

IN THE NEWS

Changes for the Barr Smith Library

The Barr Smith Library at the University of Adelaide has recently moved to a new divisional structure with the appointment of a number of new staff.

The senior management team now consists of the University Librarian, Eric Wainwright, and three divisional librarians.

Heather Howard, formerly Librarian of the CSIRO Division of Forest Research in Canberra, commenced as the Library's first Administrative Services Manager late in November. On 10 February Patrick Condon, formerly Chief Librarian of the Chisholm Institute of Technology Library in Melbourne, took up the new position of User Services Librarian, and on 5 March the Library's former head of the Technical Services Department, Jim Anderson, formally became the Head of the new Technical Services Division, following the arrival of Linda Luther from the Queensland Institute of Technology Library as Cataloguing Librarian.

The new divisional structure integrates a number of formerly separate departments (including the former Medical Library) into the three divisions, with the expectation that this will provide a more flexible staff structure and a greater integration of services.

The setting up of the new divisions took place in parallel with the closing of the Library's card catalogues on 23 December and the move of the Library's online public access catalogue, BIBLION, to full operation.

Industry, innovative technology and information

These are the subjects of the Lasie seminar to be held on June 6-8 at the Manly Pacific International, right on the ocean front at Manly NSW.

By bringing together managers, R & D personnel, information specialists and government policy makers, the seminar aims to increase understanding of the complexity of the role of information innovation; to increase industry's awareness of information services available — and information specialists' appreciation of the needs of industry. Undoubtedly the seminar will advance informed debate on the way ahead for Australian industry in the effective use of new technology.

Further information and application forms from Mr Arne Pederson, Executive Secretary, Lasie Australia Company Limited, PO Box 602, Lane Cove 2066. (02) 498 7577.

1983 Dromkeen Award

What a great pleasure to learn that the 1983 Dromkeen Award was given to Maurice Saxby, for his significant contribution to the appreciation and development of children's literature in Australia.

In announcing their decision, the selection panel said that Maurice Saxby is without peer in the field of children's literature in this country and they applauded his influence in fostering interest in Australian children's literature, both in academic courses and in the community at large.

Second intake to WAIT higher degree programme in Library and information studies

On February 27 a second intake to the Graduate Diploma in Advanced Library and Information Studies started a programme of study which concentrates on the needs of children's specialists. This is a two-year part-time course which can lead to a Master's. The specialised course of study has been prepared in response to an identified need in WA.

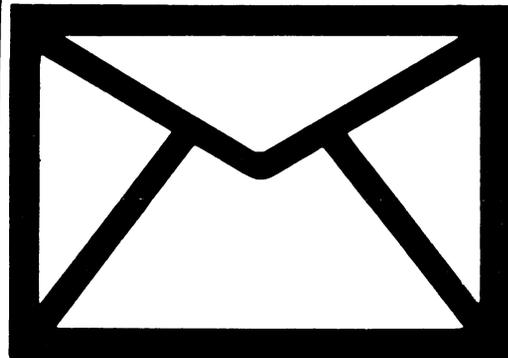
Hans Christian Andersen dinner

One of Australia's most distinguished writers for children, Patricia Wrightson, will be the guest speaker at this year's Hans Christian Andersen dinner. One of her many successful books, *Nargun and the stars*, received the Children's Book of the Year Award in 1974.

The dinner will take place on Wednesday 28 March at 7.00 pm in the Banquet Hall at the Argyle Centre, at a cost of \$23 per head. Don't delay as bookings are always heavy for this pleasurable event. Phone Karyn Green on 326 0353 or Mary Maltby on 327 4307 NOW!

Correction

The item about Logos, the bulletin for local government published by the City of Sydney Public Library (*InCite*, Vol 5 No 2) gave the wrong phone number. Their correct number is: (02) 265 9488.



ABN still the greatest

I write to comment on the misleading impression given by your headline of 17 February: 'Biggest Library Computer Network in Australia'.

With 66 terminals in 5 libraries, the Shoreline network is not quite set to topple the Australian Bibliographic Network's statistics. At latest count, ABN has 60 participant libraries using 292 terminals as well as a growing number of dial-up connections, and a geographic extent rather a long way north, south and west of Sydney Harbour.

Once I read past the inaccurate headline, I was delighted to find that the Shoreline libraries had decided that Networking is the way to go. Theirs is a most innovative and far-sighted project and I wish them every success.

Harrison Bryan
Director General
National Library of Australia

(Ed: Apologies — the headline was taken from an over-enthusiastic press release.)

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