

Can you help?

Brian Howes, PO Box 82 South, Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650, is working on a publication entitled *Guide to fine and rare Australasian books* and is anxious to contact the following antiquarian booksellers:

Abacus Books, (Harry and Elizabeth Schmitz), formerly of Nedlands, WA.

Australasian Fine Books, formerly of Woden, ACT.

Baron Books, formerly of Modbury, SA.

Bendigo Book Mine, (Mrs Veasey), formerly of Bendigo, VIC.

Bookfeller, formerly of Carlton South, NSW.

Caravaggio's Bookshop, formerly of Auckland, NZ.

City Bookshop, (Elizabeth Poole and Anthony Reeder), formerly of Dunedin, NZ.

Frances Dean, formerly of Hawthorn, VIC.

Ruth Gooch, formerly of Clayton, VIC.

Michael McNamara, formerly of Prahran, VIC.

Richard Pilcher, formerly of Mornington, VIC.

Joan Roach, formerly of Penshurst, NSW.

Norman Trinick, formerly of Mermaid Waters, QLD.

If you can help in locating any of these booksellers, Brian Howes will be delighted to receive details.

Non-sexist books

The Sugar and Snails Press advise that the third edition of the *Sugar and Snails Guide to Non-sexist Books for Children* is now available. Write to PO Box 276, Hawthorn 3122.

Two new picture story books have also been recently published by the Sugar and Snails Press. Details of all these are available from the Publicity Co-ordinator, Helen van der Pol on (03) 417 2873.

Government activities

Political Reference Service is a new information broking service providing access to government information.

Mr Peter Timmins, managing director of PRS, said that the service monitors parliamentary debate, news releases, speeches, reports and publications. Services can cover a single issue, such as the current taxation debate, or continuous items covering a broad range, according to the client's needs.

Additional information is available from Peter Timmins (062) 47 6950, or Sydney office (02) 232 8315.

Medical Librarians Conference

News from the organisers of the 6th Biennial Australian Medical Librarians Conference, to be held in Melbourne from 25-29 August 1985.

The introductory address at the official opening ceremony will be Professor Sir Gustav Nossal, Director of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research.

Other speakers at the conference include Mrs Nina Matheson, Professor Emeritus Kenneth F. Russell, Professor Bryan Gandevia, Mr John Balnaves, Professor Louis Waller — to name just a few!

More details and registration brochures are available from the LAA Medical Libraries Section, Conference Planning Committee, PO Box 103, South Yarra, Vic 3141. Phone Jo Marshall (03) 347 1511 or Jocelyn Dixon (03) 411 0261 ext. 563.

Australian Mineral Foundation video

The Australian Mineral Foundation has produced a video called *The AMF and mineral and petroleum information*. It is aimed at introducing professionals in the earth sciences to the extensive range of information services provided by the AMF and covers areas such as on-line searching, in particular the AESIS database.

The AMF says that the video is an excellent marketing tool and would interest any librarian considering the production of a video aimed at their clientele. Earth science librarians would find the video of particular interest.

Further information is available from Des Tellis, AMF, Private Bag 97, Glenside SA 5065.

Major Videotex seminar for Canberra

A major seminar on Videotex: The Emerging Information Tool will be held at Canberra College of Advanced Education on July 11 and 12, 1985. It is being organized by the Centre for Library and Information Studies and the Management and Policy Studies Centre at the College.

The keynote speaker will be Mr Chris Humphries, Council for Education Technology, U.K., who has worked with Prestel on a range of special projects. Other speakers will include representatives from Videotex systems and various government departments, as well as Mr Ian Hart, Instructional Media Centre, Canberra CAE.

Further information from Ms Sally Stevenson, Executive Officer, MAPS Centre, School of Administrative Studies, Canberra College of Advanced Education, PO Box 1, Belconnen, ACT 2616. Telephone: (062) 52 2941.

IMCA Newsletter reminder

The IMCA Newsletter is now only available on a subscription basis. The cost is \$5.00 per annum to LAA IMCA SIG Members, and to all others \$15.00. This includes IMCA membership and the Newsletter subscription.

Enquiries and/or payment to IMCA GPO Box 2128T, Melbourne 3001.

The Alexander Library

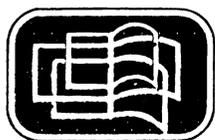
The official opening of Western Australia's \$36.8 million Alexander Library Building will take place on Tuesday, 18 June, the ceremony to be performed by the Hon. Premier Mr Brian Burke, MLA.

The closing of the old building was marked by an 'evening of nostalgia' on April 24, a gathering attended by many people including former State Librarian F.A. Sharr. The libraries have been open to the public in their new premises since April 29.

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