

MORE IN THE NEWS

NUCOS takes over from SALSSAH on COM

The National Library has released a new publication, NUCOS, the national union catalogue of serials held in Australian libraries.

NUCOS is an ABN COM fiche product listing all serial holdings on the national bibliographic database. It includes holdings added by ABN participating libraries as well as those added on behalf of card contributors to the union catalogue by the union cataloguing agencies SSAL and SALSSAH. NUCOS continues and expands the functions of SALSSAH on COM, which ceased in 1983.

Nearly 43,000 titles are included in NUCOS, arranged in a single author/title sequence. Appearing twice a year in March and September, NUCOS will be cumulative. The annual subscription price is \$21, orders may be placed with Sales and Subscriptions, National Library of Australia, Canberra, ACT 2600.

The last issue of SALSSAH on COM will continue to be useful for some time as there is little overlap with NUCOS. The last issue of SALSSAH on COM (October 1983), is also available from Sales and Subscriptions priced at \$15.

D W Thorpe to move

After 25 years at its Spencer Street address, D W Thorpe (publisher of Australian Bookseller & Publisher, Weekly Book Newsletter, Australian Books in Print, etc) is moving on 27 April to 20-24 Stokes Street, Port Melbourne 3207. Postal address is PO Box 146, Port Melbourne 3207; telephone (03) 645-1511.

Forward listing of new Australian books

The April issue of Australian Bookseller & Publisher (mailing 4 April) contains the listing of Forthcoming Australian Books April to October 1984, by subject classification.

This is the fourth such listing by AB&P and follows a request by the Joint Standing Committee of the Book Trade (JSCBT) that Thorpes advise forward listings to allow greater purchase of Australian Books by libraries.

IASL Hawaii Conference 1984

For the first time, the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) will hold its annual conference in Honolulu, Hawaii. It will be held at the Kamehameha Schools from July 30 to August 3, 1984.

The Hawaii Association of School Librarians is organising the conference, with the following co-sponsors: Kamehameha Schools, State Department of Education, State Library System, University of Hawaii - Department of Education, University of Hawaii - Graduate School of Library Studies.

The main conference theme will be - School Libraries/Media Centers: Partners in Education, with sub-themes for each day. Activities will include plenary sessions with international and local speakers, local authors' luncheon, a session at the UH campus, tours of library facilities, opening reception, luau.

Registration fee is \$175.00 and includes lunches, opening reception, and luau (Hawaiian banquet). On-campus housing (at Kamehameha Schools) is an additional \$75.00 which includes Sunday dinner and all breakfasts.

A non-refundable registration deposit of \$25.00 per person is due April 30. Balance of conference fees should be paid by June 30, 1984. Myrna Nishihara and Kay Nagaishi are the co-ordinators of this conference.

For more information, please write to: IASL Hawaii Conference Co-ordinators Hawaii Association of School Librarians Box 23019 Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

Australian standards on microfiche

A new service is now available which provides the complete file of Australian Standards, Codes of Practice, Manuals and Handbooks on microfiche.

Provided to clients on an annual subscription basis, the service includes monthly updating and provision of a fiche reader and workstation with integrated panel stand.

It has been introduced to assist organisations who need to maintain complete sets of standards but are deterred by shortage of storage space, the constant problem of inserting updates and the initial cost of buying hardcopy standards.

AUSTRALIAN OMS INSTITUTES 1984

FOLLOWING THE successful introduction of the OMS Advanced Management Institutes in Australia last year in Sydney and Melbourne, the Australian Advisory Committee has made arrangements to hold two further live-in Institutes in Australia in 1984. Duane Webster, Director of OMS, Washington, will lead both Institutes to be held in Canberra 6-10 August and in Brisbane 20-24 August. Sessions will be for:

- Day 1: 5.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.
- Day 2,4: 9.00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.
- Day 3,5: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Total fee is \$600 covering tuition fees, notes, accommodation on a twin share basis and all meals.

Both Institutes are open to experienced qualified librarians in mid-level management or above positions in medium to large libraries. Enquiries may be made to Margaret Trask, Coordinator Australian OMS Advanced Management Institutes, C/- School of Library and Information Studies, Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education.

Since holding the 1983 Institutes, the Advisory Committee has continued planning for an Australian OMS type operation. As part of this planning the Committee supported Margaret Trask's attendance at the OMS Consultancy Training Program in Washington, D.C., in September. Margaret undertook a Consultancy in the Library of Congress as part of this Training Program and held further discussions with Duane Webster, Director of OMS, on future developments in Australia. Margaret will assist Duane at the 1984 Australian Institutes.

Early this year the Advisory Committee sought legal advice on setting up a company to continue the operations of the Australian OMS Institutes and other relevant services for Australian library services. Articles of Association, registration of the company name and the objectives and operating functions are now being prepared and it is expected that the not-for-profit company will be in position by the end of 1984.

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