

Fellowship awarded



Ted Flowers (left) with Barrie Mitcheson

IN NOVEMBER 1982 General Council conferred the award of Fellowship of the Library Association of Australia on Mr Edward Flowers. The award was presented by the President, Mr Barrie Mitcheson, at a function in LAA House on 18th March 1983.

Ted Flowers has been a leading figure in the development of library services, library education, and debate on library issues in Australia. The distinction of Fellowship is conferred on an Associate (professional) member who has made a distinguished contribution to the theory and/or practice of librarianship.

TRIAD expands

THE CONSULTING group Triad, although established in Melbourne since 1975, has opened an office in Sydney with services tailored to suit local requirements. By early April, eleven consultants had worked for Sydney group, mostly on a freelance basis, the client list being a mixture of corporate and professional firms.

On-line searching on most data bases is offered and the possibility of offering a public access terminal is being considered. In-house training is also being developed as Triad have already found that some researchers who have completed systems training and have the necessary hardware are nervous about going on-line in their isolated environment and a little personal coaching increases the confidence immeasurably. Others, with no computer exposure, are hesitant about going straight into a systems course without a short confidence-building course on a terminal.

Group experience covers catalogue production on everything from old typewriters through word processors and computers with or without appropriate software, and, in addition to other library services, the building of controlled vocabularies for data bases and records management.

Future plans include all aspects of computer applications to information retrieval, and library staff specialist services. For more information ring (02) 923 1059.

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The LAA ILL Voucher System

THE ASSOCIATION has received many enquiries about its voucher system, particularly about institutional membership and use of the \$3 voucher. The following outline of the system explains in general terms what vouchers are and how they are used, and the reasons for recent changes to the system.

What are LAA Interlibrary Loan Vouchers?

LAA interlibrary loan vouchers are redeemable vouchers purchased from the Library Association of Australia and used by libraries as payment for photocopies or microform copies made for retention by another library. The scheme was introduced by the LAA in early 1978 to simplify arrangements between libraries of all types for the payment for photocopies or microforms.

How much do they cost?

Vouchers may be purchased from the Library Association of Australia in books of 50. They are available in face values of \$3 and \$1. Each book of 50 \$3 vouchers costs \$160. Each book of 50 \$1 vouchers costs \$55. This includes a handling charge.

Who May Purchase Vouchers?

Section 44 (1) of the Reserve Bank Act 1959 prohibits the general circulation of bills or promissory notes by individuals. To ensure that the Library Association of Australia does not contravene this act it has restricted the sale and redemption of vouchers to institutional members of the Association. They are not sold to or redeemed from individuals. Central libraries or departments may purchase or redeem vouchers on behalf of branch or regional libraries, provided that orders and redemptions are made from one central point only.

Where are They Obtained?

Vouchers may be purchased from the office of the Association, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007. No special order form is required, but prepayment is *essential*. Vouchers will not be issued on invoice.

Brochures about the system, details of institutional membership and application forms are available from the LAA Office, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007. Phone (02) 692 9233.

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Audio-visual Committee news

The Committee met on March 17 1983 at the Library of the University of New South Wales.

Matters currently being actively pursued by the Committee include the following:

- The imposition of customs duties on imported pre-recorded audio and video tapes and cassettes for educational purposes;
- Revision of the existing Copyright legislation in respect of its application to non-book materials;
- Preparation of guidelines on the packaging of nonbook materials suitable for use by distributors and publishers;
- Preparation of guidelines for the provision of video recordings in public libraries;
- Representations to publishers and distributors of video recordings with a view to reducing current costs of such materials.

The Committee welcomes inquiries from librarians and other interested persons on any matter associated with the provision of audiovisual materials in libraries.

Inquiries should be directed to the Convener, Mr P McNally.

Current membership of the Committee is:
Mr HF Cornelius, Special Collections Librarian, Macquarie University Library, North Ryde, NSW 2113.

Mr S Doyle, AV Librarian, PO Box 435, Maroubra Junction, NSW 2035.

Mr J Evans, Audiovisual Librarian, Chifley Building, The Library, Australian National University, PO Box 4, Canberra, ACT 2600.

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