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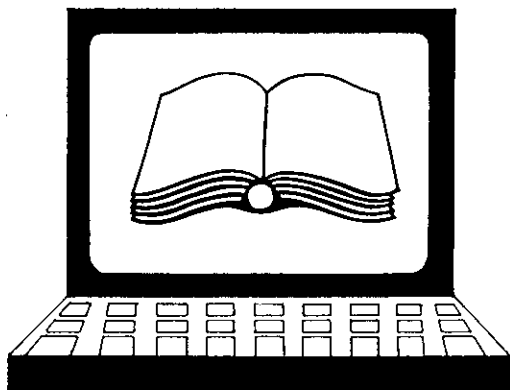
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INTRODUCTION

Modern library practice is intended as a textbook for students of librarianship and as an educational manual for library training purposes. It attempts to bridge the gap between the very basic introduction and the specialist monograph.

It differs from the first edition – published in 1977 as *Library practice a manual and textbook* by Jack Burkett, Sheila Ritchie and Albert E Standley, ELM Publications, Buckden, 1977 – in the following respects:-

- Chapters 1, 2 and 3 are all new material; Chapter 3 largely replaces the old edition Section 3.
- Chapter 9 is new material and replaces parts of old edition Sections 5 and 7.
- Section 7 in the old edition – Computers in the library – does not receive a Chapter of its own but is dispersed wherever it is appropriately matched with another section. For example, computers and stock control is covered in Chapters 8 and 9. Computers are such familiar features of library life that it was thought artificial and unhelpful to separate them from their respective operations.
- Sections 9, 10 and 11 from the old edition have not been reincluded; Section 9 because of the dispersion of its material into other chapters; Sections 10 and 11 because reader comment on them over the past few years has indicated that they were of minor usefulness.

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