to order a book (one title). This study detailed and costed the typing, sorting, assignment of vendors, and the reduction of a diversity of paper requisite to creating a purchase order. Excluding the cost of the purchase order form itself, the direct manual cost for this process was \$1.56 per title, using a clerical rate of \$2.10 per hour. In the intervening years three things have happened:

First, clerical rates have increased to \$2.79 per hour which when applied to the unit cost of the 1965 acquisitions study means a direct outlay of \$2.07 per title (as against the previous \$1.56).

Second, the number of branches has increased which implies that, if the manual system of 1965 could cope with the increased load, it would have required more people and therefore an increase in indirect costs, not to mention the probability of less efficiency due to increased direct costs.

Third, Orange County has automated this function (as well as others). Since Orange County is wont to track costs, it so happens that the cost for creating a purchase order (subpurchase order under the new system) is available. Specifically, Orange County knows computer and peripheral costs and the exact time for processing from actual billings over the past two years. The reduction of these data to a per-unit-handled equivalent, while detailed, is not difficult. Thus, it is possible to deduce the machine costs

Table 2. Typical processing costs for one title in Orange County Public Library's BIBLIOS system.

	MARC (Weekly)	Bibliographic ¹	Inventory	Acquisitions ²		Book Catalog	
				Order	Receive ³	B.C.	Inventory
Run Cost	\$325.16	\$300.40	\$201.21	\$1244.94	\$238.55	\$238.00	\$26.00
Average Items Per Period	115 ⁴	1,000	8,100		700	4000	
Cost/Entry	2.83	0.30	0.025	\$1.78	\$0.34	0.059	0.0006
Supplies	0.13		0.028	\$0.05 (Sub P.O.)			
Services		0.02 (OpSCAN)	(Convelope)	.06 (OpSCAN)		0.041 (Comp/Print)	0.0028 (Comp/Print)
TOTAL	\$2.96	\$0.32	\$0.053	\$1.89	\$0.34	\$0.10	\$0.0034

Example:

Cost of entry from initial input to display in book catalog (including Convelope; excluding MARC source: \$2.77).

¹ 40% Bibliographic.

² 60% Bibliographic.

³ Includes invoice, vendor, and budget displays.

⁴ If all new entries to system came from MARC.

equitable to those for the earlier manual effort: creating a purchase order for one title, including the purchase order form, now costs \$1.89.

Similar economies can readily be documented as can the increases in service to our patrons at no increase in staff. The operating costs for those BIBLIOS subsystems in regular use are given in Table 2. Only two entries on this table are not self-explanatory.

MARC

MARC, which is indicated as processed weekly, has not been run for over a year. The explanation is simple economics. It costs \$0.32 to manually place a bibliographic description on file (excluding the time spent to circle an entry in *Publishers' Weekly (PW)* vs. \$2.96 to process the same entry from MARC. This cost for MARC includes the subscription cost prorated to selected entries, the translation and format of all MARC entries, the automatic release of those entries of limited value to a public library, the cumulation of entries which may be of value, the extract and transfer of those entries selected, and the reporting via indices and full listings for the contents of the cumulated file. The unit cost is the actual processing cost for MARC II files for one year divided by the number of titles processed through the rest of BIBLIOS during the same period. This cost does not include corrections to selected MARC entries (invariably in the call number and author fields for consistency with the library's existing files). The costs affiliated with processing corrective input closely resemble those for bibliographic, e.g., \$0.32 each.

Prorated Bibliographic Input

BIBLIOS works on pre-cataloged entries. The 60 percent bibliographic input shown under acquisitions relates to the full initial description for a title being entered by a book selector to effect its order and subsequent reporting; the 40 percent shown under bibliographic is for cataloger input to adjust the entry for title-page accuracy, consistency with existing files, and, for nonfiction, the assignment of call numbers and subject headings. It is important to note that for reorders against a title already in the system, no bibliographic input is required. In the case of reorders, the per title cost is \$0.88 including subpurchase order forms.

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