



## IN THE NEWS

### Records management at RMIT

The Department of Librarianship and Administrative Studies, RMIT have jointly appointed Mr Edward Johnson as Visiting Fellow in Records Management for 1983. He will be undertaking a variety of activities in the two departments, including conducting short courses for librarians and for the public service, and assisting academic staff in the development of courses in the subject area which will be offered on a permanent basis.

Formerly Chief of the Bureau of Archives and Records in Florida and Director, Evaluations Division, of the National Archives and Records Service, Edward Johnson directed a vital records programme for the Office of Civil and Defence Mobilisation – an operation which selected and preserved information essential to the conduct of emergency operations and the re-establishment of normal operations after an emergency. This programme has since been used after natural disasters including tornadoes, floods and fires.



Mr Edward Johnson

The RMIT Department of Librarianship will be offering an elective subject entitled *Records Management Principles and Techniques* to fourth year students undertaking the B Soc Sc in Librarianship. This subject, taught by Edward Johnson, will run for the second half of 1983 and will encompass records management and archives administration, as well as some of the broader issues of information management. Mr Johnson will also be the chief instructor at a two-day continuing education workshop on records management for librarians to be held towards the end of July.

The proposed implementation of the Victorian Freedom of Information Act this year provides an impetus for these initiatives. The Departments of Librarianship and Administrative Studies at RMIT will also be offering three two-day courses for librarians on the impact of Freedom of Information legislation on libraries.

The Department of Librarianship places great importance on the need for its graduates to sell themselves as 'information professionals', an initiative which should increase the job opportunities for librarians.

### Are you a Librarian working with a multi-cultural community?

A discussion group will meet on Tuesday, 28 June 1983 at 4.00 pm in the Conference Room, 8th Level, CAGA Centre, 8-18 Bent Street, Sydney. Anyone interested in sharing practical information in the field of libraries and multi-culturalism is invited to attend.

This is planned to be the first in a series of meetings on issues of interest to those working in this field with the possibility of an information exchange developing from this group.

For further information contact:

Helen Spidy, Lakemba Branch Library  
759 2250

Judy Morrison, Earlwood Branch Library  
78 4151

Marina Garlick, Public Libraries Division  
241 4160

### Time for a story

It's good to learn that people in at least two areas of Australia will have the opportunity of hearing Anne Pellowski during her visit to Australia on her way to Papua New Guinea.

Sydney's western region is one port of call – Fairfield City Library have arranged for her to appear at Cabramatta Civic Hall on June 30 for an International Story Hour, a programme which includes such unusual items as an African thumb piano story and an Indian story cloth.

Anne will also be giving this programme in Tasmania at the Adult Education Centre at Oatlands in an all-day session in which a number of other people such as Patricia Scott, Mike McCausland and Heather Chauncy will participate.

Full details of both these programmes appear in Happenings.

### Toy libraries listed

A list of toy libraries in NSW, the first comprehensive such list to be published, is now available through the Toy Library Association of NSW, at a cost of \$3.50. Copies are obtainable from Pat Frater, Secretary, Toy Library Association of NSW, 16 Summit Ave., Dee Why 2099.

### Just Released!

*New Curriculum Directions – Which Way for School Libraries?* is a new publication which brings together the papers and associated material presented at the Seminar of the same title held on 26 June 1982 at Strathfield South Public School.

The Seminar was arranged by the NSW Group of the School Libraries Section of the LAA and was funded by the NSW State Development Committee.

The Seminar's stated aims were:

- to establish the role of the teacher-librarian and the library in curriculum development at the school level;
- to promote the use of the library and its resources in the design and the implementation of new curricula; and
- to encourage a team approach to curriculum development at all levels (the Centre, Regional and School).

Copies of this publication are available from LAA House, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007, and the cost is \$5.00 to non-members and \$3.50 to LAA members. Postage is 70¢ per copy, except on orders for five or more publications, which are sent post free.

**IBBY Conference –  
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### TASMANIAN LIBRARY BOARD

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