



Computers and democracy

Margaret Austen, chief librarian at Kogarah Public Library (in Sydney's southern suburbs) has been successful in obtaining a Federal Government grant for an industrial democracy project.

Her project concerns the involvement of employees in decisions about the effects of computers on library jobs, rather than management-imposed decisions. Throughout her seven years at the library Mrs Austen has adopted a democratic policy in making decisions and for many years there have been weekly staff meetings to discuss any changes needed.

Toy libraries Open Day

As part of NSW Children's Week 1984 (October 20-28), Toy Libraries throughout the state are being asked to participate in an Open Day on Wednesday, October 24.

Toy Libraries can play an important part in a child's development. This Open Day will provide an opportunity to let the community know how a toy library operates, who can borrow and what other services are offered.

During NSW Children's Week a meeting of the Association will be held on Monday October 22 at 10.30 am at Grosvenor Hospital, 56 Liverpool Rd., Summer Hill.

For further information about toy libraries or the Association please contact: Julia Walker, President on (02) 699 5026 or Pat Frater, Information Officer on (02) 98 0735.

Assistance for the business world

The Indo-Australian Chamber of Commerce in Calcutta has asked us to advise readers of the availability of their newsletters, *Australia and Pacific Islands Letter* and *Pacific Islands Books News Letter*. They suggest that these publications would be of considerable use to the business community in Australia.

To find out more information and obtain subscription details contact R. Roy, Executive Assistant, Indo-Australian Chamber of Commerce, Suite 1: 2, Presidency Court, 55 Gariahat Road, Calcutta 700019.

Binding standards for monographs

As a result of several librarians drawing the attention of the Australian Book Trade Committee (formerly Joint Standing Committee for the Book Trade) to the poor standard of binding of a number of monographs purchased in Australia, the Committee, in co-operation with the Victorian Group of the Acquisitions Section of the LAA, is conducting a survey of Australian libraries to ascertain the extent of the problem. Acquisitions Librarians will receive a questionnaire requesting information on the standard of binding of monographs, paperback and hardback, received by the library. The Committee would also welcome information on this subject from any interested person. Please direct your comments or enquiries to Jane Kandiah, Technical Services Librarian, Deakin University, Geelong, 3217. Tel: (052) 471 347.

ACHLIS Transfer Completed

A visit to the SA College of Advanced Education Library in August by Janice Droogleever completed the transfer of the Australian Clearing House for Library and Information Science (ACHLIS) from the Footscray Institute of Technology.



Janice (centre) is pictured handing over the final documentation to the new ACHLIS Co-ordinator John Gray. Also pictured is the new Assistant Co-ordinator Jennifer Redding. John and Jennifer wish to remind *InCite* readers that the new address for ACHLIS is SACAE Library, Lorne Avenue, Magill SA 5072

Bridging the gap between publisher and book buyer

BOOKBRIDGE has developed a system for selectively announcing new professional books and advanced textbooks. It produces tailor-made, computer-generated lists of new books in precisely those fields that a bookbuyer has specified. A bookbuyer can not only choose from 4000+ subjects to define his interests, but can even combine several of these subjects to define one field, thereby opting for extremely specific information. The system has been in development for two years, and is now being tested by Bookimpex, international booksellers in The Hague.

In view of the successful tests, the new system will be introduced during a number of presentations at the Frankfurt Book Fair, October 4-7, 1984.

Springer journals by air

DA Books has just received a telex from Springer Verlag that all journals will be shipped by SAL to Australasia in the future. Good news indeed, particularly as no extra costs for the receiver will be incurred.

Strike a light!

That innovative group, Hodja, has come up with something new — matchbox books.

Virginia Ferguson, who has been a significant influence on many young Australian writers, is the creator of the idea, called 'Twenty Tiny Textbooks' — Creative Writing in a Matchbox. In the introduction, Virginia Ferguson says that the book is about asking questions as well as coming up with answers, and finding new ways to look at old problems as well as facing new problems with initiative.

To find out more contact Ron Harper, Co-ordinator, Hodja Educational Resources Co-operative Ltd., 135 Church Street, Richmond, Vic. 3121 (03) 429 6111.

Book launching

The National Book Council (NSW Committee) has organised the official launching of Betty Roland's latest book *The Eye of the Beholder*, published by Hale and Iremonger.

Morris West, President of the NBC, will launch the book at a function to be held at the Journalists Club, Chalmers Street, Sydney on Tuesday October 16 at 7 pm. Betty Roland will, of course, be present and copies of her book will be available.

Light refreshments and wine will be served and the cost is \$15.00 per head. To make a reservation contact Brenda Pittard or Jenny Menzies on (02) 692 9233.

EDITOR FOR AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY JOURNAL

John Levett, the current editor of the *Australian Library Journal*, has indicated that he would like to relinquish the editorship of ALJ at a mutually satisfactory time to himself and the Association.

The LAA is, therefore, calling for expressions of interest from members interested in editing ALJ.

Interested persons or those requiring further information are asked to contact Brenda Pittard, Publications Officer, 376 Jones St, Ultimo, NSW 2007, phone (02) 692 9233.

It would be appreciated if expressions of interest could include any relevant experience in the editorial field.

Jenny Adams
Executive Director

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