

Chapter 23: Legal Acquisitions Toolbox

Law librarians have at their disposal a wide variety of tools useful in building and developing legal collections. Bibliographies, checklists, directories, manuals, review media, and Web sites provide legal information professionals with the means of sorting through the dozens of publishers' announcements, circulars, or e-mails that appear on their computers each day. While many of the publications listed below will not be appropriate acquisitions for the average law firm library, they can be consulted at a local academic or research law library in your area. Others, like the annual **Legal Information Buyer's Guide and Reference Manual**, were specifically designed to assist law firms in choosing from among the vast, and often costly, literature in the field of law.

The thirty-five titles or Web sites listed below represent the most significant resources consulted by legal information professionals in the work of acquisitions and collection development. Included in the list are titles which can be employed in retrospective acquisitions, current acquisitions, locating book reviews (both general and legal), acquiring books (new and used), and in monitoring the practices of legal publishers. The author welcomes suggestions for additions to this list (E-mail: rilawpress@comcast.net).

Retrospective Acquisitions

Association of American Law Schools. **Law Books Recommended for Libraries**. South Hackensack, N.J.: F.B. Rothman, 1967-1976. 6 vols. + 3 supplements. Looseleaf format. Available from W.S. Hein & Co. Also available on HeinOnline. **Cost:** \$650 (2021).

Conceived by the Association for American Law Schools and produced by the AALS Library Studies Project, under the direction of Miles O. Price and Harry Bitner, **Law Books Recommended for Libraries** made recommendations in 46 subject categories which were published by Fred B. Rothman from 1967-1976, with coverage to about 1970. Each entry is assigned a letter to designate its suitability for various types of libraries (A=Basic Collection; B=Intermediate Collection; C=Indepth Research Collection). Although the product itself was discontinued due to a lack of funding, it was later supplemented by annual volumes of recommended titles edited by Oscar J. Miller and Mortimer D. Schwartz (See entry for **Recommended Publications for Legal Research** below). Although out of print for a number of years, this set, which is owned by many academic and research law libraries, can provide much useful information for retrospective collection development. Also available on HeinOnline.

Cohen, Morris L. **Bibliography of Early American Law (BEAL)**. Buffalo, NY: William S. Hein & Co., 1998. 7 vols. (5,868 pp. + 2003 supplement (v. 7)).

Cost: print: \$1,750; print and CD-ROM: \$1,850; CD-ROM only: \$1,650; also available on HeinOnline (2021).

This monumental scholarly reference work lists and describes the monographic and trial literature of American law published in the United States from its colonial founding to the end of 1860. It also includes works on foreign, comparative, and international which were published in the United States during that time. The **Bibliography of Early American Law (BEAL)** is divided into four sections: Monographs, Civil Trials, Criminal Trials, and

Special Proceedings. Special Proceedings embraces selective legislative and administrative proceedings of an adjudicatory nature, and arbitrations. Access to individual entries is provided by means of indexes of authors, titles, specific subjects, names of parties to litigations, jurisdiction, language (if other than English), place of publication and publisher, and year of publication. The work is the product of thirty-five years research in early American bibliography for which the late Morris Cohen received the Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographical Award from the American Association of Law Libraries in 1999. The definitive bibliography for pre-1860 American legal imprints. Also available on HeinOnline.

Index to Legal Periodicals Retrospective: 1908-1981. Ipswich, MA: EBSCO

Cost: Inquire; pricing based on size/type of library and other database arrangements. Call: 978-356-6500.

Released in July, 2004, this retrospective database covers over 500 legal periodicals published in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand. Contains the indexing from 28 of the publisher's bound cumulations of the **Index to Legal Periodicals**, including 750 periodicals and 540,000 records, including book reviews and case citations. Wilson and EBSCO merged in 2011.

Law Books, 1876-1981: Books and Serials on Law and Related Subjects. New York: R.R. Bowker Co., 1981. 4 vols.

Cost: Originally \$495.00, but out-of-print; available used from Lawbook Exchange for \$350 (2021).

An invaluable source of retrospective bibliographical information on more than 130,000 law or law-related book titles and 4,000 serial titles. Employing a combination of sources for the period covered, including the **American Book Publishing Record**, the **National Union Catalog**, and MARC tapes, the editors have selected entries from a total of more than 500,000 titles examined. Bibliographical entries in volumes 1-3 are organized by main entry within each subject, employing more than 39,000 Library of Congress subject headings. Vol. 4 includes author and titles indices, subject and titles serials indices, a listing of law and law related publishers and distributors, and a listing of law and law related on-line database producers and vendors. Excluded are juvenile literature, handbooks, manuals, looseleaves, or pamphlets that do not indicate a sense of permanency. Ideally consulted in a publicly accessible law library.

McDermott, James A., ed. **Recommended Law Books**. 2d ed. Chicago: American Bar Association, Section of Corporation, Banking and Business Law, Committee on Business Law Libraries, 1986. 152 p. Hardbound.

Cost: OUT-OF-PRINT; from \$13.94 on addall.com (2021).

An early attempt to provide practicing lawyers with an annotated list of the best and most useful books for legal research in fifty-nine branches of the law, as well as the most useful legal reference works. The initial selections were made in consultation with members of the ABA's Section of Corporation, Banking and Business Law through a survey which appeared in the November, 1967 issue of **The Business Lawyer** and published in the July, 1968 issue. This is the second edition of a work first edited by Richard Sloane and published in 1969. The second edition was edited by James A. McDermott, Chairman of the Business Law Libraries Committee of the ABA, with contributions from

hundreds of practicing attorneys, law office librarians, and law professors. While now dated, it nevertheless provides a useful tool for retrospective acquisitions and an insight into law books that have stood the test of time. Effectively replaced by the **Legal Information Buyer's Guide & Reference Manual** since 1996.

Recommended Publications for Legal Research. Currently compiled by Patricia Roncevic. Getzville, NY: William S. Hein & Co., Inc. [originally Fred B. Rothman & Co.], 1970/71-2018. Annual. Paper.

Cost: 1970/71-2003: print-on-demand; 2004-2010: \$80 ea.; 2011-2015: \$89 ea.; 2016: \$93; 2017: \$98; 2018: \$99.99; 2019: \$99.99; \$2,547 for complete set (50 vols.) (2021).

This series of annual volumes was designed to supplement the 10-volume **Law Books Recommended for Law Libraries** originally published by the Association of American Law Schools and its Library Studies Project. It consequently fills the void left that by the cessation of that project with its coverage to 1970. Oscar J. Miller and Mortimer D. Schwartz compiled 30 annual volumes (1970-2000) before turning the editorship over to Mary Miller, Associate Director and Head of Acquisitions at the University of Buffalo, Charles B. Sears Law Library, State University of New York (2001-2016). Entries are organized into fifty subject areas, arranged alphabetically by main entry. Each entry is assigned a letter to designate its suitability for various types of libraries (A=Basic Collection; B=Intermediate Collection; C=In-depth Research Collection). Over the course of the thirty years, the editors examined over 95,000 items and selected over 26,000 for inclusion and ranking.

Shapiro, Fred R. "The Most-Cited Legal Books: A New Tool for Law Library Collection Development." **Legal Information Alert**. 18 (Sept., 1999): 1-6.

Over the years, Fred Shapiro has produced a number of useful studies of the most heavily cited law review articles. In this study, he draws upon the Institute for Scientific Information's (ISI) **Social Sciences Citation Index** for the years 1981-1997 and runs these results through **SOCSISRCH**, Westlaw's version of the **Social Sciences Citation Index** (which includes over 100 legal periodicals and over 1,000 social science periodicals) through March, 1999. The results are presented in four tables: the most-cited legal books (other than treatises and texts); the most-cited treatises and texts; British legal books most-cited in Social Science Citation Index; and non-legal books most-cited in legal periodicals. All four lists cover the period 1978-March, 1999. These lists can serve as extremely useful and objective tools for law library acquisitions, particularly in an academic law library environment.

Current Acquisition Tools: Books/Online Services

Chiorazzi, Michael and Gordon Russell, eds. **Law Library Collection Development in the Digital Age**. New York: Haworth Press (Taylor & Francis Group), 2002. 340 p. Hardbound, softbound and Kindle.

Cost: \$56.95 (softbound); from \$14.24 (paper) and \$54.10 (Kindle) on amazon.com (2021).

This collection of articles, published simultaneously as **Legal Reference Services Quarterly**, Volume 21, Numbers 2/3 and 4 (2002), addresses a number of timely issues related to impact of digital technology on law library collection development. Taking as their springboard a seminal paper by Penny Hazelton

entitled "How Much of Your Print Collection Is Really on Westlaw or LEXIS-NEXIS," Chiorazzi and Russell and their contributors examine both the philosophical and practical implications of Hazelton's thesis for collection development, legal research, and the physical law libraries of the future. Articles also address such topics as strategic planning for distance learning, long term access to digital information, legal scholarship and digital publishing, consolidation of the legal publishing industry, access versus ownership, electronic journals in the academic law library, and the changing role of law library vendors. An essential acquisition for every law library.

Directory of Law-Related CD-ROMs. Compiled and edited by Arlene L. Eis. Teaneck, NJ: Infosources Publishing. Annual. (201) 836-7072.

Cost: No longer available in print format; 2012 forward only available as part of LawTrio on the web, combining the **Directory of Law-Related CD-ROMs**, **Legal Looseleaves in Print**, and **Legal Newsletters in Print** at a cost of \$469.00/yr. (2021).

The most complete and accurate guide available to legal CD-ROM titles on the market, including those on the Internet. The 2013 edition includes detailed information on more than 1,600 CD-ROM products published by over 180 publishers in the United States and abroad in the areas of law, legislation, and regulation. In addition to the product listings, there are indices by publisher/distributor, search software, Macintosh titles, and subject. Includes citations to product reviews published in law-related publications.

Garces, Vincente E. **Survey on Collection Development Policies and Selection Practices**. Buffalo, NY: William S. Hein & Co., 2006. 52 p.

Cost: \$50 (2021).

This brief survey examines the types of materials collected by law libraries and the processes employed in their acquisition.

Hein Checklist of Statutes (State and Territorial). 78th ed. Buffalo, NY: William S. Hein & Co., Inc., 2018. 338 p. Issued twice annually (Spring and Fall).

Cost: \$99.99 (2021).

Revised as of Nov. 30, 2020, this volume provides libraries with a current state-by-state checklist for verifying the completeness of current statutory holdings, as well as the **Code of Federal Regulations**.

Hewette, Amber and Diane Hurley. **Law for the Layperson: An Annotated Bibliography of Self-Help Law Books**. 3d ed. Buffalo, NY: William S. Hein & Co., 2006. 486 p. Hardbound.

Cost: \$78; from \$19 on amazon.com (2021).

A useful annotated bibliography of legal self-help books organized under 68 topical headings. An update of Frank G. Houdek's **Law for the Layman** (1991), and Jean McKnight's **Law for the Layperson** (1997). It also includes author, title, and jurisdiction indices, and a list of publishers. Updated by Kendall F. Svengalis, **A Layperson's Guide to Legal Research and Self-Help Law Books** (2021) (see below).

Law Books and Serials in Print: A Multimedia Sourcebook. Amenia, NY: Grey House Publishing. Annual (June). 3 vols. (3,900 pp.). Purchase includes mid-year cumulative supplement.

Cost: 2021 (June): \$2,100; 2020 Edition (May): \$2,050; 2019 Edition (June): \$1,615 (includes cumulative supplement); 10%

discount in first year to standing order customers; 5% discount in subsequent years (2021).

Now in its 41st edition, this is a comprehensive guide to over 50,000 titles comprising over 100,000 entries in over 19,000 subject areas, including books, serials, microfiche, videocassettes, software and online databases. Some entries include brief annotations. Generally recommended for purchase only by larger law libraries. Attorneys are encouraged to consult this resource in their local state, court, county, bar association, or academic library. While the information is generally reliable, and thorough, independent verification is recommended given the breadth of coverage. A close examination will reveal numerous omissions, including subsequent editions of earlier published works. For example, the 2002 edition not only omitted the 1999 (5th) edition of Lawrence Taylor's **Drunk Driving Defense** but the 1995 (4th) edition as well. A useful, but not exhaustive, bibliographical research tool. Print edition acquired from R.R. Bowker effective January 1, 2010.

Law Books in Print. Online edition. [www.oceanalaw.com]. Dobbs Ferry, NY: Glanville Publishers/Oceana Group [acquired by Oxford University Press on Sept. 30, 2005], 2002-2006. Title discontinued in 2006.

Cost: OUT-OF-PRINT.

Provides complete bibliographic information for law and law-related monographs, series, reports, closed sets of case reports, looseleaf continuations, audio and video cassettes, microforms, computer diskettes and CD-ROMs currently in print and published in English throughout the world. First published in 1957 under the editorship of Meira G. Pimsleur and J. Myron Jacobstein, and later by Robert Buckwalter, and Nicholas Triffin. The last General Editor of **Law Books in Print Online** was Merle Slyhoff, University of Pennsylvania School of Law. Previous editions were published in 1957, 1965, 1971, 1976, 1982, 1987, 1991, 1994, and 1997. A competitor to the annual **Law Books and Serials in Print** (R.R. Bowker). The 8th print edition is now out-of-print. It was replaced in 2002 by the on-line only version accessible at the Oceana Group Web site and discontinued in 2006.

Law Library Journal (quarterly). Chicago, IL: American Association of Law Libraries, 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Ste. 940. (312) 939-4764.

Cost: \$125 per year to non-members; \$30 per issue; the full archive of back issues is also available at no cost on AALL web site: https://www.aallnet.org/lj_issue/ (2021).

Legal Looseleaves in Print. Compiled and edited by Arlene L. Eis. Teaneck, NJ: Infosources Publishing, 1981-date. Updated continuously.

Cost: Available as online subscription only: \$275 per year individually; or as part of **LawTRIO Law Publications Database**, combining the **Directory of Law-Related CD-ROMs**, **Legal Looseleaves in Print**, and **Legal Newsletters in Print** at a cost of \$469 per year (2021).

An exhaustive compilation of bibliographical data for over 3,600 looseleaf publications from 270 different publishers. Includes true looseleaf services, such as those from CCH, BNA, and RIA, and post-binder publication such as those published by Matthew Bender. Basically, coverage includes legal publications contained in ring or post-bound (compression) binders as opposed to permanently bound books. Each entry includes title, author, publisher, date of publication, number of volumes, cost

and supplementation cost, frequency of supplementation, recent supplementation cost, Library of Congress control number/OCLC control number/LC classification, and indicates whether it is available online or on CD-ROM. Entries are indexed by publisher, subject, and electronic format. A publishers' directory provides addresses and telephone numbers for all publishers represented. A valuable guide to what is generally an expensive form of publication.

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A comprehensive guide to more than 2,200 legal newsletters, including standard-type newsletters, bulletins, newsletter-reporting services, and all reporting services issued periodically and stored in looseleaf binders. Does not include publications that require interfiling (see **Legal Looseleaves in Print**). Each entry includes full bibliographical detail, including sources of indexing, online availability, and description. In addition to the main Title List, there is a publisher index, list of newsletters online, database list, database index, a list of newsletters registered with the Copyright Clearance Center, newsletters that accept advertising, and a subject index. An excellent resource for the attorney or law firm interested in tracking down newsletters in specific subject areas and evaluating available alternatives. Entries include annual subscription costs.

Lipinski, Tomas A. **The Librarian's Legal Companion for Licensing Information Resources and Services.** Edison, NJ: Neal-Schuman Publishers, Inc., 2012. 760 p. Available from ALA Store.

Cost: \$134; ebook: \$104; combination print & ebook: \$152; from \$34 (print) on amazon.com (2021).

This legal companion provides essential information regarding the legal basis for the many practices involved in library acquisitions, including basic fair trade and contract law concepts; contract formation; compliance, contract and license negotiation; breach and remedy issues; developments in online and information contracting; the advantages and disadvantages of licensing; the deciphering of the legalese in agreements; and detailed explanations of specific types of licenses (web-link, shrink-wrap, etc.). There is also discussion of jurisdictional issues regarding online and information contracting. The book references real-world cases involving the acquisitions process. An Associate Professor in the School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Tomas A. Lipinski received Ph.D. from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and JD from Marquette University Law School. He is the author of numerous books on law in the library environment. This book is an updating of the author's **Librarian's Legal Companion for Buying and Licensing Information Resources.**

Recommended Publications for Legal Research. Compiled by Oscar J. Miller and Mortimer D. Schwartz. Littleton, CO: Fred B. Rothman Publications [now a division of William S. Hein & Co., Inc.], 1970/71-2017. Annual. Paper.

Cost: 1970/71-2003: print-on-demand; 2004-2010: \$80 ea.; 2011-2015: \$89 ea.; 2016: \$93; 2017: \$98; 2018: \$99.99; 2019: \$99.99; \$2,587 for complete set (50 vols.) (2021).

This series of annual volumes was designed to supplement the 10-volume **Law Books Recommended for Law Libraries** originally published by the Association of American Law Schools and its Library Studies Project. It consequently fills the void left that by the cessation of that project with its coverage to 1970. Oscar J. Miller and Mortimer D. Schwartz compiled 30 annual volumes before turning the editorship over to Mary Miller, Associate Director and Head of Acquisitions at the University of Buffalo, Charles B. Sears Law Library, State University of New York. Entries are organized into fifty subject areas, arranged alphabetically by main entry. Each entry is assigned a letter to designate its suitability for various types of libraries (A=Basic Collection; B=Intermediate Collection; C=In-depth Research Collection). Over the course of the thirty years, the editors examined over 95,000 items and selected over 26,000 for inclusion and ranking.

Svengalis, Kendall F. **A Layperson's Guide to Legal Research and Self-Help Law Books.** Guilford, CT: New England LawPress, 2019. 390 p. Hardbound w/CD-ROM.

Cost: \$99.95 (2021).

This unique and revolutionary new reference book provides reviews of nearly 800 significant self-help law books in 85 subject areas, each of which is preceded by a concise and illuminating overview of the subject area, its sources of law, and links to online sources for further information. Includes introductory chapters on the nature of self-help law versus hiring an attorney, researching the law: a roadmap to legal information, a brief overview of the U.S. justice system, and general works on United States law. The appendices include a title index, a bibliography of State legal research guides, the most complete directory of public law libraries in the United States (with an introductory explanation of what you should expect in the way of assistance from library reference staff), and a publisher directory. This is an essential reference work for any law, public, or academic library which fields legal questions or inquiries.

Svengalis, Kendall F. Legal Information Buyer's Guide and Reference Manual, 2020. 25th ed. Guilford, CT, New England LawPress, 2021. 1,215 p. Paperbound. Published annually since 1996.

Cost: \$215 + \$7.50 postage (2021).

A comprehensive guide to the purchase of United States legal information in all its categories and formats, combined with a number of unique reference features. Provides general guidance to those establishing a law office library as well as guidance in the selection of specific categories of information, including statutes, case reporters, digests, citators, reference titles, CD-ROMs, and online services, to name just a few. Contains the most extensive annotated bibliography of legal treatises on the market (over 3,000 titles), organized under eighty-seven subject headings, each of which is also represented in a unique spreadsheet providing basic bibliographic, cost, and 5-year supplementation cost data. Also includes an extensive guide to basic legal publications and information sources for all fifty states and the District of Columbia, with prices. Appendices include a guide to the histories and product lines of dozens of leading legal publishers, a directory of legal publishers with addresses, telephone numbers and Web sites, used and rare law book dealers, a selective list of

looseleaf services, cost saving tips, spreadsheet of CALR case law coverage for twelve vendors, an extensive bibliography, and index. This unique reference tool provides both bibliographical and pricing data, tracks supplementation cost trends from 1996 to date, and provides cost saving tips. Winner of the 1998 Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographical Award from the American Association of Law Libraries. An essential reference tool for any legal professional who purchases or uses legal information. Previous editions published in 1996, 1997-98, 1998-99, 2000, and annually from 2001-2021. Earlier editions (1996-2012) are now available on the Spinelli's Law Librarian's Reference Shelf on HeinOnline. In 2011, Rhode Island LawPress became New England LawPress, and, in 2014, moved to Guilford, CT.

Current Acquisitions: General Review Sources

Against the Grain. 209 Richardson Avenue, MSC 98, The Citadel, Charleston, SC 29409. Published in February, April, June, September, November and December/January. Web site: <http://www.against-the-grain.com/>

Cost: \$55 per year (print and online bundle) (2021).

If **Publishers Weekly** is the bible of the publishing industry," **Against the Grain** is the bible for the world of library acquisitions, providing news about libraries, publishers, book jobbers and subscription agents, and the issues, literature and people that impact the world of books and journals. Articles are insightful, informative, and well-written. An essential read for the acquisitions librarian who wishes to remain informed about issues important to the profession. Subscription includes online access to an archival collection of articles. Tables of Contents available on the Web at: <http://www.against-the-grain.com/>

Charleston Hub. www.charleston-hub.com. Charleston Information Group, LLC

P.O. Box 799, Sullivans Island, SC 29482.

Charleston Hub was created in 2020 to bring together the various websites associated with the Charleston Conference and Against the Grain into one site allowing a unified search screen making it easier to lookup information and one point of registration for both the site and the conference. The aim of the Hub is to bring together librarians, vendors and publishers to discuss areas of common interest and to find relevant information. It is also the gateway to the Charleston Conference, the Journal **Against the Grain**, and a host of information sources on job, news and other relevant information.

Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries. Middletown, CT: Association of College & Research Libraries, 1964-date. Published 11x/yr. (July/August combined). Online.

Cost: \$512 (magazine); online: \$680 per year (4-year academic libraries); \$668 (2-year academic libraries); \$670 (government libraries) \$679 (public libraries); Reviews on Cards: \$576 per year; <http://www.ala.org/acrl/choice/subscription-rates#corates> (2021).

Subscriptions: 100 Riverview Center, Middletown, CT 06457. (860) 347-6933.

Each issue contains approximately 600 brief reviews of recent books and electronic media written by subject matter experts. Reviews are addressed specifically to librarians and faculty members who select materials for academic libraries, especially for undergraduate research and teaching. Reviews cover more

than 50 sub-disciplines spanning the humanities, science and technology, and the social and behavioral sciences. Choice Reviews Online provides access to more than 145,000 Choice reviews plus all the editorial content from Choice magazine. A publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association.

Law Library Plans for the Print Materials Collection. 2020 Edition. New York, NY: Primary Research Group, Inc., 2019. 84 p. Paperbound and PDF.

Cost: \$144 (hardcopy); \$144 (single user PDF); \$164 (print and single-user PDF); multi-site (Enterprise) license: \$175; multi-site license plus print: \$198 (2021).

This study analyzes trends in the acquisition of print materials based on a survey of 47 North American law libraries, including 5 university, 10 government, 8 courthouse, 17 law firm, as well as private firm, and other libraries. The study presents detailed data about their spending on and plans for primary legal materials, secondary legal materials, books, directories, newspapers and magazines and other print materials. The report presents data on recent, current and expected rates of change in spending on print and on the library's overall philosophy on the maintenance of print collections. In addition to 60 detailed tables of data on law library current and expected spending on various forms of print resources, the study presents open-ended answers to questions about library purchasing plans. Data in the report is broken out by size and type of library, and by the personal age of the survey taker. In addition, data is broken out separately for US and Canadian law libraries.

Library Journal. New York: Cahners Publishing Co., 1876-date. 245 W. 17th St., New York, NY 10011. (800) 677-6694. Published 20 times per year. Print and digital formats. Also available on the Web at: See: www.libraryjournal.com

Cost: individual subscriptions: print: \$157.99 (discounted to \$94.79); digital: \$157.99 (discounted to \$94.79); print and digital: \$179.99 (recently discounted to \$107.99); institutional subscriptions: print: \$157.99 (discounted to \$94.79); digital: \$290 (discounted to \$174); print and digital: \$390 (discounted to \$234); (2021)

First published in 1876, **Library Journal** is the oldest independent national library publication, with a claimed readership of over 100,000 library directors, administrators, and others in public, academic and business libraries. Each issue includes reviews of 250-350 general adult books, most prior to publication. Reviews are addressed to the educated generalist and usually run from 125-150 words. The **Book Verdict Pro Plus** is available for \$143.99. It provides the full text of **LJ** reviews as well as Pro functionality that allows the user to create, manage, and tag lists, save searches and export metadata.

Academic Library Use of eBooks, 2017 Edition. New York, NY: Primary Research Group, Inc., 2017. 140 p.

Cost: \$104 (print or PDF); multi-site license: \$175 (2021).

This 140-page study is based on data from 41 academic, reporting on how they are using e-books. It presents detailed data on eBook spending in 2015, 2016 and projected to 2017, highlighting spending on specific types of licensing models and content providers. The report also looks at how libraries are integrating eBooks into their collections, and pinpoints the extent to which they hold titles in dual print/eBook formats.

Other issues covered include: providing info literacy support for

eBook users, the role of consortia in eBook licensing, rates of change in eBook use by library patrons, ease of use of using eBooks, provisions for perpetual access, extent and nature of purchases from individual publishers vs. aggregators, eBook collection development plans, use of book endowments for eBook purchasing, use of eBooks for course reserves, trends in eBook pricing, use of eTextbooks and more.

New York Review of Books. New York: NYREV, Inc. 250 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10107. 20 issues per year. (800) 829-5088.

Cost: print & digital: \$99.95 per year (includes electronic access to five-year archive); digital only: \$79 (2021).

The **New York Review of Books** has been described by **Esquire** magazine as "the premier literary intellectual magazine in the English language. First published in 1963, it now has a circulation of over 115,000 readers. It publishes lengthy reviews of both current fiction and non-fiction and features lengthy essays addressing most of the important political, cultural, and intellectual issues of the age written by leading writers, critics, intellectuals. Includes reviews of many law-related titles, including those in politics, history, and economics.

New York Times Book Review. New York: New York Times Co. Weekly. 229 W. 43d St., New York, NY 10036. (800) 631-2580

Cost: Online access to NY Times: \$104 per year; All access plus print: depending on zip code; Book Review free online at: <http://www.nytimes.com/pages/books/index.html> (2021).

One of the leading sources in the United States for critical reviews of the best in current fiction and non-fiction, poetry. Also available in a free online version.

Publishers Weekly. The International News Magazine of Book Publishing and Bookselling. 245 W. 17th St., New York, NY 10011. (212) 463-6758. Weekly. Available online at: www.publishersweekly.com

Cost: print + online + digital library: \$199 per year (includes online access); online + digital only: \$169 (2021).

The leading publication for the publishing industry, **Publishers Weekly** serves as the publication of record for industry news, trends, and data. It is also the source for more than 7,500 succinct reviews of forthcoming books annually. With a subscriber base of 40,000, it reaches a total audience of nearly 100,000 in bookstores, libraries, and the publishing industry. The web site includes exclusive access to an archive of book reviews and articles.

The Survey of Library Database Licensing Practices. 2014-15 Edition. New York, NY: Primary Research Group, Inc., 2014. 147 p. Paperbound.

Cost: \$98 (print or pdf); multi-site license: \$195 (2021).

This invaluable survey of library database licensing practices draws upon responses from 90 libraries, including corporate, legal, college, public, state, and non-profit libraries. More than half of the participating libraries are based in the United States; the remainder are from Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom, and several other countries. The survey data is broken out by type and size of library, as well as by overall level of database expenditure. More than 400 tables provide detailed evidence of library spending on electronic databases, including spending through consortia, the growth rate in the number of licenses, spending on licenses for directories, electronic journals, e-books,

and magazine/newspaper databases; and future spending plans on all of the above. The survey also examines price inflation experienced for electronic resources in business, medical, humanities, financial, market research, social sciences and many other information categories, as well as price inflation for e-books, electronic directories, journals, and newspaper/magazine databases. The survey also examines a number of related issues, including the percentage of licenses that require passwords and simultaneous access restrictions; spending on legal services related to licenses, percentage of libraries that have threatened to sue a database vendor; percentage of libraries that have been threatened with suits by database vendors; and the number of hours spent in reviewing license contracts. Of particular interest to law libraries, the survey also reports the percentage of contracts that require that their terms be kept secret; and level of awareness of the terms of other libraries contracts. With the substantial sums spent by libraries for electronic databases, these findings will prove an invaluable resource to library administrators and acquisitions librarians.

Current Acquisitions: Bibliographies and Reviews of Legal Materials

Advanced Bibliography of Law and Related Fields [Hein Green Slips]. Buffalo, NY: William S. Hein & Co., Inc. [formerly Fred B. Rothman]. Weekly.

Cost: Annual subscription cost varies based on the size and type of the organization (2021). Call: 1-800-828-7571.

Reports of new law and law-related titles in the form of 3" x 5" green slips of paper shipped to subscribers approximately every week. Each Hein green slip contains complete bibliographical information and price, and, in some instances, a brief description of contents. Titles are chosen from a variety of sources, including the **ABA Journal**, **CHOICE**, **Forthcoming Books**, **Legal Information Alert**, **Library Journal**, Library of Congress slips, etc. Books can be ordered by returning the Green slips to Hein. See also **Current Publications in Legal and Related Fields** (below).

Current Law Index/Legal Trac. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale Cengage Learning, 1980-date. Monthly with annual bound cumulation.

Cost: Print publication discontinued in 2016; was \$1,782 per year; a Legal Trac subscription is approximately \$1,800 for small organizations, with a sliding scale for larger organizations (inquire). 1-800-877-4253.

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Law and Politics Book Review. College Park, MD: Law and Courts Section, American Political Science Association, 1991-date. Wayne McIntosh, University of Maryland, Department of Government & Politics. University of Maryland, Editor.

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