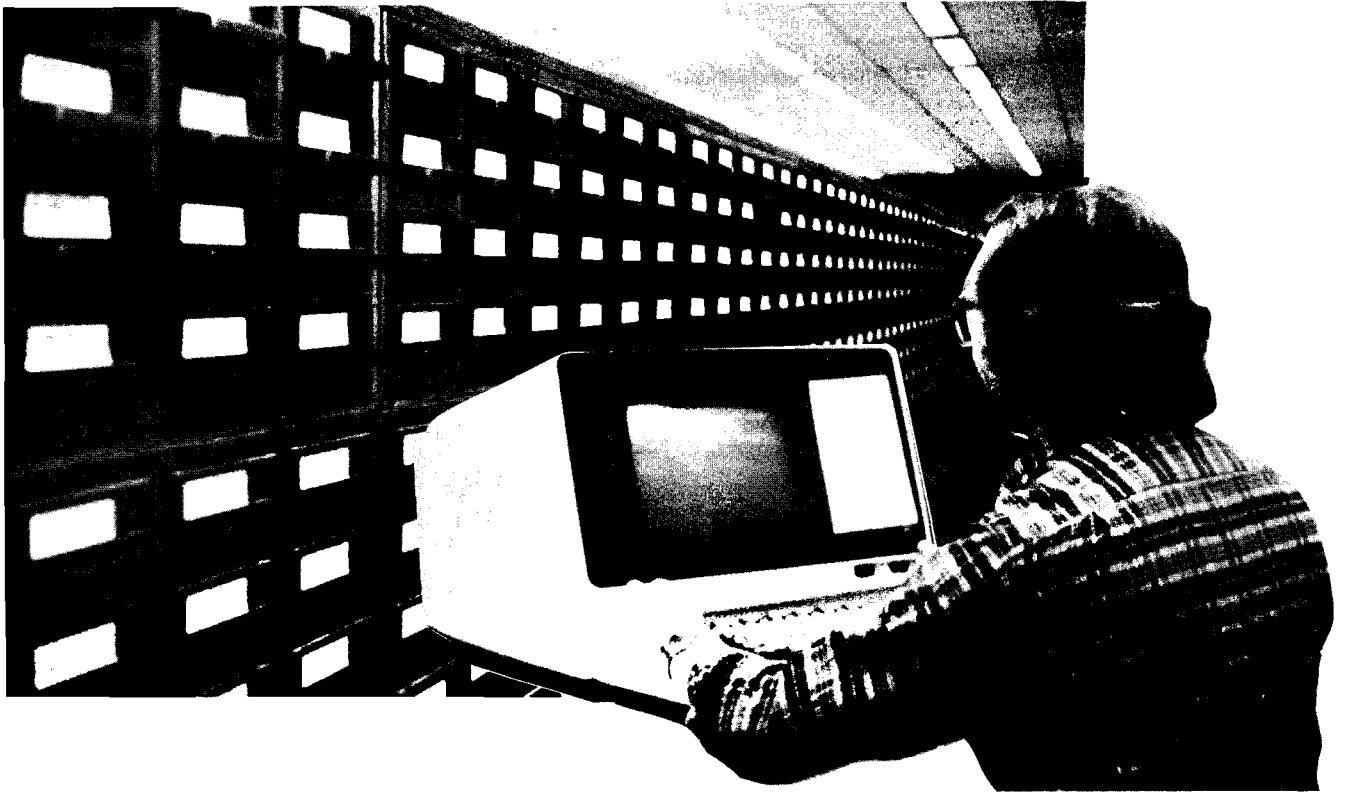


# ANNOUNCEMENT

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## 112 Years of Card Filing Comes to an End As the Copyright Office Moves to On-Line Filing of Copyright Records

On October 1, 1982, the Copyright Office completed a major move towards on-line filing of copyright registrations by discontinuing the manual filing of cards in the Copyright Office Card Catalog, an index to copyright registrations in the United States from 1870 forward. The Copyright Card Catalog includes registrations made until January 1, 1978; registrations made after that date are available through the computerized filing systems of the Copyright Office. With this change-over to computerized filing, the Copyright Office has ended 112 years of manual filing into one of the world's oldest and largest active card catalogs.

The Copyright Card Catalog will continue to be accessible as an index to pre-1978 copyright registrations; its 41 million cards track a great number of the literary, musical, artistic and scientific productions of the United States and of many foreign countries. Its bibliographic records of registrations, renewals, transfers, and other documents relating to copyright are not only invaluable to copyright searchers but also are an

important supplement to the Main Catalog of the Library of Congress.

Registrations, renewals, and other documents from January 1, 1978, forward are now accessible on-line through the COHM (Copyright Office History Monograph) and COHD (Copyright Office History Document) files. Periodicals, not yet accessible on-line, will continue to be filed into the Card Catalog.

Training for using the new on-line system, part of the Library's SCORPIO system, may be arranged by appointment through the Information and Reference Division, (202) 287-6800, during the month of November. After that time, the Reference and Bibliography Section will be available for assistance, (202) 287-6850.

Both the Card Catalog and on-line files are open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays in Room 404 of the Library of Congress James Madison Memorial Building, 101 Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C.