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Preface
Welcome to the 49th edition of the
analysis and practical information
Bowker Annuali¼ a compilation of informed
of interest to the libraryi¼ informationi¼ and
book trade communities.
It chronicles a year during which libraries faced both economic hard times
and new challenges posed by government regulationi¼ and publishers and book-
sellers continued to wrestle with copyright and piracy issues and fought for \"the
freedom to read.\"
This edition s Special Reports spotlight three areas of current interest.
Thomas M. Susman examines how libraries are coping with concerns
posed by the controversial USA Patriot Acti¼ \"a hastily cobbled-together
series of provisions constitutingi¼ in some instancesi¼ long-standing wish
sts of the federal agencies affected
Nancy R. John and Edward J. Valauskas look at the burgeoning growth
and evolution of Internet-based and digital journalsi¼ up from about 4i¼000
five years ago to about 28i¼000 todayi¼ and the changes the phenomenon
has brought about.
Evelyn Frangakis explores how libraries and archives are dealing with.
continual challenges in preservation as the range of archived materials--
from paper and audio recordings to moving images and digital content--
steadily expands.
Part 1 also includes reviews of the year s news and trends in public librariesi¼
school librariesi¼ and publishingi¼

and reports on the activities of federal agencies
federal libraries and national and international library and publishing organizations. In Part 2 the year's legislation and regulations affecting libraries and publishing are detailed bill followed by reports from grant-making agencies and funding programs. Part 3 contains professional information for librarians: guides to sources of scholarships and employment; a look at trends in library placements and salaries; and a list of the year's major scholarship and award winners. Part 4 contains a wealth of research and statistics from a review of current research projects to tables of library acquisition expenditures; book and periodicals prices; and detailed publishing data. Reference information makes up Part 5: who won the top literary prizes; how to obtain an ISBN; ISSN; or SAN; lists of and statistics on bestsellers; and notable resources for children and young adults.

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