

IN THE NEWS

Library Board Chairman Retires

Professor Fred Alexander CBE retired as Chairman of The Library Board of Western Australia on 30 November 1982; he had been Chairman since the inception of the Board in 1952.

He was involved with drafting the legislation which established the principle of a free public library service for all the citizens of Western Australia, a principle which he has seen endorsed and put into practice.

Under the guidance of Professor Alexander the Library and Information Service of Western Australia has grown into a multi-million-dollar organisation with 206 public libraries serving the State's population.

The new chairman is Dr Douglas Jecks, Director of the Western Australian College of Advanced Education. He has been a member of the Board for the past eight years and Vice Chairman since 1977.

Dr Jecks has worked in the educational field for over 35 years. Before the amalgamation of the College campuses, he was Director of the Churchlands College of Advanced Education. He is a member of the Advanced Education Council, Chairman of the Australian Conference of Principals of Colleges of Advanced Education, and Chairman of the WA Council for Special Education.

One here and another on the way!

The study of cost-effectiveness of storage options for university libraries, carried out in the Monash University Graduate School of Librarianship by Professor Jean Whyte, Richard Stayner and Valerie Richardson, on a grant from the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission has been completed. A draft report has been submitted to the CTEC for their evaluation: the final report will be published in February 1983 and will be available through the Graduate School of Librarianship.

Already available is a report commissioned from Information Systems Consultants Inc. of Bethesda, Maryland, during the course of this study. Entitled *Assessment of New Information Technologies: a report to the Graduate School of Librarianship, Monash University*, by Judy McQueen and Richard W. Boss, 1982, it is available on request.

It explains and evaluates currently operational technologies such as scanning, facsimile, and optical video discs. Appendices on the Library of Congress Demand System of the Cataloguing Distribution Service and the LC's Request for Proposal for an optical-disc based system for storage and retrieval of periodicals and AV materials are available separately.

This document can be obtained for \$5 (\$3.50 without LC appendices). Please direct inquiries to the Graduate School of Librarianship, Monash University, Wellington Rd., Clayton, Vic. (03) 541 2957.

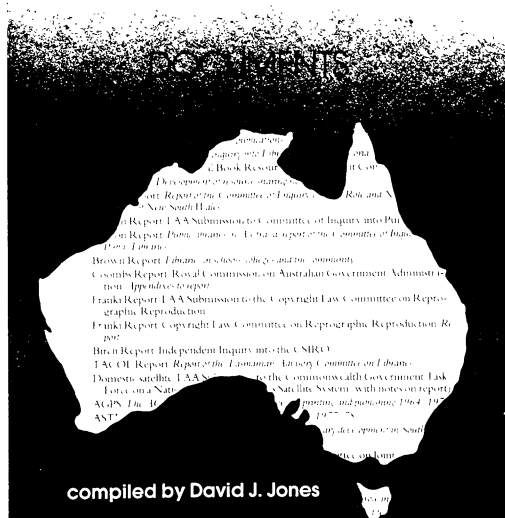
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New appointment for Bill Cations

Bill Cations, Deputy Chief Librarian at Melbourne State College, has been appointed Chief Librarian at Phillip Institute of Technology (incorporating Coburg State College and Preston Institute of Technology). Bill takes up his new position on 1 February, 1983.

Retirement of Mr Jack Morton

Jack Morton, ALAA, Deputy Library Director of Newcastle Region Public Library, retires on 7.2.1983 after 49 years in libraries. He began work in the Newcastle School of Art in 1933, served in the AIF for five years, and transferred to the public library in 1948.

Almost immediately he took charge of the library's first branch when it opened at Waratah, and subsequently was placed in charge of the central lending library. He completed the Registration Examinations and became Deputy City Librarian in 1959 (title since changed).

In 1961 he acted as City Librarian for six months following the death of Newcastle's first City Librarian, Larry Miller, until the appointment of a successor, Charlie Smith.

The City Council is expected to appoint a successor to Jack Morton from the existing staff about the end of February.

Australian LIBS 100 User Group

An Australian LIBS 100 User Group was formed in August, 1982 to bring together regularly the users of LIBS 100 systems. Six libraries were represented at the first meeting and three libraries who have recently purchased LIBS 100 systems have joined since.

The User Group has been meeting monthly to exchange information ideas and advice, and to provide co-ordinated comment to Libramatic Systems Pty. Ltd., the supplier of the LIBS 100, on proposed and desirable enhancements to the system. The possibility of co-operative bulk purchasing of stationery and other system consumables is being investigated by the group.

Membership of the Australian LIBS 100 User Group is open to any library ordering LIBS 100 components. Further information about the Group and its activities is available from Andrew Jephcott, Senior Librarian, Reader Services, RMIT.