

People in The news

WILLIAM D. THORN, of Griffith, ACT, has recently been appointed Assistant Director-General, Social Sciences and Humanities, of the National Library of Australia. Mr Thorn was previously Director of the Library's Social Sciences branch, known as the Australian National Social Sciences Library. This new appointment brings the number of Assistant Directors-General of the Library to three, the others being Mr Bryan Yates, who is Assistant Director-General, Science and Technology, and Mr Arthur Ellis, Assistant Director-General, Networks and Co-ordination.

CAROL MILLS, Acquisitions Librarian, Canberra College of Advanced Education, has recently returned from a year abroad. Carol was the recipient of the 1978-79 James Cook Bicentenary Scholarship, offered by Blackwells. The formal part of Carol's program was the undertaking of a Master of Arts at the School of Library, Archive and Information Studies, University College, London. This was undertaken under the supervision of Douglas Foskett, now OBE, Director of Libraries and Goldsmiths' Librarian, University of London.

JOHN BARCLAY, a tutor in the School of Librarianship, University of New South Wales, has been awarded the James Cook Scholarship for 1980-81.

The scholarship, offered biennially, is intended to provide an opportunity for an Australian or New Zealand librarian to further professional interests and to study specialised aspects of librarianship.

John will take a one-year MA program offered by the Department of Archives, Library and Information Studies at the Loughborough University of Technology in the UK, with funds provided by the publishers, Blackwells.

DR GEORGE CHANDLER, the Director-General of the National Library of Australia, left Canberra on January 5 on an official two weeks' visit to China at the invitation of the National Library of Peking.

The invitation followed visits to Australia in the past two years by two Deputy Directors of the Peking Library, which is the national library of China.

MAUDE JOAN WOOLCOCK, BA (Qld), ALAA, retired from the position of Senior Librarian in charge of Serials and Gift Cataloguing at the Australian National University Library at the end of 1979, after 31 years of continuous service.

Miss Woolcock joined the ANU Library staff soon after its inception when the collections and staff, under the direction of A.L.G. McDonald, were housed at Wyselaskie Hall, University of Melbourne. She moved to Canberra with the Library in 1951, and has served in senior cataloguing positions ever since.

Her contribution to the Library has been a very substantial one, since she was largely responsible for the initial establishment of the Library's cataloguing policies, and has kept close vigil on cataloguing standards over many years, as well as training many cataloguers. Her services to the profession included serving as a Representative Councillor on the LAA General Council in 1955.

New info science journal

A NEW scholarly journal *Social Science Information Studies* is to begin publication this year. Published by Butterworths, it will act as a focus and a forum for the inter-disciplinary field of information science and the social sciences.

The new journal will attempt to link social scientists in fields such as economics, politics, sociology, management, public administration, education and social psychology with practitioners, researchers and teachers in information science.

The Editor, Dr T.D. Wilson, and Associate Editor, Mr N. Roberts, are on the staff of the Postgraduate School of Librarianship and Information Science, University of Sheffield, England.

The Australian representative on the Editorial Board is Mike Ramsden, Lecturer, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. The subscription rates for the journal are: individuals £12.50 a year (four issues), institutions £30.00 a year.

VALA committee

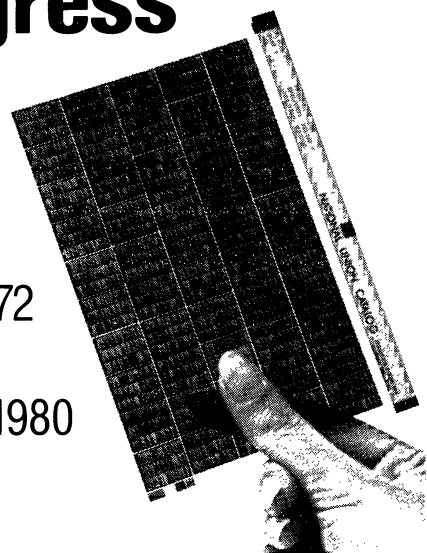
VALA (Victorian Association for Library Automation) was formed at the beginning of 1978, succeeding the Victorian Branch of LASIE which had been formed two years earlier. VALA promotes and sponsors activities relevant to library automation.

The 1980 VALA Committee comprises: Chairman: Mr James Gilmore, Head, Information Systems Group, CSIRO, CILES. Vice-Chairman: Mr Doug Savage, Systems Librarian, State Library of Victoria. Secretary: Mr George Eichinski, Systems and Technical Services Librarian, RMIT Central Library. Treasurer: Mr Bill Cations, Deputy Chief Librarian, Melbourne State College. Membership Secretary: Mrs Lillian Beattie, Accessions Librarian, CSIRO Central Library. Committee Members: Mrs Meredith Franklin, Deputy Executive Director, TECHNILIB; Mr Ian McCallum, Product Manager, Library Systems, ACI Computer Services; Mr Glenn Sanders, Library Co-ordinator, CAVAL.

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