rent library standards. These chapters will go into matters, however, not always summarized in the “Goals.” Downs does not see the university libraries as having responsibility for “statewide library service, except for highly specialized titles unavailable elsewhere.” He recommends, therefore, that the state library should develop a strong reference library along with becoming a state bibliographic center. He considers efforts in the state toward library cooperation as being impressive, but sharing wealth works only if there is wealth to be shared. Missouri will continue to be dependent upon seven libraries in particular (the three university, the two large public, the state, and Linda Hall libraries). These libraries should be compensated financially for their extramural services. Here, we get into matters in which the recent surveys do not always agree in their recommendations.

Perhaps Missouri has had enough surveys for awhile and its librarians had better thresh out what should be the master plan—if there is to be one. In the meantime, one hopes that in the future, professional talent and government money can be directed toward making the Library Services Division of the U.S. Office of Education a meaningful statistical reporting organization so that librarians can spend less time gathering data and more time using it. Finally, librarians, especially Missourians, should remember that state lines in terms of library planning mean only one thing: political boundaries which constitute source or channel for funds. They are quite without meaning in terms of economic or cultural areas. Missouri’s two great concentrations of libraries are found in interstate economic and cultural regions. The long look perhaps should see state planning as an intermediate step toward interstate or regional planning.

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