

Age Book of the Year

The 1984 *Age* Book of the Year was presented on 7 December. Two prizes of \$2000 were awarded, one for the best novel or other work of imaginative writing, the other for the best work of non-fiction. *The Bellarmine Jug* by Nicholas Hasluck (Penguin) won the award for imaginative writing and was named The *Age* Book of the Year. *H.B. Higgins: The Rebel as Judge* by John Rickard (George Allen & Unwin) was named the best work of non-fiction.

Indexing and how to do it

The Australian Society of Indexers is proposing to offer a short course in indexing commencing in February 1985. Presented on behalf of the Society by the Department of Librarianship of Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, there will be five two-hour sessions, from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm, on the following dates: Feb 25, Mar 4, Mar 18, Mar 25, Apr 1.

The cost, including all materials and mid-session refreshments, will be \$75. 1985 membership of the Society will be a requirement of participation.

For a detailed prospectus of the proposed course, contact The Secretary, Australian Society of Indexers, Box 1251L, GPO, Melbourne, 3001 by 14 December.

Scholarship in children's book publishing

Applications are now open for the *Sharon Lerner Scholarship for Professionals in Children's Book Publishing*, the purpose of which is to offer individuals the opportunity to observe the US publishing scene and in turn give American publishers more information about book publishing in other countries.

To be eligible, applicants must have a minimum of five years experience in book publishing, preferably in editing, production of foreign rights sales, and be currently employed in the children's book publishing field. Written applications will be received until 1 April 1985.

For more information write to Mary Cajacob, The Sharon Lerner Scholarship, C/- Lerner Publications Company, 241 First Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401, USA.

Another URICA purchase

Brisbane has signed a contract with AWA for the purchase of the URICA Integrated Library System. Monograph Acquisitions, Cataloguing, Enquiry, Circulation and OPAC modules have been purchased.

Stage 1 of the system comprises the Sequel 9051 and 24 terminal devices. Cataloguing will be the first module implemented. All modules will be installed in 1985. In Stage 1, only Carseldine and Kedron Park campuses will have online circulation and OPAC. It is planned to expand the system over the next three years until public services on all four campuses are online.

The project co-ordinator is Margaret Robertson, to whom enquiries may be directed at Resource Centre, Brisbane CAE, Kelvin Grove Campus, Victoria Park Road, Kelvin Grove. Q. 4059.
Margaret Robertson

Braille library to computerise

On January 10 the Victorian Minister for Employment and Training, Mr Jim Simmonds, announced a CEP Grant, totalling \$1,024,309.00, to the Braille and Talking Book Library. This will enable the Library to employ 37 previously unemployed people for one year, and to purchase equipment to enable all its records to be computerised.

The project will enable the Library, founded in 1894, to eliminate its waiting list of 200 borrowers. For the last two years the cassette book department has had to enforce a waiting list of up to six months (due to staff ceilings imposed in 1982) — surely the only public library in Australia to have to do so.

The Braille and Talking Book Library became a public library in 1980, and has been partly funded since then by an Annual Grant based on 3% of total public library funds — an amount of \$442,500 in 1984.

It is also a publisher of books and magazines in braille and audio formats, using forty volunteer braille transcribers who post in their completed braille sheets to be proofread at the Library. In the audio production area, the Library has four fully equipped studios in its South Yarra building and uses professional actors and actresses to record titles chosen by the Book Selection Committee for production.

Since 1980, the Library has expanded its services to print handicapped readers — anyone who is unable to read, manipulate or comprehend standard print material with ease.

The books are delivered and returned by Free Post to borrowers in every state of Australia, although 80 percent of the Library's users live in Victoria.

National Word Festival

The National Word Festival will take place from 9-11 March at University House, ANU Canberra.

An interesting line up of writers taking part includes Doris Bessing, Tom Shapcott, Elizabeth Jolley, Victor Kellehen, Rodney Hall and Thea Astley.

The programme is full and interesting, dealing with many aspects of writing — there's even a session about scientific writing entitled 'An agony without ecstasy'.

To find out more write to PO Box 508, Civic Square ACT 2608.

The story of Greece

A new publication about which information has recently been received is *The Greeks — their struggle for independence*. The author is Peter H. Paroulakis, a graduate of law from the University of Melbourne and Consul of Greece in the Northern Territory.

The book, described by the publishers as an irreplaceable and permanent source of modern Greek history, culture and tradition, costs \$23.50, plus \$3.50 post and packing and is available from Hellenic International Press, GPO Box 3070, Darwin NT.

In brief

The Department of Librarianship, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology has a new phone number — (03) 660 2900.

The State Library of SA is presenting an exhibition entitled *Women From Missions*, part of the first Aboriginal Women's Arts Festival.

Records dating from 1894 from the Sydney hardware retailers, Nock and Kirby, have been donated to the State Library of NSW.

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The Eliza Stories by Barry Pain.

The Lost World of the Kalahari by Laurens van der Post.

Further Amendments to the Copyright Act in Relation to Photocopying

The Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 2) 1984 was passed by Parliament before the Senate rose prior to the election. It includes several amendments to the Copyright Act in relation to photocopying which have been discussed at the Attorney-General's Department's Monitoring Committee.

It should be stressed that these amendments cover photocopying only. The long awaited changes to audio-visual copyright (copyright in 'other than works') are still over the horizon. The amendments are detailed and complex but can be simply described in general terms.

The definition of 'educational institution' has been extended in order to permit more bodies to take advantage of the multiple copying provisions in Sections 53A-D. The definitions now include schools of nursing and the educational activities of hospitals and teacher education centres. However, apart from the latter, it is still the case that the only institutions which are eligible are those which have as their *principal* function the provision of education. Educational functions of institutions whose principal purpose is not education, eg training courses within commercial firms or educational activities of public libraries, are excluded. Within the definitions, the Attorney-General can declare an institution to be a central records authority, an educational institution or an institution assisting handicapped readers.

The expected alteration to S.40 which would have specifically prevented use of the Fair Dealing section to circumvent S.49 and S.53 is not included in the amendments.

Copying by Parliamentary Libraries for the sole purpose of assisting a member of Parliament in the performance of duties as a member is now specifically exempted from Copyright infringement.

Amendments to S.49 go a considerable distance towards meeting library problems in satisfying requests from remote users. Such a person may make a request to an 'authorised officer' of a library for a copy in the usual terms and also make a declaration that it is for research and study, that a copy has not been previously supplied and that 'by reason of the

remoteness of the person's location the person cannot conveniently furnish . . . a request and declaration . . . soon enough to enable the copy to be supplied to the person before the time by which the person requires it'. Neither the request nor declaration in such cases needs to be made in writing. On receipt the authorised officer can make a declaration setting out the particulars of the request and declaration and also stating that the claim of remoteness is true. This declaration by the authorised officer, of course, must be in writing.

Section 50(7) has been redrafted. It is now clear that the only case in which the requesting library needs to make a declaration in relation to an inter-library loan, as distinct from the request and declaration received from the user, is where the copy is required for inclusion in the collection of the library making the request and has previously been supplied, or where the request is for a copy of more than a reasonable portion of a work. This redrafting eliminates the confusion which was generated by varying interpretations of the clause which has now been replaced leading to what was known as the 'double declaration'.

There is also an addition to S.53D which eliminates a problem relating to making copies for handicapped users. Previously there was no express provision for an intermediate copy to be made in the course of creating a handicapped reader's copy. The making of an intermediate copy, described as a 'prescribed reproduction' is now permitted but it must only be used for making copies for handicapped readers and must be destroyed after three months.

Finally there is a large group of amendments to the penalty clauses requiring the keeping of records and declarations. In general terms the revisions are intended to ensure that individuals and administering bodies are penalised only when they *wilfully* disregard their responsibilities. It is now most unlikely that penalties would be imposed for inadvertent breach of the provisions or breaches which were beyond the control of the responsible individuals or administering bodies.

Finally it becomes an offence for copyright owners or their agents to go on fishing expeditions through records and declarations. A new clause attempts to meet the fears of educational institutions that agencies would hunt through their records in order to find additional copyright owners on whose behalf the agent could then seek to act.

One change which had been mooted has not occurred. This was the suggestion that the date in the annotation on copies should be the same as that on requests and declarations. Using identical dates would appear logical but it does not suit the existing practice in many libraries.

It is not at all clear whether the 'remote user' provisions will permit libraries to supply what have been termed 'non-specific requests', that is where a remote user wants information but cannot nominate the specific articles or books which may contain it. Librarians may feel a need to discuss with their legal advisers whether it is necessary having found relevant information to go through the additional step of contacting the remote user to inform him/her of the bibliographical details of the relevant items and having the remote user formally make a specific verbal request.

In general terms, however, the amendments clear up several anomalies. They don't, of course, remove the need to keep records which many libraries find cumbersome. Record keeping is the price which Australian libraries and educational institutions pay in return for more permissive photocopying legislation than yet exists in other countries with which we share our legal tradition.

F.D.O. Fielding
29 November, 1984

Moving towards greater literacy

California's Literacy Campaign got off to a good start with the granting of funds totalling \$2,635,000.

Garry E. Strong, the State Librarian, said that it was a significant step for the state to take on behalf of the millions of adults in California needing help in learning to read and write in English. A programme has been approved to expand the current adult literacy services to new communities.

LAA Handbooks — back numbers

Miss Janet Hine, 31 Fairfax Road, Mosman has copies of the LAA Handbook for 1952, 1959, 1960 and from 1962 onwards. If anyone would like them, free of charge, would they please contact Miss Hine on 969 7594. The new owner would have to organise cartage.

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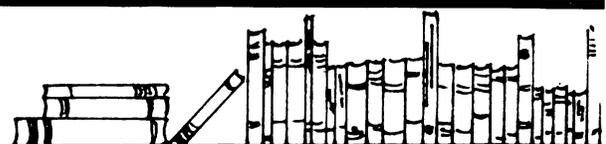
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LIVING TOGETHER

The theme of the Australian Bicentenary 'Living Together' is likely to play an integral part in the theme of the 1988 IFLA Conference. The Secretary-General of IFLA greeted the theme with enthusiasm when told of it by the Executive Director during her visit to IFLA Headquarters in December, and considered it to be a most appropriate theme for a conference such as IFLA.

Of concern to members and certainly Council is the matter of funding the IFLA Conference. It is obvious from the Executive Director's meeting, that IFLA is very enthusiastic about the 1988 Conference in Australia, and while major decisions regarding the Conference must be approved by the IFLA Executive, they are willing to give careful consideration to any proposals put forward.

'A core theme . . . could be exciting'

Initial discussions with Margreet Wijnstroom, IFLA Secretary-General, have been encouraging. She has expressed interest in both the possibility of a contiguous LAA/IFLA Conference as well as the opportunity to start thinking innovatively about the pattern of IFLA conferences. The possibility of building on a core theme for both conferences (or both parts of a linked conference) could be quite exciting.

Over the next few months the IFLA Conference Committee will be looking at ways in which the Conference costs might be minimised, and a series of proposals will be discussed with the IFLA Executive at the Chicago Conference in August. The Chicago Conference will also be used to provide suggestions to the Sections of IFLA regarding the 1988 program and a list of possible speakers to ensure as much Australian content as possible.

The proposed timetable and Conference format are to be considered by the Executive Board of IFLA at its meeting on 16 March.

While these proposals are being considered the 1988 IFLA and Biennial Conference Committees have set up an 'executive' management group and some joint sub-committees — trade exhibits, venues and facilities, finance and sponsorship, accommodation — to ensure that economies of scale are achieved and there is a lack of duplication.

The Committees have also commissioned a graphic artist to draw up some possible logos for the conferences. Once a logo has been agreed upon all issues relating to the conferences will be publicised under the logo.

Sponsorship will be an important element in conference planning. The Committee believes that a carefully developed campaign and sponsorship package will be required to attract support. While this is being developed the Conference Treasurer is drawing up a wide-reaching list of potential sponsors to whom the sponsorship package will be presented.

The Executive Director also had the opportunity to visit the UK Library Association during her overseas holiday and was able to discuss the 1987 Brighton IFLA Conference with the appropriate LA staff. A meeting of LA and LAA Committees has been organised for the Chicago Conference for as many members of both Conference Committees as are able to attend. The LA Committee will be able to provide the LAA with all financial information they have to hand at that time. This should greatly assist the LAA in its ongoing financial planning for the Conference.

'Regular reports on a continuing basis'

As indicated in the General Council report, Council reaffirmed its commitment to provide the membership with regular reports on a continuing basis, including on the programming, organisation, financial and other implications of the IFLA Conference to the Association, and the likely effect of the IFLA Conference on the 1988 national conference.' (GC 204/84)

It is the Planning Committee's intention to provide the membership with regular reports of IFLA developments through *InCite*.

B. Mitcheson
Chairman

IFLA Planning Committee

Special Libraries Association to meet in Canada

News from New York is that the Special Libraries Association will hold its 76th Annual Conference from June 8-13 1985, in Winnipeg, Canada. It will be jointly sponsored with the Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services.

The conference theme is The Information Specialist: A Bridge to the New Communications, and, as well as distinguished speakers at the general sessions, there will be an exhibit of products and services representing the information business, and professional development programs including management training and continuing education courses. More than 200 programs will be presented under the direction of SLA's divisions, to include on-line cataloguing; biotechnology; marketing; electronic publishing; career pathing; videotex and personnel management.

SLA is an international professional association with more than 11,500 members who work in special libraries serving business, research, government, universities, newspapers, museums, institutions, and organizations that use or produce specialized information. SLA is organized in 54 regional chapters and 29 divisions representing subject interests and fields or types of information handling techniques.

For more information contact Martha Johnson, Special Libraries Association, 235 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10003.

DDC Liaison Committee

At the 1984 Annual General Meeting of the LAA Cataloguers' Section, a motion was accepted to reconvene the DDC Liaison Committee, and Andrew Wells was elected convenor.

State groups of the Cataloguers' Section will be contacted shortly regarding representation on the Committee. Meanwhile, any comments and queries regarding the Committee can be forwarded to Andrew Wells, Cataloguing Department, University of New South Wales Library, PO Box 1, Kensington NSW 2033.

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