

MAY was a hectic month for HELEN MODRA, President of the LAA Adult Literacy Section, and formerly of the State Library of Victoria.

On May 14 Helen began duties as a Lecturer in Librarianship at Riverina College of Advanced Education. On May 29 she graduated as a Bachelor of Social Science (Librarianship) and was also awarded the RMIT Department of Librarianship Staff Prize for academic excellence. Helen's thesis was 'The adult literacy method of Paulo Freire and an examination of its relevance to continuing education for public librarians'.

On the subject of Wagga, Helen says 'I have been interested in library education for quite some time and am pleased to have the opportunity to get involved in teaching. I haven't had much time to look around the place, but it's great to have a view of hills and trees from my office window after looking at La Trobe Street!' Helen's new address is PO Box 626, Wagga Wagga 2650.

NORMA SCHWARTZ is the first person to gain employment with the Queensland Public Service on the basis of a Library Technicians' Certificate. She commenced duties with the Queensland State Library on 19 May.

Domestic Satellite *continued*

corporation can be established which will enable the private sector to participate either partially or by total ownership, and by legislation to be kept totally independent of all other commercial interests. We cannot accept this latter approach as a practical reality. The complexity of modern economic society is such that the community has no adequate means of preventing any of the diverse potential interests likely to use public communication channels from becoming involved in ownership and control if they are commercially available through the market place.

It has already become increasingly difficult to define the boundary between the communication and computing industries. Information is now increasingly recognised as an economic resource and traditional commercial media interests will increasingly wish to utilise modern technology to exploit potential markets. We support this but can not accept a situation where the basic communication channels are owned and controlled by such interests. Nor do we believe it to be in the best interests of a healthy society that they should. We oppose government control of the information processes of society through censorship. We likewise oppose commercial constraints and manipulation of the information process. We believe that it is essential that control of the basic communication channels be in public hands allowing appropriate use by all sectors of society.

Finally we deplore the reflection implicit in Mr Robinson's statement on the efficiency and integrity of those public

bodies concerned with the provision of existing communication services.

Australia's use and development of satellites in overseas communications through OTC has, we believe, well served the needs of Australian information users. We consider that an equivalent public authority to provide a domestic service will serve Australia with equal energy and efficiency.

Young readers book award

FOLLOWING an item in *Incite* (no8, 16 May) the WA School Libraries Section has received many requests for copies of the list of books chosen for the WA Young Readers Book Award.

If anyone wishes a copy of the list please send a stamped addressed, foolscap envelope to Mrs Leila Hoffman, 83 Howes Crescent, Dianella, WA 6062.

It should be noted that the Section has not yet finalised the Book Award. If anyone is considering launching a similar scheme, it would be a good idea to hold off until this Award reaches a conclusion. The Section could then give guidelines on the problems they encountered.

THOMAS RIGGIN, Field Sales Manager for Baker and Taylor International (distributors of US publications), will be visiting Australia between 8-17 August 1980.

Librarians are invited to contact Mr Riffin at the Koala Park Regis Hotel, Sydney, to meet and discuss the many programs and services available through Baker and Taylor.



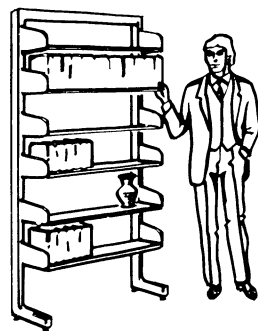
MS BAIBA IRVING has been appointed Mitchell Librarian. The appointment follows the retirement of Ms Suzanne Mourot last November.

Ms Irving has occupied various university teaching and research posts in the field of Australian history and politics and archives administration, and has published widely in subjects such as women's issues, Australian history and politics, and oral history.

As Mitchell Librarian she is responsible for the administration of the Australiana and South-West Pacific collections of the State Library.

CARMEN HANNAKER has been appointed Regional Librarian, Moonee Valley Regional Library Service, Vic. Her previous position was that of Chief Librarian, Sunshine/Melton Library Service. Carmen is vice-president of the LAA Victorian Branch.

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AMENDED NOTICE Library Association of Australia

Election of Executive Officers

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Call for Nominations

Nominations are now called for those financial members of the LAA who agree to contest the following positions:

**Vice-President 1981 (President
Elect for 1982)
General Treasurer 1981 and 1982**

In August 1979 General Council approved a change in the Regulations to allow two-year overlapping terms of office for the General Secretary and General Treasurer. The present General Secretary was elected to hold office for 1980 and 1981. The incoming General Treasurer will hold office for 1981 and 1982. Nominators and candidates should also read carefully the F Regulations. Please note:

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

Nominations must reach the Executive Director, LAA, Science Centre, 35 Clarence Street, Sydney, NSW 2000, by **5 pm on Monday, 1 September, 1980.**

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Executive Director

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