
151. HAIRED, NORMAN (ed.). The Encyclopedia of Sexual Knowledge. New York: Coward McCann, 1934. 636 pp. Based in large measure on material assembled in France by "Dr. Costler" (Arthur Koestler). Haire, an Australian physician and leader of the sex reform movement in the interwar period, was homosexual.


G. LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES

The emergence of gay and lesbian studies has posed special problems for cataloguing and collection of materials, some of which can be best solved in the special gay and lesbian archives. As regards the profession, anecdotal evidence suggests that a high proportion of male librarians are homosexual, but the actual incidence and its sociopsychological grounding have not been elucidated.

Heterodox and stimulating reflections by a Minnesota librarian who has championed the cause of adapting cataloguing practices to new social realities.


Computer printout of 2,000 descriptors (subject headings) and their hierarchies, as well as 250 cross-references from unused to used terms, documenting cataloguing practice at the Kinsey Institute for Sex Research, Indiana University.

158. FRASER, JAMES A., and HAROLD A. AVERILL. Organizing an Archives: The Canadian Gay Archives Experience. Toronto: Canadian Gay Archives, 1983. 68 pp. (CGA Publication no. 8)


Twelve papers on an important body of material not adequately addressed, as a rule, in libraries. Note esp. Frederick McEnroe, "A Select Bibliography of Gay and Lesbian Periodicals" (pp. 87-97).


On emerging institutions in New York City, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.


Positive advice on selecting fiction with gay themes and characters for library collections serving young adults.
Since this article was written, there has been considerable improvement, both quantitatively and qualitatively; see: Christine Jenkins and Julie Morris, A Look at Gayness: An Annotated Bibliography of Gay Materials for Young People. Second ed. (Ann Arbor: Kindred Spirit Press, 1982; 19 pp.).

Account of the formation of the Archives in New York City in 1973, its scope, acquisitions, and cataloguing practices. See also Beth Hodges, "Interview with Joan and Deborah of the Lesbian Herstory Archives," Sinister Wisdom, no. 11 (Fall 1979), 3-13; and no. 13 (Spring 1980), 101-05. Bibliographies and information about acquisitions are published in Lesbian Herstory Archives News. See also: Clair Potter, The Lesbian Periodicals Index (Tallahassee, FL: Naiad, 1986; 413 pp.)

Contains a total of 1215 items, of which 911 are preferred terms, to assist in "indexing and accessing materials of relevance to gay culture, history, politics and psychology." This work, with a male emphasis, may be complemented by the Lesbian Periodicals Index Thesaurus and the Women's Studies Database.

More than sixty gay and lesbian collections now exist. They share poor finances and a growing concern about the preservation of their holdings.

About prejudices in subject headings and classification systems. In the same volume, see also Bianca Guttag, "Homophobia in Library School" (pp. 37-38).

H. PRESS AND MEDIA

The establishment of a large and viable gay and lesbian press in North America has been a surprising and welcome development of the post-Stonewall years—even if the papers are more notable for their numbers than for sustained quality of journalism. Pre-Hitler Germany offers some precedent, and currently there are significant gay presses in France, the Netherlands, Australia and a few other countries. A different topic is the treatment of homosexuality in the mainstream press, as well as the
newer media of radio and television. For a long time these mainstream outlets drew a veil of silence over the whole matter. Once this black out was ended, they retained a real potential for stereotypical and inadequate coverage. Concern for apparent imbalance has called into being several homosexual groups to monitor coverage, especially in television—where there has been some resentment at the appearance of what others regard as yet another pressure group.


This issue contains other relevant articles.


Reprints of articles interspersed with interviews present a composite picture of the paper and its times.


Includes data on lesbian presses, magazines, newspapers, literary-cultural journals, print shops, bookstores, and organizations.


Memoirs of the gay activist lovers who edited the New York City Newspaper Gay.


Account of the prosecution of the distinguished Canadian gay monthly for printing an article on pedophilia. Needless to say, the ongoing course of the trials is covered in editorials and stories in The Body Politic itself.


Purports to offer a method of reading between the lines of news stories to detect homosexual situations that were not explicitly mentioned in the press of that day.