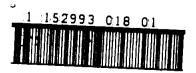


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Authors' Note

Throughout this book we shall talk about library 'materials'. This form of shorthand is designed to save repeating a long list of items that modern libraries buy or make to enable them to provide their service. The list includes major items such as books, periodicals, records, tapes (sound and video), films, filmloops and strips, pictures, slides and computer services.

Libraries also provide equipment upon which the user can access the information contained in the various materials. Therefore, printer, record-player, slide viewer, cassette recorder, etc., will find their place in many libraries, in some to be lent out to the user, in others for use within the library only. All of these things, hardware and software, we put together as 'library materials'.