

- (c) Reference books not limited to a particular subject: publication methods, coverage, organisation of content, studied in relation to purpose and use.
- (d) The principles and methods of reference work. Its place in the total information network and in library service. Question analysis, search strategy and presentation of results to the user. The relationship of traditional reference methods to the design of mechanised information retrieval systems.

55.231 SUBJECT BIBLIOGRAPHY – THE HUMANITIES

55.232 SUBJECT BIBLIOGRAPHY – THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

55.233 SUBJECT BIBLIOGRAPHY – PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES

55.238 SUBJECT BIBLIOGRAPHY – GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

The structure of the literature, with special reference to the information and research needs of users. Publications embodying original work, criticism, exposition, popularisation. The major reference works in the field. Important collections in libraries, and other sources of publications and information. Problems of availability of resources.

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**THE RETIREMENT OF MR. G. D. RICHARDSON,  
O.B.E., M.A., F.L.A.A.,  
Principal Archivist of the Archives Office of N.S.W.**

The Principal Archivist, Mr. G. D. Richardson, O.B.E., M.A., F.L.A.A., F.R.I.P.A., proceeded on leave prior to retirement on 28th February, 1973. Mr. Richardson, who was also Principal Librarian of the Library of New South Wales, had been Principal Archivist of the Archives Office of New South Wales since the inception of the Authority in 1961.

However, his considerable experience with archives extended beyond this into the 1950's, when as Deputy Principal Librarian and later Principal Librarian of the then Public Library of New South Wales he had general oversight of the work of the Archives Department.

In 1955 he played a major part in the drafting of the first 'Heads of a Bill for an Archives Act' which eventually reached fruition in 1960, and in 1954, as part of the requirements for a Master of Arts, he prepared a thesis on *The Archives of the Colonial Secretary's Department New South Wales, 1788-1856*, which remains a most useful work on the early records of the New South Wales Colonial Secretary. At its meeting on 12th February, 1973 the Archives Authority of New South Wales paid a warm tribute to Mr. Richardson's wise counsel and administrative skill as Principal Archivist, and to the important part which this had played in the work of the Authority.