Board of South Australia is to be commended for publishing this survey and in particular for the speed with which it has been published. It contains entries for works published as recently as June 1965.

NEWS NOTES
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P. R. Eldershaw, Principal Archivist in the Archives Office of Tasmania, has been appointed to represent archival interests on the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services. He would be glad to hear from any archivist in Australia who has ideas on how those interests may best be served by that body.

NEW STAFF

Miss M. C. Carter, B.A., has joined the staff of the Queensland State Archives.

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY'S COMPUTER INVESTIGATION

Washington State University Library has received a grant of $69,300 from the National Science Foundation. This one-year grant is for the analysis and design of an on-line computer based technical services system, book catalogue cost study, and for the development of specifications for an on-line library terminal. The library will utilize the facilities of the University's IBM 360/67 computer.

The technical services design will include all the library functions of ordering, receiving, searching, cataloguing, catalogue book, and/or card production, and book marking.

All activities which can be automated in these functional areas will be included in the study. The book catalogue production cost study will cover all methods of reproducing computer produced catalogue copy to determine cost trade-offs. It will also include a study of computer printer output rates as determined by the printer's character set.

The library terminal design study will develop the specifications for on-line library terminals. These specifications will include features which are unique to library applications. Particular emphasis will be placed on circulation and Technical Services process control.

Dr G. Donald Smith, Director of Libraries, Washington State University, says that he is fortunate to have the interest and support of the NSF in our library automation project. This long term project started last year and is expected to be completed within the next three or four years. The goal for the project is the automation of all library activities where the computer can offer an improvement in services.