

Introduction

Most modern libraries, whether they are academic, public, or special in function, must face the problems of acquiring materials which are published in foreign countries. This report will attempt to briefly describe the kinds of Canadian materials likely to be acquired by a variety of academic libraries outside of Canada and describe the Canadian publishers involved. Problems of ordering Canadian materials are described and a section dealing with Canadian firms capable of handling foreign orders for academic materials is included. A final section deals with the difficulties a foreign library must face when attempting to catalogue the Canadian books it has acquired.

Types of Publications

In theory, there is virtually no limit to the kinds of Canadian materials which foreign academic libraries might want to order for their collections. In practice, however, because of the rather basic nature of many of the programs being offered, much of the material which foreign libraries will require will be relatively fundamental material by Canadian standards. This is not necessarily a comment on the academic level of the material itself. Most foreign libraries will be acquiring material which is course-supportive rather than research oriented.

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