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An extensive program of readings, workshops and discussions marked Victoria's contribution to the inaugural Australian Feminist Book Fortnight (AFBF) during the first 2 weeks of September.

As part of these activities, Northcote Library highlighted the work of local women writers. As well as displays of recent publications, on 13 September, the public had the opportunity to meet 3 poets in person, when Kerry Loughrey, Claire Gaskin and Liz Hall read a selection of feminist verse at the Community House Library Branch in Fairfield.

The readings were extensively advertised through handbills, displays in local shops, community radio spots, local writers' groups, and women's learning centres, and met with an enthusiastic response from the participants who braved a cold and rainy evening to attend.

Roger Coleman

Serials

The Information Services Unit (ISU) of CSIRO at 314 Albert Street, East Melbourne (VS:CL) is currently reviewing its holdings of serials titles. This is resulting in a large scale transfer of titles from CSIRO. The ISU would like to inform libraries that ABN and SSAL are therefore currently unreliable for VS:CL holdings. Records on ABN will be updated as time and resources permit.

in Cite has impact

The good news for all those members who are concerned about the environmental impact of *inCite's* packaging is that biodegradable plastic should be available in about 12 months time.

Meanwhile investigations into alternatives have shown that suitable recycled paper packaging would not only be more costly but would hold up distribution by 3-4 days as insertion would be by hand rather than machine.

InCite is presently packed in 35 micron plastic bags, the lightest acceptable to Australia Post.

Film heritage damaged

The cause of blemishes found on colour film of national significance, in the custody of the National Film and Sound Archives (NFSA), is being investigated.

The NFSA has custody of some 29 million feet (40 000 cans) of colour film, being the original negatives and duplicating master of some 14 000 titles. These films are held on behalf of about 1300 producers/owners.

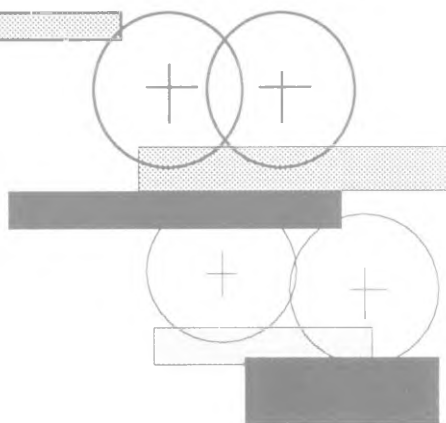
The colour film collection represents the bulk of the output of the film industry from the 1950s to date, and includes the cream of Australia's recent film input, including many internationally acclaimed titles.

Blemishes revealed

The problems were first revealed in July 1989 when the routine handling of a film in the collection housed in an air-conditioned vault (at the National Library of Australia), revealed blemishes which were potentially worrying.

A technical examination of a significant sample of films in the vault was instituted, which indicated that a number of films were affected by one or more of the following forms of blemish:

- **Ferrotyping** - an irregular glaze on the emulsion surface;



- **Mould** - in most cases superficially on the outside of the reel, in some cases on the film image;
- **Emulsion adhesion** - in a few cases the emulsion had become tacky;
- **Magnetic stripe lifting** - some television news footage with magnetic sound track exhibited a lifting of the magnetic oxide.

Mould growth can occur in a wide range of circumstances, but is most prolific in an environment of high relative humidity. Emulsion adhesion, ferrotyping and magnetic stripe lifting, are also related to conditions of high relative humidity, but tend to require also that the film be very tightly wound.

Many films in the collections are tightly wound (the normal condition for transporting a film); this situation has existed for perhaps 30 years without any difficulty arising. It is believed that for a period during 1989 the relative humidity level in the vault was unusually high.

Until 1989 the NFSA was unable to examine and re-wind (and retension) films on receipt and was unable to establish the condition of films at the time of entry to the collection.



PICKET

LINE



Tom McKeon — Industrial Information Officer

Award restructuring-problems for ALIA members

Under award restructuring discussions a number of occupational classifications are often grouped into common streams: professional, technical, administrative/clerical and general. In this way, one award can be created to replace a large number of different awards.

Employers benefit due to reduced administration costs arising from the simplification of the system. Employees will benefit in obtaining pay rises in a quicker more orderly way. All pay rates in a common stream will be adjusted at the same time. In the past, the industrially stronger professional groups like the engineers and lawyers have won pay rises first and set precedents for groups like librarians to follow and catch up.

Appropriate classifications of major importance

It is of major importance to ALIA members that their occupational group is appropriately classified. There have been cases of employers denying that librarians are a professional group, and reports that other professional groups have been unenthusiastic about supporting our claims. Being placed in a clerical stream will result in lower pay and less opportunities. Library technicians are

likely to be placed in either technical or professional streams. Technicians should speak with their unions and request they not be placed in clerical or administrative streams.

If you are faced with this situation refer your union to the *Australian standard classification of occupations dictionary*, published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations in 1987. This independent source clearly classifies librarians as professionals, library technicians as para-professionals and library clerks and assistants under the heading of library and filing clerks. The *ASCO dictionary* is used as evidence by the Professional Officers' Association when identifying groups they wish to gain industrial coverage for.

After award structures are finalised in the second round of award restructuring discussions, it will be a more difficult process to change a classification from one stream to another. The second round will take place over the 6 months following the 3 per cent pay rise of late last year. It is expected that for most people, the second round will be finished by June this year.

Standards available

Late last year this column publicised the release of position classification standards (PCSs) for Australian public service librarians. PCSs describe the level of work to be performed at each of five levels of librarian positions.

Unfortunately I forgot to say where copies could be obtained. PCSs are issued by the Department of Finance, Newlands Street, Parkes, ACT 2600, telephone (062) 63 2403. Ask for classification circular 1989/90.

National Review

The National Review of Local Government Labour Markets has released its final report. The report is concerned with the recruitment and maintenance of the skilled workforce in local government. Issues discussed include flexibility in employment, human resource development, education and training, award restructuring, equal employment opportunities, occupational shortages and occupational regulation.

Copies of the report may now be obtained, at a cost of \$10 each from The Librarian, Commonwealth Office of Local Government, telephone (062) 64 3691.



PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE
AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION

ACCESS PROVISIONS OF THE ARCHIVES ACT

The Australian Security Intelligence Organization (ASIO) has been subject to the provisions of the *Archives Act 1983* (the Act) since the Act's commencement in June 1984. The Act allows public access to records more than 30 years old and, as well as catering for those who wish to consult single, specific documents, is designed to meet the needs of comprehensive research and general inquiry.

In the Final Report of the Royal Commission on Australia's Security and Intelligence Agencies (RCASIA) presented to Government in December 1984, Mr Justice Hope recommended that the operational records of ASIO be removed from the mandatory requirements of handover to Archives and public access after 30 years, leaving discretion with the Agency Head to hand over records when appropriate. The Government rejected Justice Hope's recommendation, however, on the basis that, after one year's operation, the safeguards and provisions of the Act had not been shown to be deficient.

In its 1987/88 Report to Parliament, ASIO stated that, although it had been endeavouring to satisfy the spirit of the Act, 'the exemption provisions relating to intelligence records do not give sufficient assurance that sensitive material can be safeguarded, giving rise to risks in the continuing exchange of important intelligence with cooperating foreign intelligence agencies.'

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Security Intelligence Organization has, accordingly, been asked by the Attorney-General, the Hon. Lionel Bowen, MP, to inquire into and report upon how the activities of ASIO are affected by the operation of the *Archives Act 1983*. In conducting the review the Committee is to take into account:

- the adequacy, appropriateness and effectiveness of the access provisions of the *Archives Act* in so far as they relate to the activities of ASIO;
- the implications for the privacy of the individual and/or his or her immediate family of the release of information;
- the options available to overcome any identified concerns for security arising from the current provisions of the *Archives Act*, including the option recommended in the RCASIA report on ASIO;
- the law and practice concerning the release of security and intelligence information in overseas countries, particularly the UK, Canada, the US and NZ;
- resource implications of the options considered; and
- any other matters that emerge which may have a bearing on the inquiry.

The Committee, chaired by Senator John Morris, invites written submissions to the inquiry. Invitations to appear before the Committee may be issued on the basis of written submissions received. Submissions and enquiries should be directed to:

The Secretary
Parliamentary Joint Committee on the
Australian Security Intelligence Organization
c/- House of Representatives Committee Office
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Telephone: (062) 77 4616



School Libraries Section Victorian Group

Energetic 1989

It was disappointing to have to announce the cancellation of our planned residential weekend at the Institute of Educational Administration (IEA), Geelong. A change in the school holidays affected both our conference date and that of Library Week - the result was a dash!

However we are now planning a whole-day program to be held on Saturday 12 May 1990, which will tie in with the International Year of Literacy. Venue: Institute of Educational Administration, Geelong, commencing at 9 am.

The IEA has already been booked for 1991! The topic for the weekend will be announced late this year when current issues and concerns may have changed.

The committee had a difficult and energetic 1989. Several problems arose, not the least being the proposed award restructure for teachers. Teacher-librarians were dismayed to read that they were no longer to have a position in school staffing - libraries were to be staffed by librarians working under public service conditions. Current staff were offered the option of returning full-time to the classroom or accepting a public service position.

Naturally this caused much concern and resulted in a joint meeting with representatives from SLAV and the TFV within 4 days of the document's release. All section members of ALIA were contacted and urged to write to politicians, school councils, parent groups, etc.

Such attacks upon teacher-librarians illustrate the importance of unity and, therefore, membership of a professional body. We urge all librarians with an interest in schools to join the appropriate State Section, and in particular, all Victorian ALIA members working in schools to become actively involved in our Section - meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month. For further information contact Bev Pianta, telephone (03) 521 1721.

Unity is strength - we are working for all teacher-librarians:

- * to better our conditions
- * to stress the importance of the teacher-librarian to the total school program
- * to illustrate their expertise in curriculum development
- * to emphasise the necessity of teaching skills in the selection of resources for the individual, the collection, and to support the teaching program.

It seems ironic that the current threat to our existence should come so soon after the Library Summit and the proposed Information for the Nation program. The revision of *Books and beyond* undertaken by the Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education School of Library and Information Studies, the Geddes Report and subsequent working parties under Pat Stewart in Victoria all stressed the importance of appropriate staff and resources to service specific clientele.

Let us hope that we can stem the tide which is currently threatening all libraries through financial restraints and, in particular, school libraries and library services which appear under threat in Australia.

I should like to conclude with a quote from an article by Harrison Bryan in the *Australian Library Journal* (Vol. 38, (3) August 1989): 'The school library story, however dimmed by recent government cutbacks, is one of which Australia and particular Australian school librarians can be proud. From insignificance to world standard in 20 years reflects the efforts of a genuine pride of lions'.

We wish all librarians, and particularly teacher-librarians, a stress-free 1990.

Pam Taylor
President 1989

Children's and Youth Services Section WA Group

The Children's and Youth Services Section, WA Group, seminar was held on Saturday 21 October 1989. The following four speakers presented ideas to ponder on, and practical advice.

Kay Poustie, City Librarian, City of Stirling, asked, 'why do we need publicity in libraries? After all we are such a good influence, have an excellent product and fantastic service, and are free.' Well, we know how good we are, but in order to let others know, we have to market our service and capitalise on our strengths.

In order to market effectively we need to:

- * be aware of our clients' needs/demands (which may change); changes in our organisation, i.e. the local council - if we don't promote our libraries, the council won't hear and this may lead to a cut in funds and its consequences; changes in technology;
- * make use of our great publicity opportunities both within/outside the library.

Kay finished with the thought that 'we don't have problems ... only opportunities.'

Mary Wright, a publicist who promotes art orientated groups to the media, mainly discussed pre-event publicity. She pointed out that the correct timing is crucial as well as that elusive quality 'newsworthiness'. Press releases should possess the following attributes: brief, informative, short/snappy sentences, clear, neat. If accompanied by a photograph, watch the quality - the bigger, the clearer, the blacker, the better!

Make it a point to get to know the editors, journalists and delegate one person at your library as your contact person.

Mary pointed out that the media is a private business. A common misconception exists that it has a 'duty' to cover events. The onus is on us who wish our events publicised through the media, to proceed in this direction with 'persistence and tact.'

Steve Creedy, Chief of Staff, the *West Australian* stated that the most important idea to remember when dealing with newspapers was their 'deadlines'. Steve also raised the idea of newsworthiness by asking what is news. He proposed it was something that you didn't know yesterday - something that people will talk about.

Targeting of your article is important, so determine which type of newspaper (local/state-wide) and which section within the newspaper is most appropriate.

Kerry Smith, Research Librarian, Cultus and Publicity Officer, ALIA 1990 conference presented the idea that it is difficult to promote an event unless you believe in it... 'The empathy just won't come.' Save ideas for the appropriate time and remember to think laterally about the publicity for your event.

Remember, that you may have to overcome a phenomenon common to all professions - a general lack of interest about events.

Ann Marie Zoutendyk
Publicity Officer

NSW Branch

NSW Branch was involved in two activities late in 1989. They were different both in content and in response. Lobby or Lose was essentially philosophical in orientation (also very practical) while Libraries and CD-ROM was mainly technical (with the occasional smattering of 'what's it all for?').

The level of response (24 at the lobbying workshop; 85 at the CD-ROM seminar) reflects the 'systems fixation' of the library profession. Technocrats rule OK! Be assured that technology is not a replacement/panacea for inadequate information/human resource management. The lack of interest in things philosophical is probably due to a high degree of (political) apathy within the profession and the passive nature of librarians - always servicing, never demanding; always consensual, rarely demonstrating.

Some details of the seminars:

Lobby or Lose (26 October); seminar leader; John Levett, challenged participants to examine their response to the world of lobbying. In his words, 'the program is not an end, it is merely a means to an end - the sharing and pooling of intelligence, skills, experience towards the amelioration of common problems'.

Libraries and CD-ROM, (22 November) speakers included library practitioners (technical and user services perspectives), information providers/suppliers, library educators and a representative from the National Library of Australia. Demonstrations at lunch were organised to enable 'hands-on' CD-ROM practice.

Frank Willems
Professional Development
Officer 1989

Health Libraries Section National Group

I'm sure that all those who attended will agree that the Joint Conference of the Health Libraries Sections of the Australian Library and Information Association and New Zealand Library Association was a great success. Delegates from Australia, New Zealand as well as a few from the USA and one from Singapore gathered in Auckland from 12-16 November to hear about the 'new directions' being taken in the provision of health information.

Margaret Gibson-Smith and the other members of the Conference committee did a marvellous job and ensured

that there were no hiccups along the way to interrupt the flow of the speakers. On behalf of the Australians who attended and the National Executive we again express our appreciation to Margaret and Co. for all their hard work.

The keynote speakers were Susan Y. Crawford, Director and Professor of Biomedical Communication, Washington University, Missouri; Naomi C. Broering, Director, Biomedical Information Resources Centre and Medical Centre Librarian, Georgetown University, Washington DC; and Alan M. Rees, Visiting Professor, School of Information Science and Policy, State University of New York at Albany, NY. Each of the keynote speakers discussed the harnessing of information technology in the field of the health sciences library - what implications this new technology has for our users, our staff, our means of service as well as our own continuing education, to name a few.

We were all introduced to the Integrated Academic Information Management System (IAIMS) concept, which is the most recent development in health science libraries in the United States. Each speaker took a different aspect of the subject, starting with Susan Crawford's overview of the changes we can expect over the next decade, followed by Naomi Broering's description of IAIMS as it functions now in Georgetown University and its planned development over the next 5 years. Alan Rees challenged us to develop our own skills and those of our staff in order to find and maintain a place within the changing world of biomedical information management.

Dr J.K.D. North, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Human Biology at the University of Auckland officially opened the conference, welcoming all the delegates and exhibitors and wishing us all a very informative and fulfilling conference. The opening ceremony also included the launch of a new patient information book *The green lane heart book: Your guide to a health heart*.

Overall, I believe that the conference was a great success. A chance to get away from work, recharge the batteries, talk with colleagues and take the opportunity to learn some more about the constantly changing environment in which we must perform our professional duties as best we can.

Mary Anne Ross
National Secretary

Health Libraries Section Victorian Group

1989 activities

An initiative of the outgoing 1988 committee was to develop the position of Country Representative, who would support any rural members who felt isolated from other health librarians, and who wished to participate in activities together in 1989.

The Country Representative organised a 1-day seminar in May at the Health Department Library, which was attended by thirty country and city health librarians. The theme of the seminar was Library Automation and included a discussion on Medline on CD-ROM and demonstrations of Inmagic, Microfusion and CAIRS management systems. This very successful day is to be followed by a second seminar late in November.

The section held three general meetings last year. The speaker at our April meeting was Penny Scott from the State Library of Victoria who spoke on government publications. Our July meeting was addressed by Brian Howes from the Charles Sturt University (Riverina Campus) and his subject was collection development. Our third meeting, in July, took the form of a visit to the Apollo-Moon Bookbinders, with a demonstration by staff of all aspects of the binding process. Our fourth 'meeting' followed the Country Librarians' Seminar and was an evening Christmas Party.

On 21 June it was a great honour for many members to attend the presentation of the ALIA Fellowship Award to one of our foundation members, Anne Harrison (*inCite* Vol. 10 (12) 7 August 1989). The presentation was made at the Victorian Branch award night by Averill Edwards and was held at Queen's Hall, State Library of Victoria. The Award was based on Anne's enormous contribution to medical librarianship through her work at the Brownless Medical Library, Melbourne University, where she developed the Central Medical Library Organisation; and on her pivotal role in lobbying state-based medical librarians to become affiliated with ALIA. Following the presentation 17 members and former colleagues took Anne out for a celebratory dinner.

Members attended the launching of VICGRATIS on 7 June at the Regent Hotel, hosted by management and staff from University Co-op Bookshop (Sydney). Already members are seeing improvements in the efficiency of their inter-library loans, which have resulted

from the efforts of the hard-working VICGRATIS Committee and staff of University Co-op. These two groups are to be congratulated and thanked for their contributions to Victorian health libraries.

Nine of our members attended the recent Conference in Auckland, New Zealand, entitled Health Information - New Directions. Members found the conference informative and the meeting with other health librarians very stimulating. We wish to thank NZLA for being such gracious hosts during the conference.

Janet Rithes
Correspondence Secretary

Literacy Section National Group

The imminence of the 1990 International Literacy year lent particular relevance and urgency to the activities of the Section last year, and prominent among those activities were the first two in a series of literacy workshops. The introductory workshop was reported by Anne Le Lievre in *inCite* (Vol. 10 (7) 22 May 1989). One of the strongest messages to emerge was that before even considering the collection of library resources for those with inadequate literacy skills, it was essential to identify their needs.

Accordingly, the second workshop (28 August, Dandenong Library Community Room) focused on those basic pre-conditions of library provision - user needs - by examining the nature of learning and reading and by exploring some of the issues which occur in literacy work with adult learners. Part of the value of the 1-day workshop lay in the way it was conducted by guest speakers Jill Holmes and Philippa McLean, both experienced teachers and administrators in the literacy field. Participants found that no free rides were offered by either speaker, who imparted and reinforced their theories by means of a range of interactive teaching strategies which were instructive in themselves.

The morning session, conducted by Jill Holmes, was devoted to exploring the sort of physical and psychological environment which was conducive to the learning process. Some of the positive factors which participants identified, such as motivation and need to learn, were outside the realm of library service; but others, such as good reliable equipment, the availability of explanations and demonstrations, encour-

agement and patience, are well within the capability of sensitive, well-trained library staff to provide.

The afternoon session, focusing on the cognitive processes involved in reading and writing, was conducted by Philippa McLean and was invaluable both for those intending to take an active role in the teaching of literacy skills and for librarians wanting to identify the kinds of resources which might aid the understanding of literacy learners.

The day's activities produced at least one stimulated but chastened librarian who not only gained some theoretical appreciation, of the conditions determining the acquisition of literacy and numeracy, but whose fumbling during some of the exercises provided a humbling glimpse into the emotional problems associated with inadequacy, in this fundamental area of modern life.

A record of proceedings of the first and second workshops is currently in production. If you are interested in receiving an order form for this publication, please contact Eve Stocker, Secretary, Literacy Section, Northcote Public Library, telephone (03) 481 9425.

The third workshop will take the form of a conference to be held jointly with the ALIA Public Libraries Section. Enquiries and expressions of interest in Libraries and Literacy: Read All About it; in the other activities of the section; or in the literacy issue in general, are very welcome and can also be directed to Eve Stocker.

Denise Marshall
Committee member

Special Libraries Section Victorian group

Thirty eight members, many from Special Libraries located in the eastern suburbs, attended a general meeting held at the National Information Resources Centre (NIRC) at Telecom Australia's Research Laboratories, Clayton on Wednesday 13 September 1989.

The meeting was to be addressed by Helen Rodd, General Manager of the National Information Resource Centre, but illness prevented Helen's attendance. However her preparedness came into its own and David Richards was able to read and comment from Helen's prepared talk.

David is the National Systems Planning Manager and had been part of the management team that was responsible for the development of NIRC. David outlined the history of library

services to first the PMG, and then Telecom Australia, and the development from a poorly supported library to a commercially oriented information centre - not without troubles but certainly moving forward.

Elizabeth Tunaley, Information Services Co-ordinator, based at Clayton, and Cindy Tschernitz, Information Services Librarian at IRC, William Street, Melbourne, outlined some of the products and services available. Following the philosophy that raw data is not sufficient for clients and that information must be analysed, presented and packaged in such a way that it will be immediately useful; and that marketing of products or services and image is vital; many of the services you might expect from a library are still there but present with a different attitude and packaging.

Online searches are carried out (from an amazing range of databases NIRC can access) but are repackaged and presented with copies of key articles from the search. A daily compilation of Telecom-related information from the newspapers and weeklies is compiled and faxed to all Telecom locations by 9.30 am each day.

Services with names such as Information Outreach, Information Hot Line, and Information Training, are based on traditional library services but reflect the more commercial and client oriented attitudes at NIRC. Gail Woods, Acquisitions Librarian, demonstrated and talked to interested librarians about some reader services available via CD-ROM technology.

The meeting provided an interesting insight into a library service meeting the economic and management challenges facing many libraries in the late 1980s. Our thanks go to the NIRC staff, in particular the speakers and Jan Lindner for her organisation of the evening.

Vicki Nicholson

Are you the missing link?

Vital Link 1990

The Vital Link will be distributed to all members in 1990. Divisions who have not yet notified Head Office of 1990 Office Bearers should do so before 26 February 1990.

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requested advice on how to apply for funds to encourage librarians from developing nations, in particular, to attend and asked the agencies to consider any applications sympathetically.

As a result of our efforts we received many expressions of interest from overseas librarians who offered papers and others who requested more details about the conference and assistance for those who hoped to join us in Perth in 1990. We are following up many of those letters.

The program committee has also been in touch with Anthony Ketley, President of the Asian Pacific Special Interest Group of ALIA, and he is preparing a 3 -hour session which will form part of the conference. This session will include speakers from both Australia and overseas and will deal with different aspects of our relationships with libraries and colleagues in the Asian Pacific Region.

Finally, we have discovered that librarians coming to Perth from the eastern States are eligible for a wonderful package deal which includes a 5 day stay in Singapore for very little more than the fare and accommodation package to Perth. Therefore, we have contacted our colleagues in Singapore and have almost completed arrangements for a 2 day post conference in Singapore. In that way we hope that Australian librarians will take the opportunity to meet many more South East Asian librarians and that our colleagues in South East Asia will be able to join us in Singapore even if they can't come to Perth.

All along we have worked with the idea that our international colleagues have much to teach us and regular contact between librarians for all nations can only improve our services to our clients. We hope that our efforts will be rewarded with a large representation of international colleagues at our conference and that Australian librarians will take the opportunity to meet and discuss mutual problems in Australia's most exciting city. 'Where on earth but in Perth?'

Roslynn Membrey
Convener - Asian/Pacific
Committee
ALIA 1990

Outraged

Dear Editor,

I read, with interest, the report of 'ALIA's first AGM' (*inCite* 10 (15):2 October

1989), especially concerning the Children and Youth Services Section, NSW Group, resolution:

"That the Children and Youth Services Section NSW calls upon ALIA General Council to re-introduce 'free' membership of one section and one special interest group. The Group calls upon all divisions of ALIA to support this call."

The report of 'intense debate', and the fact that the motion was carried, even if it was with the 'aid of 74 proxies' was satisfying. However there were several items that outraged me:

* The votes of the members were disregarded by the General Council

* The statement in the report... "They (the Councillors) noted, however, that this (the drop in membership of Sections and SIG) is probably reflective of Section activity levels and reinforces the fact that "you've got to be good to survive".

This motion was originally formed due to the outrage about the large increase in membership fees for this Association, and yet no increase in services from the body of the Association is apparent.

The Sections are the lifeblood of this Association, something that the General Council deems fit to ignore and even dispute. It is the Sections that enable the members to develop their professional interests. And isn't that what a professional association is for? Obviously from the overwhelming support that this motion received from the 'ordinary' members, I am not alone in feeling outraged.

However, it is the second point which shows the Councillors view of Sections. The autocratic statement 'you've got to be good to survive' is so totally wrong in this context that it proves that those in the high lofty towers of this Association are wearing thick blinkers to stop them from seeing.

Though I do want to take this opportunity to thank Tanya Whitmarsh (NSW General Councillor) and the representatives from Queensland, Victoria and West Australia for their support.

The Section I am proudly a member of, Children and Youth Services Section, NSW Group, finds that the work we do, the seminars we organise, are financially successful that we manage small profits which are spent in printing seminar papers. Why are we so successful? Because of the attendance of non LAI members.

Does this say something to the Councillors too? Is this Association good enough to survive? Remember, only sixty attended the AGM of the Association. How many sections can

outdo that number at their AGM's.

We, the Section, survive, but we are looking for support from those high lofty towers of this Association so that we can concentrate on the professional development of our fellow professionals, and not waste time on chasing up membership. I hope this letter will stir the Councillors so that members' voices are heard.

M.M. Redrup
Guildford NSW

Note: The 1986 Corporate Plan and Review overwhelmingly endorsed the unbundling of membership fees. This was reindorsed by the General Council in November 1989.

The General Council represents ALIA members in each State. An AGM in a non-conference year will often only be attended by those members resident in that city. Hence its view may not be the national view.

The General Council does provide national democratic representation, and can thus give a national viewpoint. Sections are currently directly funded, based upon ALIA members deciding, and paying, to be members of Sections. Additional funds also come from their own activities.

Sections, Branches and Divisions provide professional development activities etc., to ALIA members at the most needed 'grass roots' level of ALIA. A major issue to be yet successfully addressed by ALIA is the 'right' balance of the division of resources among local, state and national needs.

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Obituary

Crusader psychologist

On 24 November 1989, at the age of 80, Mary Smith died. She was well known throughout South Australia for all the practical wisdom that was contained in her long-running column in the *Sunday Mail* under the heading of 'Mary Smith, Child Psychologist'. This was a column that was of great benefit to many individual South Australians.

But she was also a Catherine Helen Spence scholar and, like Catherine Helen Spence, she was a social reformer. Mary Smith's soft voice and gentle wit hid a steely resolve in this regard.

Although I only met her late in her life she still found time to become passionately involved with our Concerned Residents of the Western Suburbs (CROW) group in the welcoming of the Aboriginal Community College into Port Adelaide. She also took a leading role in our successful campaign to get public libraries into Western Adelaide.

On a personal note, I will always be honoured by the fact that she was in the habit of referring to me as 'my favourite lunatic'.

Arthur Mortimer,
Largs Bay, SA

Public library services - user charges

The Brunswick City Council reports that it has followed the recent debate on user charges for public library services with interest.

The Town Clerk, K.D. Wilson, advises that Council resolved on 8 November 1989 in relation to user charges for Public Library Services, that:

* Council endorse the principle that public library services and resources should be freely accessible to everyone in the community;

* Council dismiss the Australian Libraries Summit's proposed distinction between 'basic' public library services, which should remain free, and 'value-added' services, which could be subject to charges; and

* Council advise ALIA, ACLIS and the MAV of its resolutions in this regard.



Australian Library and Information Association

Nominations for Fellowships

The Australian Library and Information Association may confer the distinction of Fellowship of the Association on an Associate (professional) member who has made a distinguished and sustained contribution to the theory and/or practice of librarianship. Nominees normally must have at least 8 years' standing as a professional member of the Association.

Nominations for Fellowship may be submitted by professional members of Divisions of the Association. They should be supported by details of the following: nominee's achievements and leadership in librarianship or archives administration; contribution to the objects and work of ALIA; publications on bibliography, librarianship or archives, and/or conduct of research or development in librarianship or archives.

Nomination forms are available from the Mary Papachristos, Membership Services Manager, Australian Library and Information Association, PO Box E441, Queen Victoria Terrace, ACT 2601.

Members should note that any recommendations for Fellowships must be made in strict confidence. Failure to comply with this requirement will jeopardise the nomination. Nominations should reach the ALIA office by 1 June 1990.

Women and the Power of Managing Information

27 August 1988
Basser College, University of New South Wales

Proceedings

In August 1988, as part of the pre-conference activities of the joint ALA/IFLA conference, the Status of Women in Librarianship organised a seminar aimed at women who would be attending the IFLA conference. An international first for women in libraries, the complete Proceedings of this seminar, plus an additional paper, have now been published and are available from the Status of Women in Librarianship. Four speakers addressed the theme of Women and the Power of Managing Information. Deborah McCulloch, a consultant with extensive experience in working on EEO Committees and Women's Networks in State Governments of Australia, opened the day with an incisive account of EEO issues. Barbara Imroth, a Professor at the Faculty of Library Studies, University of Texas, spoke on the conceptual issues of power. Lynnley McGrath of the Women's Information and Referral Exchange in Perth, Australia spoke of the task in setting up WIRE. Nita Norman of the Phoenix Public Library, concluded the morning's talks. A fifth paper by Thelma Tate, who took an international view of women and library services, is included with the Proceedings. Accounts of the afternoon's workshops are also included in these Proceedings, as is a list of the seminar participants.



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IN THE NEWS

Bumper edition

The bumper 25th anniversary edition of *Orana* is to be launched at a function jointly organised by the Schools Section, WA Branch, and the Westralian Library Foundation at the Alexander Library Building, Perth, on Monday 26 February at 6 pm, by Wendy Birman, a most appropriate person to launch this anniversary edition.

Wendy was instrumental in establishing children's library services in Western Australia and her involvement in children's librarianship goes back to the late 1940s. At that time she offered advice and assistance to small suburban groups keen to organise children's books which (fortuitously) had Perth as its last port of call.

Wendy's overriding philosophy has always been that library services must start at the beginning - if we catch children young enough - start at the beginning and help to foster a love of books - they will be library users for life. Wendy has been a long time ALIA delegate to the WA Library Board and more recently edited the IBBY Loughborough Conference Papers.

Orana's 25th anniversary edition is one to watch out for.

Judi Jagger
Publicity Officer
School Libraries Section
WA Branch

The Vonnie Young Memorial Award

The Vonnie Young Memorial Award, to assist in the professional development of a NSW public librarian or library technician, was launched in September last year. The fund now totals \$2782 and donations are still coming in. Applications for the one-off Award will be invited early this year.

A committee of members of both the Association of Local Government Librarians in NSW and the Public Libraries Section, NSW Group, will be responsible for selecting the successful applicant. For information please contact Diana Oliver, Sutherland Shire Council, telephone (02) 521 0353.

Signs of life

His Excellency, the Honourable Bill Hayden, AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia took time off from his end of year break at home in Ipswich to launch the videotape, *Signs of Life: Australia's Deaf Community* at the State Library of Queensland on Tuesday, 19 December 1989.

The video was produced at the Brisbane College of Advanced Education for their Deafness Resources Project. It features the deaf community of Australia and aims to banish some of the stereotyped attitudes surrounding deaf people.

Their Excellencies spent an enjoyable hour on the river terrace talking with members of the deaf community after launching the video.



Their Excellencies, the Governor-General and Mrs Hayden, with Dr John Trace, (left) Chairman of the Library Board of Queensland and Dr David Fraser, Chairman of the Brisbane College of Advanced Education Council at the launching of *Signs of Life: Australia's Deaf Community*.

Another Chapter

More than fifty librarians, library technicians, and information workers in the West have been preparing chapters for a book, tentatively titled *Library and information services in Western Australia*, to be published in association with the ALIA 1990 Biennial Conference being held in Perth in September. The deadline for submission of contributions was 31 December, which effectively ruined the holiday season for many contributors! However, the editors, Bob Sharman and Anne Clyde, have been delighted with the material supplied, and with the response they have received from their colleagues.

Many of the chapters represent a considerable amount of original work, and provide information that can be found in no other published or readily-available sources. Taken as a whole, the book will provide an overview of the whole range of libraries, information services, and professional activities in Western Australia, while individual chapters will highlight aspects of our

profession, recount our history, discuss current issues, or describe particular libraries or information services.



Kerry Smith, Publicity Chair, ALIA 1990, sits among the Christmas decorations writing, writing...

The right to read

The National Library of Australia will present a major seminar, *The Right to Read: Publishing for People with Reading Disabilities*, in Melbourne 17-18 May 1990.

To mark International Literacy Year 1990, the National Library is organising this significant interdisciplinary seminar, to stimulate the creation of books and other reading materials for people with language and literacy problems.

The right to read seminar will be of particular interest to publishers, authors, illustrators, special educators, speech pathologists, social workers, librarians, and people with disabilities and their families.

The written word is the basis for communication in our society, but very little reading material is produced for people with literacy problems deriving from an intellectual or learning related disability, from deafness acquired before language development or from brain damage. People with such disabilities need 'high interest/low vocabulary' materials, that is, materials relevant to their interests, age and recreational and information needs written in clear, simple and easily understood language.

Speakers from Australia and overseas will present papers exploring the effect of specific disabilities on language and literacy skills, the range and suitability of existing reading materials, overseas developments in writing and publishing suitable materials and the writing and publishing of high interest/low vocabulary materials in Australia.

For further information and a copy of the brochure please contact: Disability Services Section, National Library of Australia, Canberra ACT 2600. Telephone (062) 621 605, TTY only (008) 02 6372, Fax (062) 57 1703.

Befriend a KOALA

One of the best ways of supporting or promoting literacy in children is through reading for pleasure - it is one of our lifelong learning experiences. As part of reading for pleasure, reader's choice awards involve children in critical appraisal, give them a chance to share with others their favourite book, and then participate in their own award to their favourite book.

The Kids Own Australian Literature Award (KOALA) is the readers' choice award for NSW and ACT. It is supported by the School Libraries Section and Children's and Youth Services Section, NSW Groups. In the last 3 years over 335 000 students have voted towards the KOALA awards.

KOALA nomination forms will be available this month, through a number of venues including public libraries, for children to nominate their favourite Australian fiction book. The deadline for nominations is Easter 1990. In May shortlists for infants/primary school readers and secondary school readers will be distributed for children to make their evaluation.

KOALA awards for 1990 will be announced during Children's Week in October. KOALA nominations and evaluations should be sent to KOALA Council.

To ensure that you receive all information you can become a friend of KOALA (\$20pa). Contact the KOALA Council, c/- Liz Bowring, Teacher-librarian, Kingsgrove North High, St Albans Road, Kingsgrove, 2208, telephone, (02) 506 283 or (02) 504 034.

KOALA Winners 1989

The third annual KOALA awards were presented at a ceremony involving 200 children on 26 October 1989 in Hurstville.

The Infants/Primary KOALA

The eleventh hour by Graeme Base is a lavishly illustrated mystery book featuring outrageously presented animals. Horace, an elephant, is having his eleventh birthday, and so he invites eleven friends to a party, the feast of which will not be held until the eleventh hour.

Disaster befalls all as they find that one of the guests has helped him or herself to all the food. The reader is charged with the task of solving the

mystery from the myriad of clues scattered throughout the book.

Graeme Base is an artist and a musician, and has been involved in the production of four books. Graeme expressed his pleasure at receiving the award, emphasising the special honour of being selected by his audience as their favourite again. Graeme won the Secondary KOALA for his book *Animalia* in 1988.

The Secondary KOALA

So much to tell you by John Marsden is an absorbing diary of a girl who is terribly scarred both physically and emotionally as the result of a bitter struggle between her parents. She has been sent to a boarding school where she is encouraged to gradually reveal herself through her writing and contact with caring others.

John Marsden teaches English in high schools, and loves reading, writing and teaching. He is a keen observer, who writes from what he sees around him.

Infants/Primary 1989

1. *The eleventh hour* - Graeme Base
2. *Unreal*, Paul Jennings
3. *Uncanny*, Paul Jennings
4. *Unbelievable*, Paul Jennings
5. *The 27th annual African hippopotamus race*, Morris
6. *Hating Alison Ashley*, Robin Klein
7. *Cabbage patch fib*, Paul Jennings
8. *Where the forest meets the sea*, Jeanne Baker
9. *Animalia*, Graeme Base
10. *So much to tell you*, John Marsden

Secondary 1989

1. *So much to tell you*, John Marsden
2. *All we know*, Simon French
3. *Jodie's journey*, Colin Thiele
5. *Unreal*, Paul Jennings
6. *A fortunate life*, A.B. Facey
7. *People might hear you*, Robin Klein
8. *Games*, Robin Klein
9. *Harp in the south*, Ruth Park
10. *The green wind*, Thurley Fowler

Liz Bowring

Joint copying jeopardy

Many librarians will have been aware that in the last 2 years the future of the long established Australian Joint Copying Project (AJCP) has been in jeopardy. The State Library of New South Wales, which had helped set up the project in 1945, withdrew from it in June 1988. This caused a serious financial problem, coming at a time when unfavourable exchange rates were leading to sharp rises in filming costs.

The National Library of Australia, the other senior partner, was strongly opposed to any precipitate dismantling of the AJCP, especially as several important filming projects were underway in Britain. In 1988 it appealed to other research libraries and archives for financial assistance to help it maintain the AJCP office in London for a further 5 years.

Ten institutions responded with definite commitments: the State Library of Western Australia, State Reference Library of the Northern Territory, and the libraries of Deakin University, Flinders University, Monash University, University of Adelaide, University of New England, University of New South Wales, University of Newcastle and University of Sydney.

While it had been hoped that one or two other large university libraries might have given support, the funds promised were sufficient to compensate for the withdrawal of the State Library of New South Wales. The National Library therefore decided to retain the two AJCP staff in London until 1993.

The Library is most grateful to the above institutions and also to the State Library of Victoria, the National Library of New Zealand and the National Archives of New Zealand, which continue to make a substantial contribution to meeting filming costs.

In the next 4 years the AJCP partners hope to fill some major gaps in the coverage of Australian and Pacific records held in Britain. In addition to Foreign Office and Admiralty classes at the Public Record Office, work is proceed-

WHO'S WHERE

Lyn Barakat previously Deputy Librarian, Sutherland Shire Library and Information Service has been appointed Manager of the Service, while **Diana Oliver**, the previous Shire Librarian, is now Director of the new Division of Library and Community Services. **Valerie Noake**, Senior Librarian, Children's and Young Adult Services at Sutherland has moved to Western Australia to be the State Library's Young People's Services Consultant.

Sue Boaden has recently been appointed Library Services Manager at Warringah Shire Library. After spending 6 years in public libraries in the 70s, Sue established the Information Resources Centre at the Resource and Information Branch of the Australian Film, Television and Radio School.

Barb McLean, recently appointed Chief Librarian at Lane Cove Public Library, was previously Deputy Librarian at the University of Technology, Kuring-gai Campus Library.

Robert Boot has recently been appointed Principal Librarian, Health Sciences, coordinating the work of four off-campus Health Sciences Libraries of the University of Queensland, three of which are run jointly with Hospital Boards.

Robert Boot was formerly Chief Librarian in charge of the Central Medical Library of the Northern Territory Department of Health and Country Services. Prior to that he held several senior positions at the National Library of Australia.

Several new appointments have been made in the School of Library and Information Studies following the amalgamation of Kuring-gai College with the University of Technology, Sydney, and the Institute of Technical and Adult

Teacher Education (formerly part of the Sydney College of Advanced Education).

Dr Mairead Browne has been promoted to Professor of Information Studies. **Dr Glenn Lowry** and **Joyce Kirk** have been promoted to Associate Professor positions. The amalgamation of the institutions took effect from 1 January 1990.

Mary Groutsch has been appointed by CLSI Australia as a Customer Support Consultant for its LIBS 100 integrated library automation system.

Mary Groutsch, a librarian, with experience in turnkey systems and special and academic libraries, will join CLSI's Southern Region support section and will concentrate on application software support on the UNIX based LIBS 100 system.

The Canadian Library Association is pleased to announce the appointment of **Sharon Henry** as its new Executive Director.

Sharon Henry has over twenty years experience in the library, management and administration fields. She was most recently with joint World Bank - International Monetary Fund Library in Washington, DC. Prior to this position she was with the International Development Research Centre in Ottawa, the Data Clearing House for Social Science and the National Library.

Sharon Henry replaces **Jane Cooney** who will open a business bookstore in downtown Toronto.

James O'Brien has resigned from his position as Chief Librarian at Kuring-gai CAE to continue his tour of the world, and it is with extreme regret that all library staff who have known or worked with him see him leave.

James came to Australia in 1972 and worked as Serials Librarian at the University of New England. The project to microfilm country newspapers with Pascoe is a legacy from the days James spent at New England. In 1973 he became Head of Bibliographic Services, and later Chief Librarian at Salisbury CAE In South Australia. In 1977 he took up the appointment as Chief Librarian, Kuring-gai CAE.

Mary Anne Secker has been appointed to the new position of librarian at the Queensland Talking Book Library at

Annerley, Brisbane.

Originally involved in theatre production, Mary Anne qualified with a Graduate Diploma of Librarianship at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in 1980. Her first position as a librarian was a cataloguer/computer liaison officer at the Science Museum of Victoria, cataloguing museum objects. She also worked in temporary positions in Hobart in the public library and a departmental library.

For the past 7 years, Mary Anne has been employed at the University of Tasmania, most recently holding the position of Special Collections Librarian.

At the Queensland Talking Book Library, Mary Anne is assisted by two long-term employees - Ian Stewart (MBE) who has worked in the library since 1951 and Margaret Cambridge with 9 years experience.



Mary Anne Secker

Warwick Dunstan who has been the State Librarian at the State Library of Tasmania for the past 3 years has been seconded to the Department of Environment and Planning to plan the proposed response to oil spills on the Tasmanian coastline. **Bev Ewins** will be Acting State Librarian until a new appointment is made.



ALIA Honorary Awards

Nomination for the HCL Anderson Award, the Redmond Barry Award and the Ellinor Archer Award close on 28 February 1990. Nominations for Letter of Recognition may be made at any time.

For further information contact Mary Papachristos, Membership Services Manager, Australian Library and Information Association, PO Box E441, Queen Victoria terrace, ACT 2600.



Motley mottoes

I have always had a soft spot for mottoes, which seem to crop up pretty often at reference desks, and enjoyed trying to track them, their owners and the origins down. Until now Australian mottoes have been problematical. Many, of course, are borrowed or inherited from overseas, and British and American mottoes dictionaries are of some help. But there are many of the elusive, home-grown variety, adopted by schools and colleges, government instrumentalities, branches of the armed forces, individuals, companies, local

authorities. Some 2000 mottoes in use in Australia are included in Vivienne Sigley's *Australian mottoes*, which ALIA Press published in 1989.

Mottoes in the English predominate, together with Latin, and a sprinkling of Aboriginal languages, French, Gaelic, German, Greek, Hebrew, Indonesian, Welsh and even Morse. Positive sentiments are the order of the day: salvation, excellence, wisdom, duty, happiness and harmony. Sometimes tinged with caution ('Trust, but be careful whom', a good motto for a wine company), whimsy ('Nothing but the best for Gympie West'), humour ('Fer fax lucem', the Fairfax motto).

Entries are arranged by categories, each with the motto and its translation, if appropriate, its owner and frequently with a note explaining the motto's origin. There are full motto and name indexes. Sigley has neatly filled a gap in the ranks of Australian reference works with this compendium of authentic Australian mottoes, wisely leaving it to the harmless drudge who wrote her foreword to explain the meaning of the evergreen *Nil illegitimi carborundum*. *Australian mottoes* was published by ALIA Press in 1989, is printed on archival quality paper and costs \$45 (\$35 to ALIA members). (ISBN 0 86804 256 0).

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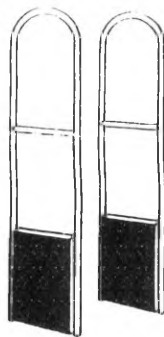
ing on the outstanding collections of the British Museum (Natural History), National Maritime Museum, Royal Anthropological Institute, Hydrographic Department, Cambridge University Library and Rhodes House Library. Local repositories are already very well represented in the AJCP, but further searching and filming is planned in record offices and libraries in northern England, Wales and Scotland.

Any suggestions concerning records of Australian interest that might be filmed should be sent to the Manuscript Librarian, National Library of Australia, Canberra, A.C.T. 2600.

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EVENTS

NATIONAL

17 March IBBY Conference

'Literacy Through Literature: pictures, words, stories'. University of Sydney. Stephen Roberts Theatre. Contact: Ena Noel (02) 32 5075.

29 - 30 March National Seminar on Information for Sport and Physical Education into the 90's. Conducted by National Sport Information Centre of Australian Sports Commission at Australian Institute of Sport, Canberra. Cost \$40. Program and details: Nerida Clarke, National Sport Information Centre, PO Box 176, Belconnen ACT 2616. (062) 52 1369.

2 - 3 April Public Libraries and Literacy Sections. International Literacy Year Conference. 'Libraries and Literacy: Read all about it?' Melbourne. Enquiries Jane King (03) 429 3644, George Eraclides (03) 481 8424.

17/18 May NLA. National Seminar: The right to read: publishing for people with disabilities. Venue: Rialto Theatre, Melbourne. Contact: Disability Services Section, National Library of Australia, Canberra; (062) 62 1251.

29 - 31 May 7th Conference for Librarians in the Criminal Justice System. Venue: Burgmann College, ANU, ACT. Contact: John Mytle, Librarian, Australian Institute of Criminology, PO Box 28, Woden ACT 2606, (062) 83 3841.

1 September 1991 - 5th, National Special and Law Librarians' Conference, National Convention Centre, Canberra. Planning now underway. Contact: Rosemary Bell, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Library (062) 61 2965. Pat Stone, Defence Information Services (062) 66 2258.

30 September - 5 October. ALIA 1st Biennial Conference 1990. Venue Perth Concert Hall, Perth. Contact: Conference Organiser, Promaco Conventions, 9/890 Canning Hwy, Aplecross, WA 6153; (09) 364 8311.

NEW SOUTH WALES

21 February State Library of NSW. 'Conservation Access' workshop: First aid for books, part 1. 9am - 4.30pm. Bookings essential. Cost: \$70. Contact: Helen Price (02) 230 1445.

22 February CSIRO AUSTRALIS Subject Specific Training course - Local Government. 1/2 day course,

\$100. State Library of NSW. Contact: (03) 418 7307.

22 - 28 February. Insearch/DIALOG Seminars. Business (22 Feb), Agriculture & Environment (28 Feb). Sydney. Contact: (02) 218 9790.

23 February ALIA NSW Branch Council AGM. State Library of NSW, Seminar Room 1, Level 11. 6pm for 6.30pm. Meeting and presentation of H.C.L. Anderson Award to Margaret Trask. Dinner afterwards. Bookings essential for dinner - by 19 February. Contact: Rita Frisina (02) 682 0614, fax (02) 682 0620.

24 February NSW Branch. First Council Meeting for 1990. State Library of NSW, Seminar Room 1, Level 11. 10 am - 4pm. Observers welcome. Contact: Rita Frisina (02) 682 0614, fax (02) 682 0620.

27 February Special Libraries Section (NSW Group). Industrial Relations Update - Speakers: Kate Burnham of the PSA of NSW, Cheryl Hyde of the MWU and Tom McKeon, Industrial Information Officer of ALIA. Venue: Commonwealth Bank, 8th floor Conference Room (enter via Martin Place). 6 pm for 6.30pm. Contact: Wendy Bartlett (02) 543 3742.

28 February State Library of NSW. 'Conservation Access' workshop: preservation of photos. 9am - 4.30pm. Bookings essential. Cost: \$70. Contact: Helen Price (02) 230 1445.

28 February Cataloguers' Section (NSW Group). AGM and talk on the new Macquarie online catalogue and CLSI system, by Fides Lawton and Eugenie Greig. Venue: State Library of NSW, Council Room. 5.30pm for 6pm. Contact: Frances Taylor (02) 265 9292.

1 March Public Libraries Section (NSW Group). Laser Picture Service - pictorial past & present at your fingertips. Demonstration & discussion. Granville May, Coordinator. State Library of NSW, Council Room 6pm. Bookings required. Enquiries: Barbara Hunter, Leichhardt Municipal Library, (02) 560 9346. See handout sent to all Public Libraries.

1 - 29 March Insearch/DIALOG Seminars. Introductory System (1 Mar). Introductory System (22 Mar), Chemical (29 Mar) in Sydney. Contact: (02) 218 9790.

7 March School Library Section (NSW Group). AGM. Theme: Resources and courses. Speakers: Jan Barnett, Education Officer, Australian Museum, Ian McMurtie, President, Science Teachers Association. Venue: Australian Museum, 6 College Street, Sydney. 6pm for 6.30pm. Contact: Di Simpson (02) 957 3943.

7 March State Library of NSW. 'Conservation Access' workshop: preservation of paper. Bookings essential. Cost: \$70. Contact: Helen Price (02) 230 1445.

14 March State Library of NSW 'Con-

servation Access' workshop: maps, plan, posters. 9am - 4.30pm. Bookings essential. Cost: \$70. Contact: Helen Price (02) 230 1445.

16 March Children's and Youth Services Section (NSW Group). AGM and one-day Conference. 'I wanna read' - the right book for the right child at the right time. State Library of NSW, Metcalfe Auditorium. 9am - 4.30pm, followed by drinks and dinner (optional). Cost: ALIA members \$15, Students \$10, Non-members \$25. Speakers include Libby Hathorn and June Factor. Contact: Julie Barkman (02) 521 0452 or Margaret Redrup (02) 726 7896.

26 -30 March Data-Star free demonstration; Data-Star training courses - basics, advanced, biomedical, business; ABN Inquiry courses; Scansearch seminar - Competitive Edge Database Update. Contact Scansearch's Adelaide office for registration details, (08) 372 2735.

11 April Special Libraries Section (NSW Group) Free evening seminar. How to survive in the 1990's: All you need to know about office politics, mentors and much more! Speaker: Paul Stevens, Worklife counsellor. Refreshments served. Venue: Conference room, level 12, Deloittes. NAB House, 255 George Street, Sydney. 5.30pm for 6.00pm. Contact: Angela Dunstan (02) 228 1066. Book early as numbers are limited.

VICTORIA

21 February Chief Librarian's Council and Viclink will host a Reception to honour Constance Pavey's 35 years service to Librarianship (25 years as Chief Librarian of Nunawading) in the Grainger Room at the Victorian Ministry for the Arts, 2 Kavanagh Street, South Melbourne: 5.30pm for 7.30pm. Cost: \$7.50 per head to include refreshments & gift. All friends and colleagues welcome. RSVP by Tuesday 20 February to Maryna Mews (03) 524 3245.

21 February School Libraries Section (VIC Group). Meeting at Statewide School Library Support Centre, 67 High Street, Prahran, 5.30pm - 7pm. Contact: Beverly Pianta (03) 521 1721 (W), (03) 386 2808 (H).

6 - 7 March CSIRO AUSTRALIS New User Training course. Cost: \$350. CSIRO ISU, East Melbourne. Contact: (03) 418 7307.

8 March Insearch/DIALOG. Introductory System Seminar. In Melbourne. Contact: (02) 218 9790.

20 March CSIRO AUSTRALIS Advanced User Training Course. Cost: \$175. CSIRO ISU, East Melbourne. Contact: (03) 418 7307.

21 March School Libraries Section (VIC Group)

Meeting at 'Books Illustrated' - new address to be advised. 5.30pm - 7.30pm. Bookings essential as numbers limited. Contact: Beverly Pianta (03) 521 1721 (W), (03) 386 2808 (H).

2 - 3 April 'Libraries and Literacy: Read all about it?' Public Libraries and Literacy Sections. International Literacy Year Conference. Melbourne. Enquiries Jane King (03) 429 3644, George Eraclides (03) 481 8424.

10 April CSIRO AUSTRALIS Subject Specific Training Course - Local Government. 1/2 day course. Cost: \$100. CSIRO ISU, East Melbourne. Contact: (03) 418 7307

12 May School Libraries Section (VIC Group) in conjunction with Children's Section and Public Libraries Section. One-day Seminar 'Reading in the 1990's. Venue: Institute of Educational Administration, East Geelong. Cost: members \$60, non-members \$80, students \$40. Payment due: 30 March, cheques to be made payable to: ALIA School Libraries Section (VIC), c/- 36 Alfred Road, Burwood 3125. Inquiries: Beverly Pianta (03) 521 1721 (W), (03) 386 2808 (H).

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

20 March SA Branch. Seminar on award restructuring. Key Speaker: Tom McKeon ALIA Industrial Information Officer, with speakers representing unions and employers. 9.30 am - 3.30 pm. Venue: The Orphanage Teachers Centre, 181 Goodwood Road, Millswood, SA. For further information contact: Anne Harris (08) 372 1818, Di Booker (08) 213 0377 or Robina Weir (08) 263 6244.

28 - 29 March Insearch/DIALOG Seminars. Introductory System (28 March), Beyond the Basics (29 March), in Adelaide. Contact: (02) 218 9790.

March CSIRO AUSTRALIS Advanced User Training course, \$175. Date and venue in Adelaide to be announced. Contact: (03) 418 7307.

March CSIRO AUSTRALIS Subject specific Training course. 1/2 day course, \$100. Date and venue to be announced. Contact: (03) 418 7307.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

26 February School Libraries Section/Westralian Library Foundation Launch of 25th Anniversary edition of Orana. 6pm - Alexander Library Building, preceded by Schools Section AGM at 5 pm. Contact: Margaret Phillips (09) 405 1300 (W), (09) 341 4058 (H).

12 March ALIA second AGM (WA Branch) Venue: Fremantle Port Au-

thority, 1 Cliff Street, Fremantle. Cost: Dinner \$34 per head. Time: 5.30pm. RSVP: to local office by 6 March, Contact: Christine Martin, telephone (09) 451 0831. Please book early as numbers are limited.

20-23 March. Insearch/DIALOG Seminars. Introductory System (19 March), Beyond the Basics (20 March), Business (21 March), Medline (22 March), Agriculture & Environment (23 March), in Perth. Contact: (02) 218 9790.

March CSIRO AUSTRALIS New User Training Course. Cost: \$350. Perth Cultural Centre. Dates to be announced. Contact: (03) 418 7307.

March CSIRO AUSTRALIS Advanced User Training course. Cost: \$175. Perth Cultural Centre. Date to be announced. Contact: (03) 418 7307.

March CSIRO AUSTRALIS Subject Specific Training course - Agriculture. Cost: \$100. Perth Cultural Centre. Date to be announced. Contact: (03) 418 7307.

QUEENSLAND

22 February UCLS (Qld. Group) Evening Meeting. Topic: Book prices: is there a change on the horizon? A discussion of the Prices Surveillance Authority inquiry into the deregulation of the book trade. Venue: State Library of Qld. - Theatre. Time: 5.30pm for 6pm (wine and cheese provided). Cost: Free. Speakers: Laurie Muller, Managing Director, University of Queensland Press, Charles Conlan, Managing Director, Barker, Conlan & Ferrett Pty Ltd. (Library suppliers). Introduction by Derek Fielding.

13 March ALIA Qld. Branch. Council Meeting Venue: Room R306, Resource Centre, Kelvin Grove Campus - Brisbane CAE. Time: 5.30pm. Contact: Brenda Simpson telephone (07) 354 1400.

March CSIRO AUSTRALIS New User Training course. Cost: \$350. Dates and venue in Brisbane to be announced. Contact: (03) 418 7307.

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March CSIRO AUSTRALIS Advanced User Training course. Cost: \$175. Dates and venues in Brisbane to be announced. Contact: (03) 418 7307.

ACT

28 March Canberra Online Users Group. Punch-cards on PC'S: coping with machine readable records in libraries and archives. Seminar, Burgmann College, ANU. Contact: Geraldine Triffitt (062) 46 1177.

29 - 30 March National Seminar on Information for Sport and Physical

Education into the 90's. Conducted by National Sport Information Centre of Australian Sports Commission at Australian Institute of Sport, Canberra. Cost \$40. Program and details: Nerida Clarke, National Sport Information Centre, PO Box 176, Belconnen ACT 2616 telephone (062) 521 369.

18 APRIL CSIRO AUSTRALIS Subject Specific Training course. Environment. \$100 University of Canberra. Contact: (03) 418 7307.

TASMANIA

12 March ALIA Tasmanian Branch. Award restructuring for librarians and library technicians: a workshop. Speakers: Tom McKeon, ALIA Industrial Information Officer and Greg Summers, TPSA and employer representative. Venue: School of Library and Information Studies, University of Tasmania, 9 am - 12.30pm. Cost: \$15, RSVP 5 March. Contact: Christine Goodacre (002) 20 2784.

INTERNATIONAL

9 - 14 June SLA's 81st Annual Conference 'The information professional: an unparalleled resource'. Location Pittsburgh, PA, USA. Contact: Special Libraries Association, 202/234-4700.

8-12 July 1990. 19th Annual International Association of School Librarianship Conference. Theme: 'Bridging the Difference'. to be held in Umea, Sweden. Registration fee: \$235. Contact: Gunilla Janlert, Umea Skobibliotekscentral, Box 1007, S-901 20 Umea, Sweden.

2 - 7 September 1990. 22nd IBBY Biennial Conference 1990. 'Literacy through Literature: Children's Books make a difference'. Williamsburg, Virginia USA. Contact: Ena Noel (02) 32 5075.

24-28 September 6th International Congress on Medical Librarianship and Pre-Congress Seminar, New Delhi, India. Conference information: Mr S K Anand, Secretary General, National Organising Committee, 6ICML, c/ World Health Organisation, I P Estate, Ring Road, New Delhi 110 002, India. Fax: 91 11 331 8607. Registration forms now available.

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Collection moved

When the problem was identified the whole collection was moved from the vault where it had been stored for more than a decade, to a more modern storage area operating within tighter archival humidity and temperature tolerances. It is still in the new store.

The NFSA has continued to undertake a series of scientific studies on aspects of the problem. It has sought the assistance of external film experts, a major film manufacturer, CSIRO and the Australian National University. There has also been consultation with overseas experts.

As a result of the studies, NFSA film conservators are confident that they can completely remove the effects of the ferrotyping, mould and emulsion softening that have been encountered to date, provided corrective action is taken quickly. Although further work needs to be done on the magnetic stripe lifting phenomenon, conservators are optimistic that this will also prove to be treatable.

The NFSA has diverted all available trained staff to examine and rewind a larger sample of films, to establish more precisely the nature and incidence of the defects. About 100 000 feet of film a day is currently being examined.

The NFSA is in the process of writing to all film owners advising them in detail of the colour film problem and promising that they will be further advised if any of their films are found to be blemished. Where blemishes are found their permission will be sought to apply conservation treatment to rectify the problem. An assessment is being made of the resources needed.

Anne Harrison Award

Frances Bluhdorn

The second recipient of the Anne Harrison Award was announced at the ALIA Health Libraries AGM in Auckland. Frances Bluhdorn from the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, is being supported to undertake a project which aims to develop an instrument to evaluate the library's contribution to patient care. This instrument, will be employed by hospital librarians to assess the impact of the information they provide on the care of the patient.

This tool can then be used in the quality assurance process and also will serve to illustrate the role of the library and its importance in the overall care of the patient. A similar study has been carried out in the United States, so this study will provide information in an Australian context.

Frances, in accepting the award, expressed pleasure in being afforded the opportunity to promote and research in the field of medical librarianship, following the example set by Anne Harrison.

The applications received for this year's award, though not many in number, were of good quality. The 1989 Award Committee wishes to thank all those who applied and to strongly encourage everyone to consider making application in the future as this Award is a valuable aid to furthering medical and health librarianship in Australia.

Maree Millard
Secretary

Anne Harrison Award
Administrators



Mary Anne Ross (left), Secretary, Health Libraries Section, National Group, presenting the Anne Harrison Award to the 1989 recipient, Frances Bluhdorn, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney.

James Cook Bicentenary Scholarship (Redvertisement) (Management Internship)

1. Applications are invited for the James Cook Bicentenary Scholarship for 1990-91. The Scholarship has a total value of \$A25,000 and is funded by Blackwell's (Oxford) and Blackwell North America.

2. In 1990-91 the Scholarship is available to fund travel and associated expenses to enable an Australian or New Zealand Librarian to spend a period as a management intern in a British or North American library or libraries. Several libraries in the United Kingdom and Canada have expressed interest in hosting an intern and the Selectors will assist the successful candidate in making contacts if necessary. Candidates are also free to propose arrangements with other libraries.

3. Candidates should be Australian or New Zealand citizens of at least five years standing and should not be more than 45 years of age. They should hold library positions at middle management level in a large library or a management position in a smaller library. Equal consideration will be given to female and male candidates.

4. Applications should include evidence of leadership potential, by way of referees' reports and personal achievement. Details of the proposed internship(s) and application of funds must be submitted as well as an indication of the benefits anticipated and future career expectations.

5. Candidates should be eligible for professional membership of the Australian Library and Information Association or the New Zealand Library Association.

6. No specific duration has been set for the period of internship, which may be taken at any time during 1990 or 1991, but candidates will be required to demonstrate to the Selection Panel that the expenses associated with the proposed internship are reasonably commensurate with the funds available. Expenses may include some contribution towards the cost of an accompanying family or partner.

7. The successful candidate is expected to return to Australia or New Zealand to bring the benefit of expanded knowledge and experience to the management of a library or libraries in those countries. A Report of not more than 4000 to 5000 words commenting on the management experience gained during the tenure of the Scholarship must be provided to the Convener of the Selection Panel within three months of return to Australia or New Zealand.

8. The Scholarship will be awarded by a Panel consisting of Margaret Cameron, Deakin University, Alison Crook, State Library of New South Wales, Peter Durey, University of Auckland and Derek Fielding, University of Queensland.

9. The decision of the Selection Panel will be final and no appeals will be heard.

10. Applications should be forwarded to Derek Fielding, Convener, James Cook Bicentenary Scholarship Selection Panel, c/o Central Library, University of Queensland, St. Lucia, Queensland 4067 (from whom further information may be obtained) to arrive no later than 28 February 1990.