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WA College Department of Library Studies

Following reorganisation after amalgamation, the Department of Library Studies (formerly associated with Nedlands CAE) has assumed College-wide responsibility for teaching Library and Information Studies. The Department is one of seven which form the School of Arts and Applied Sciences.

The Department introduced a Graduate Diploma in Teacher Librarianship in February 1983. There are two new full-time staff members, Karen Anderson and David Poulson to assist with the additional teaching. Nine Aboriginal students are enrolled in the

Associate Diploma in Library Media Technology. Two part-time tutors, Patrick Law and Jean MacDonald are now employed to assist on this programme.

The Department continues to be involved in community and continuing education activities. The latest of these was held in Derby for Aboriginal school library aides, and was conducted by Shelda Debowski from March 21-25, 1983. The address of the Department is Nedlands Campus, WA College, Cnr Stirling Highway and Hampden Road, Nedlands, WA 6009.

Federal Minister launches new library publications

A gathering at the Western Australian Institute of Technology on Friday April 15 saw the Hon. Kim Beazley, Minister for Aviation, officially launch *Western Library Studies*, a new occasional series of monographs in library and information science and related areas, published by WAIT.

In welcoming the first issue in the series titled *Libraries and books in distance education*, by John Brockman and Jane Klobas, Mr Beazley said he believed the publication was a small but significant part of WAIT's contribution to scholarship in Western Australia. He referred to WAIT's expanding external studies facilities and foresaw the use of radio, television and possibly the domestic satellite in facilitating 'distance education' in Australia, adding that *Libraries and books in distance education* would provide a solid base to research on the subject.

Individual issues in the series Western Library Studies will comprise research reports of original experimental material, observational or analytical work, state of the art reviews of library practices and significant theoretical contributions.

Roy Stall
Hon. Secretary WA Branch

Tax concessions

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A leaflet on libraries and tax concessions has been published by the Library Promotion Council of NSW and is available free of charge from Sound Information, 425 Elizabeth Street, Sydney 2000.

What's new in Library Science?

Hoover, Ryan E. (editor) *Online Search Strategies*. Knowledge Industry, US. Late 1982. \$US37.50(c) \$US27.50(p)

A book of practical tips and hints on the effective use of bibliographical data bases and search systems from experienced searchers in various disciplines. Sample searches illustrate data base and search line systems, often with respect to strategies for crossfile or multiple data base searches.

McElroy, A Rennie. (editor) *College Librarianship*. Library Association, UK. Due September, 1983. £15.00 stg. approx.

A new volume in the *Handbooks on Library Practice* series which examines librarianship in non-university institutions of tertiary education. The contributors examine the librarian's professional function as educationalist and manager as well as librarian. Though concentrating primarily on librarianship in the United Kingdom, the book will also deal with major issues in North American, European and Australasian college librarianship.

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IN THE NEWS

New appointment at Griffith University

Mr James Cox, currently the Assistant to the University Librarian at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) has accepted appointment as the University Librarian at Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia, following the recent retirement of the foundation Librarian Mr S.B. Page, and will take up his appointment in November 1983.

Although nearly all his professional career has been spent in the service of UCLA, Mr Cox is well known to many Australian colleagues having been a Fulbright Scholar and Senior Lecturer at the Library School of the Canberra College of Advanced Education in 1972. He was also a visiting Lecturer at the Graduate School of Librarianship, at Monash University in Victoria.

Mr Cox has been closely involved with the development of automated Library systems for UCLA and for the University of California generally, as well as the application and implementation of US Copyright Law. He has published widely on library matters and is the author of an annotated bibliography.

Back issues available

A set of *Current Affairs Bulletin* going back to 1959 is available to any interested person or institution.

Enquiries should be directed to David C. Carson, 5 Melrose Street, Mordialloc, Vic 3195, who also has a set of the Australian Institute of Political Science's publication *Australian Quarterly* from 1960 onwards.

