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Once again, "Pot Pourri," the annual issue of *Indiana Libraries* that solicits manuscripts which are not theme-issue oriented, presents a variety of topics which many Association members, subscribers, and readers will find interesting and enlightening.

Two of this issue's four articles deal with computers, the technological advance that is not only affecting our professional and personal habits but also effecting attitudinal and environmental changes. It is not surprising, therefore, that our readership focus upon computer technology, as we are all grasping for information that will update our individual knowledge and prepare us for tomorrow. Two additional topics discussed in this issue—legal and law-related reference sources and the marketing of libraries—will provide valuable information and ideas to professionals who are confronted with and/or pondering about these issues in their libraries.

Harold C. Ogg of the Hammond Public Library discusses "Public Access Computers in Libraries: A Justification for Existence." As there are public access computers in many libraries today, professionals are desperately attempting to provide their patrons with this new instrument of information technology. Ogg suggests that "just as there is a public mandate for literature, so will it be for

technology." Justification exists for public access computers, and library professionals must be cognizant of these reasons and have the ability to articulate them clearly to supervisors and administrators who are responsible for budgeting the appropriate funding. Ogg provides some strategies for librarians to consider as they move toward public access computers. His discussion is both timely and instructive.

In "Typographic Font Programming for Library and Personal Use," Kuang-Liang Hsu of Ball State University presents several programs in Applesoft BASIC for many dot matrix printers. His programs provide users with the ability to utilize the different typographic font capabilities of these printers with minimum effort.

Tim J. Watts of Valparaiso University's School of Law Library examines "Legal and Law-Related Reference Sources for Indiana Public Libraries." Watts presents an extensive but not exhaustive bibliography for public librarians to consider for their libraries. The purchase of all items will not be judicial for all librarians; however, Watts has annotated the resources and makes appropriate comments about the advisability of purchasing many of these items.

A topic for discussion among librarians in recent years is the focus for O. Gene Norman of Indiana State University in "Marketing Your Library." Norman briefly defines his terms, and then proceeds to the discussion of implementing a marketing program, drawing upon information from a recently completed survey and upon his experiences at ISU.

This issue of "Pot Pourri" presents, hopefully, something for everyone. Enjoy its diversity and its ideas.—RT