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agreement with the National Library of Australia, and NUCAV records (by agreement with the Swinburne Institute of Technology).

After this Libramatic plans selectively to load other MARC files at present not available in Australia. A questionnaire was distributed in 1981 to assist in finding priorities for the service. The charge for record retrieval is 35c per record.

**Video Censorship**

The April issue of *Channells*, a new journal published by *Cinema Papers*, included a brief article by Damien McClelland, 'The Video Censorship Mess: what you should know'.

Among other things it speculates on the share of the home video market claimed by pornography and on issues raised by applying to material for domestic and private use a control system (Commonwealth Film Censorship Board) geared to classification of films and videotapes for public exhibition. It also lists feature films available on video-cassette, with prices and sources.

**Pinpointer Popular Periodicals on Microfiche (PPPM)**

*Pinpointer* has been published by the Libraries Board of South Australia since 1963. It indexes many of the articles appearing in some 50 periodicals, mainly Australian, covering hobbies, craft, cooking, do-it-yourself, interior decorating and design, recreation and sports. Most of these articles are not indexed elsewhere.

So that these periodicals can be made available as a package, the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services (AACOBS), by arrangement with the publishers, will produce Pinpointer Popular Periodicals on Microfiche (PPPM) to contain most of the journals indexed by Pinpointer.

The first edition, consisting of about 650 fiche, will contain the complete 1981 issues of between 45 and 50 periodicals, microfiched cover to cover, using 24X reduction and will be available by mid-1982.

The many advantages offered to libraries by PPPM include:

- instant reference services – the articles you find out about in *Pinpointer* can actually be read in the library
- no binding necessary for back issues
- a complete set of all these journals can be held in the library, with no worry about lost or damaged issues
- many titles you have not previously been able to afford can now be on hand.

The price of the first edition of PPPM, covering 1981 journals, is \$250 per set. Orders should be sent to: Secretary, AACOBS, c/- National Library, Canberra ACT 2600.

**IFLA**

The convenor of the LAA's Committee on Audio Visual Services (Paul McNally) has been invited to become a member of the IFLA round table on audiovisual media.

A substantial section of IFLA journal, V. 7 (1981) no 4 is devoted to audio-visual materials in various types of libraries.

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**Areta McCulloch retires**

ARETA McCULLOCH RETIRED from the Library Branch of the Victorian Education Department on 31 May 1982. Areta has been an active and influential member of the profession since 1939 when on gaining a BA at the University of Adelaide, she was appointed to the library of the Department of Commerce, Canberra.

Areta was one of a small group of graduates, newly-recruited to Commonwealth Departmental libraries, who received their initial library training and experience at the Parliamentary Library under the guidance and supervision of Mr (now Sir) Harold White. As a member of this group, she attended the second conference of the Australian Institute of Librarians, held in Canberra, August 1939. She later served in other Commonwealth Departments in both Canberra and Sydney.

Her first Melbourne appointment was in 1954 when she became the first full-time librarian at Box Hill Technical College, remaining in this position until she and her husband moved to Hobart. In Tasmania, she worked for a short period in the University of Tasmania Library before taking charge of the libraries at Robert Cosgrove Modern School and, later, Rose Bay High. She returned to Victoria in 1966 with her family and spent several years as a teacher-librarian in Victorian high schools.

In the early sixties she spent a year in London working in a London County Council school library and, in the early seventies, a year in the US where she completed her Master of Education degree at the University of Oregon by submission of a thesis entitled *A Teacher-Librarian's Perception of the Central Services (of the Library Branch of the Victorian Education Department) to School Librarians*.

On return to Melbourne in 1973, Areta became the senior librarian at Huntingdale Technical School, where she instituted concepts for the role of the school library and use of resources in curriculum development, and the school library's extended role in community services. Since 1980 she has been responsible for the Research and Information Section of the Library Branch of Victorian Education Department.

For many years Areta has been an elected executive member of the School Library Association of Victoria, as well as its Vice President (1968-1969) and President (1970-1971). She has represented Victoria on the National Council of the Australian School Library Association since 1970 and became its President for 1971/72.

Her contribution to school libraries and school librarianship has been recognised by her participation in committees and working parties within the LAA, ASLA and Government. She served as a member of the School Libraries Committee of the Schools Commission (1976-1977) and has served on numerous official committees at the State level, including a Minister's Advisory Committee on Community Education. Her particular contribution to the profession has been in the field of school librarianship, in areas of community-school relations, and in resource and personnel management.

Areta's distinctive and vigorous leadership in school librarianship is reflected by the fact that she pioneered many of the understandings and concepts widely held by the profession today. In recognition of her contribution to school libraries and school librarianship, the School Library Association of Victoria recently conferred on her Honorary Life Membership.

**Exhibition of children's book illustrations**

DURING JULY, the Children's Literature Research Collection of the State Library of South Australia will be presenting a display – *A Visible World – Two Centuries of Children's Book Illustration*.

The exhibition shows the way various illustrators have depicted children and the world around them. An interesting feature of the exhibition is the inclusion of original Walter Crane paintings (on loan from the Art Gallery of SA) which will allow direct comparison with the printed first edition of the book.

The display includes many rare and beautiful books which will be on view from 12-30 July 1982, Myer Exhibition Gallery, 8th Floor, Rundle Mall store – 9am-5.30pm Monday-Thursday, 9am-9pm Friday.

Librarians attending the LAA 22nd Biennial conference, 22-26 August, are invited to view the display in the Audio-Visual lounge of the Adult Lending Service, State Library of South Australia, North Terrace, Adelaide.

Library Association of Australia

**Election of  
One member of the  
General Council  
by the membership of  
the Association**

**Call for nominations**

The Association's By-laws provide for a General Council consisting of the Executive Officers, the Chairman of the Board of Education, one member appointed by each Branch and two members appointed by the membership of the Association.

Nominations are now called for the one position of General Councillor appointed by the membership of the Association to hold office in 1983 and 1984.

Please note that nominations shall be

- in writing;
- signed by two financial members of the LAA;
- accompanied by the written consent of the nominee, who shall supply a curriculum vitae and a statement of professional concerns (each of no more than 100 words).

Nominees must be financial members of the LAA.

Nominations must reach the Executive Director, LAA, 473 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills NSW 2010, by **5 pm on Wednesday, 1 September 1982**.

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Executive Director