

Introduction

During the past several decades librarians and information scientists have become increasingly aware of the practicality of information resources in microform. Scarce materials may be held in numerous locations, space is utilized more efficiently and financial savings are realized. Latest generation microform hardware has allowed sophisticated use and duplication. New techniques have resulted in higher quality and more durable microforms. These many advantages would seem to indicate that the use of microforms in libraries and similar reference centres is certain to increase.

The intent in this survey has been to select from a broad spectrum of available microforms, those materials which should prove of major use in the development of library resources for the Canadian Studies Abroad Programmes in universities overseas. In some areas where much microforming has been completed the choice was made difficult because of an overabundance of titles. In other areas the opposite is true.

Many new titles have been microformed since the first edition of this bibliography was published in 1976, and as this trend continues more journals should become available in those subject areas where little exists currently.

As the various Canadian Studies Programmes vary from one institution to the next, so too will the usefulness of the microforms selected here. Clearly, not all the titles here listed would be needed in any one location. On the other hand, all the resources mentioned should prove to be of potential use at some library supporting teaching or research for a Canadian Studies Programme.