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## Management and Librarians

Perhaps it is time for a Graduate Diploma in Library Management to be provided in Australia. Already post-graduate studies are available in Educational Administration and Social Administration for professional people to acquire a specific qualification specialising in administration in their chosen field.

The lack of management training for librarians has been voiced with increasing frequency in recent times. Bright young things are often tempted to enrol in MBA courses which could be regarded as an exercise in 'overkill'. I'm not convinced that an MBA will benefit librarians in the same manner it is intended to benefit, inter alia, corporate employees in the board-rooms of the nation.

Now I appreciate there are those in our profession who will say 'but we've got to be up there with them' in terms of management techniques and practices, but one could be forgiven in thinking that here is a classic example of 'credentials creep'.

Rather than attempt to rationalise the relevance of alien higher degrees to our rapidly changing profession we could do worse than to survey the existing forms of library management training and come up with a viable alternative of our own making. Such a course should of necessity be available to external students in its entirety to enable students Australia-wide to enrol in it. As with many other external courses a 'residency requirement' could be considered desirable.

What do other librarians feel about this issue?

Roy Stall  
East Fremantle, WA

## NSW DP Librarians' Group

For some time now, a small group of people working in what can be termed broadly DP Libraries have been meeting irregularly, to share ideas, to assist in problem solving, and to provide an opportunity for general discussion.

The libraries represented come from organisations which make and/or sell hardware and software, or those which have DP departments as part of their structure. Those attending the meetings need not have

professional qualification: the only criterion is to work in a library in a DP environment.

At the group's last meeting, it was decided to broaden horizons by asking more people to join, and also to have regular and more structured meetings.

The next meeting will be held on 16 September at National Advanced Systems Armaron. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Margaret Wildblood on 439 6455.

The group's objectives are:

1. To serve as a forum for the presentation of ideas, information and issues relevant to DP Libraries.
2. To develop relationships with other libraries in NSW for the purpose of Inter-Library Loans and other resource sharing, as appropriate.

Membership is open to all working in DP Libraries.

Meetings will be held at six-weekly intervals at host libraries. The representative of one organisation will act as host and be responsible for that meeting. The representative will act as chairperson for that meeting.

The next host organisation will be selected at the current meeting. The representative of that organisation will be secretary for the current meeting.

Margaret Wildblood  
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## Forrest collection sought

I am researching the life and works of the Queensland poet/novelist/freelance writer M. Forrest (1872 - 1935) with the intention of compiling an annotated bibliography with biographical note, and incorporating both into a commemorative edition in 1985.

Recently I found an authentic reference to her previously unknown first published collection, which has proved impossible to trace. I have applied to a variety of sources without result, and there is no trace of the work among the large family collection of material. The Fryer Librarian at Queensland University checked the listings in the National Union Catalogue of Monographs without result.

The publication sought is Helena M.C. Mills *Poems* (Brisbane: Gordon & Gotch, 1893). Note: M. Forrest was married twice. Her works appear under three names: Helena M.C. Mills (1882-1893), M. Burkinshaw (1893-1902), M. Forrest (1902-1934).

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## Death of library benefactor

MRS MARGERY KEESING who died in Sydney on 15 August at the age of 92 was during her latter years, a generous benefactor of two university libraries.

The libraries of the University of Sydney and Macquarie University were the recipients of Mrs Keesing's many benefactions. Her successive gifts to The University of Sydney began in 1963 with the largest single cash gift to the library to that date since the original library bequest by Thomas Fisher in 1885. The reference collection of Macquarie University Library received its initial impetus from Mr Keesing's gift in 1966. It was followed by successive annual gifts for the support of the reference collection and students' reading needs after teaching began at Macquarie in 1967.

Mrs Keesing is survived by two daughters: Mrs Nancy Hertzberg (Nancy Keesing AM) and Mrs Margaret Oldenburg and their families.

### EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY (ESA)

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One-day ESA/IRS training workshops will be conducted by Dr Eveline Onorato of ESA/IRS, Frascati, on the following dates in October, 1983, based on a minimum of ten participants per workshop.

Brisbane 17th  
Sydney 18th, 19th  
Canberra 20th, 21st  
Melbourne 24th, 25th  
Adelaide 26th  
Perth 28th

The fee per workshop per student is \$100.00. The venue will be advised in due course. Applications should be lodged not later than 5th October with

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compiled by the Family Information Centre of the Institute of Family Studies

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### New information technology: impacts on families in Australia

by Ruth Beresford

(Occasional Paper no.1), an annotated bibliography, presents a selection of material relating to new information technology which is, or has the potential, to be found in the home: teletext, videotext or viewdata, videocassettes and video recorders, videodiscs, television by cable or satellite, and personal home computers. Annotated entries are listed alphabetically and the publication includes an author and subject index.