

IN THE NEWS

Copyright Tribunal

Until the middle of this year, membership of the Copyright Tribunal was restricted to judges or legal practitioners of an Australian Supreme Court or the High Court. A recent amendment to the Copyright Act 1968 (no 26 of 1982) has extended membership of the Tribunal to those without legal qualifications.

Allan Horton, who has had a continuous involvement with libraries, has been appointed to the Tribunal by the Governor General and was recently sworn in by Sir Nigel Bowen.

Other appointments made at the same time include Mr Justice Sheppard, Judge of the Federal Court of Australia as President of the Tribunal, and Mr Stamforth Richetson, a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria as a member. Mr Richetson is a lecturer in intellectual and industrial law at the University of Melbourne, and is also a member of the Intellectual Property Subcommittee of the Law Council of Australia.

Two lawyers, Mr David Malcolm of Perth and Mr Rodney Purvis of Sydney, both previous members of the Tribunal, were reappointed for a period of one year.

New Orders Librarian

At the University of Sydney Library, Mrs Louise Watters has been promoted to Orders Librarian to replace Mr John Bartholomaeus. Mrs Watters has worked in several departments of the University Library, most recently as second-in-charge of the Orders Department.

Communication to industry

Associate Professor Carmel Maguire of the School of Librarianship at the University of New South Wales has been awarded \$14,000 under the Australian Research Grants Scheme (ARGS) for work in 1983 on a project entitled The access of Australian manufacturing industry to new technological information.

ARGS support from 1978-1980 allowed Professor Maguire and her research associate, Mrs Robin Kench, to study the communication to Australian manufacturing industry of university research findings in chemical engineering and food technology. The new grant will contribute towards better understanding of the means by which information about new technology reaches or fails to reach a sample of Australian firms.

Report available

Tony Mays, Senior Librarian (Systems) at Deakin University, has recently returned from a 3-month tour of North America on a Fulbright Grant.

A 72 page report entitled Public Access Catalogue in the United States has been submitted to the Australian-American Educational Foundation. A limited edition of this report has also been printed at Deakin University and is available on request to Mr Mays.

There is no charge for the report, but a stamped addressed return envelope would be appreciated.

Literacy Section meeting

The Third General Meeting of the Literacy Section (Vic Group) was held on 16 September. The topic was 'Report on the Sixth National Conference of the Australian Council for Adult Literacy, Hobart 1982'.

A statement on 'Libraries and literacy' emerged from the conference which is to be endorsed by the ACAL and distributed throughout Australia.

For anyone interested, proceedings of the Adult Literacy Council 'Libraries and literacy' will be published in the ACAL journal Literacy Link, Spring 1982, no13.

5 June workshop run with the Victorian



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Laser scanner installed

A laser scanner was installed, on a trial basis, in September in the Education Resource Centre at Melbourne State College. The scanner, which is located at the main loans desk, is used to capture data for the Libs 100 Circulation System. The model CC-70 laser scanner, marketed in Australia by Libramatic Systems Pty. Ltd., has already proved to be popular with loans staff due to its speed and accuracy. Further information on the operation of the scanner may be obtained from Helen Hayes, Reader Services Librarian (telephone: 341 8322) or Bill Cations, Deputy Chief Librarian, (telephone: 341 8567) at Melbourne State College.

Foreign exchange

FOLLOWING the success of exchange librarian Julie Virgo's visit to Australia, the American Library Association would like to hear from Australian libraries interested in

participating in the program.

The Association of College and Research Libraries (a division of the American Library Association) wishes to maintain a file of academic libraries providing an opportunity for visiting foreign librarians to work on their staff, either in an exchange agreement, or as a temporary replacement, or as a nonsalaried visitor. Interested libraries should contact Sandy Whiteley, ACRL/ALA, 50 Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611, USA.

TAFE leaflets available

A NUMBER of librarians have expressed interest in the following information leaflets concerning NSW TAFE Library Services:

The Division of Library Services (LS 1) Library Resource Centres Sydney Technical College (LS 2)

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The Librarian, Sydney Technical College (LS 4)(LS 5) The Role of Library Services

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