

Bob Hawke wins again!

THE WINNER of the Braille Book of the Year Award for 1983 was *Robert J. Hawke* by Blanche d'Alpuget. Commenting on the winning title, Mr Lloyd O'Neil, a member of the Selection Panel, said that it was an outstanding example of the biographer's art. The sequence of events and actions were reported in a way which enabled readers to identify with the subject. The winning title was chosen late last year, the intervening period being necessary to allow the Braille and Talking Book Library to produce the book in braille and audio formats.

This is the first time in the Award's ten years that an author has won the winning citation twice — Miss d'Alpuget's *Turtle Beach* was Braille Book of the Year winner in 1982.

The Award itself — to take place in July — is much more than the simple bestowal of a winning trophy. Approximately 200 readers from the Braille and Talking Book Library take part in a discussion of the winning title — which they have read in braille or on cassette — with the author. Such evenings in the past have been very stimulating and rewarding.

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Braille & Talking Book
Library Director

RMIT

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Two-day course Monday 25 July and Monday August 1. Presented by Ed Johnson, CRM, distinguished US expert on records management, Visiting Fellow in the Department of Librarianship, RMIT.

VENUE: Department of Librarianship, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

FEE: \$100 per person (includes teas and lunches).

For further information and application forms contact: Sue McGibbony or Glenda Hannan, Continuing Education and Training Unit, Technisearch Ltd/RMIT, 124 La Trobe Street, Melbourne 3000. Telephone (03) 341 2532/3.

Organisation to aid developing countries

FOLLOWING an initiative of the Director of AUIDP, an interim committee has been set up to establish an organisation for the collection of academic books, journals and associated materials and their despatch to universities in developing countries.

The organisation will be known as ACPAD, or the Australian Centre for Publications Acquired for Development. As a first step, an Interim Council has been formed and Mr L.W. Johnson, former Administrator of Papua New Guinea and Director-General of the Australian Development Assistance Agency, was appointed as its President.

AUIDP is providing financial assistance and secretarial support in the initial stages of setting up the new organisation, which when a Constitution has been formally adopted, will be supported by ADAB through AUIDP. The following organisations are represented on the national committee: Royal Australian Chemical Institute, the Australian Council of Professions, the Australian Development Assistance Bureau, the Federation of Australian Universities' Staff Associations, the Australian Universities' Graduate Conference, the Australian Society of Agricultural Economists, the Council of Australian University Librarians, and AUIDP.

There is available in Australia, a great resource of books, journals and associated library materials which are sources of valuable and current scientific and general information that could be used by developing countries to aid their own developmental processes. ACPAD aims to provide a distribution mechanism to identify and respond to the needs of libraries in developing countries for such materials. It is hoped that many professional associations, libraries, interested groups and individuals will wish to participate in the new scheme. ACPAD is anxious to hear from such interested groups and also from institutions in developing countries wishing to make use of the materials that will be made available through ACPAD. Further information can be obtained from the Executive Officer, PO Box 35, Monaro Crescent, Red Hill, ACT. 2603.

Millionth book in ABN

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY of Australia is making rapid progress in transferring the records of CAVAL, the Victorian bibliographic network, to the database of the national Australian Bibliographic Network (ABN).

On the weekend of May 7-8, the Library's ABN database of Australian libraries' holdings passed the one million mark when details of the 400,000th book from CAVAL's retrospective records were entered.

The millionth book was James Vance Marshall's *Walkabout*, a revised version of his 1959 best-seller, *The Children*, held in this case by the State Library of Victoria.

CAVAL, a consortium whose acronym is derived from Co-operative Action by Victorian Academic Libraries, operates only in its home State, but decided last year to join the nationwide ABN system. In what is being called in library circles 'a retrospective conversion', the details of past book and journal acquisitions by CAVAL's members (among them libraries of the four Victorian universities and 15 Colleges of Advanced Education) are being transferred progressively from the CAVAL database to the ABN system. New acquisitions by CAVAL members will go directly into ABN.

ABN membership had not included Victoria until last year's 'resource sharing' agreement with CAVAL and all-round benefits include cost and labour saving; nationwide accessibility to the CAVAL records; and access, by Victorian libraries, to ABN's details of the holdings of interstate libraries.

Increasing familiarity with ABN's operation is evidenced by the growing speed with which details of books, old and new, are going into the system. It took members of the network two years to input ABN's first 250,000 holdings, six months for the next 250,000 and only four months for the latest 500,000.

Exchange wanted!

A REQUEST has been received from an American librarian interested in arranging an exchange with a librarian in Australia.

She is at present working as a High School Librarian in Seattle and she has worked for the University of Washington Medical Library, IBM Special Library and at all levels of public school libraries.

Further details may be obtained from LoAnne Larson, 5514 34th N.E., Seattle, Washington 98105, USA.

Notes on publishing

Divisions undertaking the production of their own publications will find a great deal of practical information in the *Office Bearer's Guide* recently despatched to them. Further advice and assistance is available from the Publications Officer.

Don't forget the ISBN!

At this office we have a bulk listing of ISBNs assigned to us by the National Library, so ring or write to us to obtain the ISBN for your publication. Please be sure to give full details of title and author or compiler.

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Periodicals for School Libraries

A select annotated list

Compiled by Sheena Coupe

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Sydney: LAA School Libraries
Section, NSW Group, 1981. 98 pp.

Periodicals are an integral component of school library resources, as they provide a source of current information often unavailable in books. They also constitute a major part of adolescent reading.

This selective, annotated list contains approximately 350 Australian and overseas periodicals currently available in Australia. The book focuses on titles suitable for school students and does not attempt to include professional publications aimed at teachers and librarians. The range of subjects is extensive with equal value given to academic and recreational titles.

The aim of this list is to provide teachers and librarians with a relevant guide to periodicals suitable for use in primary and secondary school libraries in Australia. Newspapers, bulletins and newsletters are included.

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Available from the LAA, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007, and it may also be ordered from Bennetts and Mannings.

