

The important issues

wonder if we over-reacted to the *Harpers Bazaar* advertisement. It certainly stirred up a lot of letters and phone calls resulted. It was not the most important issue facing the profession in 1985 and to achieve a sense of balance I suggest that all of us who talked and wrote letters about *Harpers Bazaar* should now spend proportionately more time doing something about:

- the changed federal FOI rules
- the cessation of federal funding for school libraries after 1985
- the need for a national information policy
- Commonwealth assistance for public libraries, etc.


For many similar issues where widespread political pressure will improve or protect library services.

John Brudenell
November 19, 1985

The name of the game

Having worked in a library with no books and currently being employed in Community Information, I find the term 'Librarian' to be inaccurate. I refer to myself as an Informologist in the profession of Informology.

Ann Brennan
Albury



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Conferences Coming Up
AMPLA Tenth Annual Conference

The Australian Mining and Petroleum Law Association will be conducting a conference at the Regent Hotel, Melbourne between 9-12 July 1986 to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the Association. A special feature of the Conference will be an address by Professor Geoffrey Blainey on the contribution made by mining to Victorian society. For applications and further information contact AMPLA, 160 Owen St Melbourne. (03) 67 2544.

The New Information Professionals

The Singapore/Malaysia Congress of Librarians and Information Scientists has invited a panel of experts from Malaysia, Singapore and elsewhere to discuss innovations and developments in areas of information technology related to the book trade, the media, publishing, information and data management at a conference to be held in Singapore from 4-6 September 1986.

Jointly organised by the Singapore Library Association and the Persatuan Perpustakaan Malaysia, the keynote address will be given by James Thompson, Librarian of the University of Reading. The congress will be held at the Hilton Hotel, Orchard Rd, Singapore. Registration S\$180/US\$90 and will be limited to 200 participants.

For further information contact: Ms Lim Kek Hwa, Secretary Singapore/Malaysia Congress C/- National Library, Stanford Rd Singapore 0617. Tel: 331 9671. Tlx: RS 26620.

WILLIAMSON AWARD IN INFORMATION SCIENCE

The 1985 Robert D Williamson Award has been won by Hans J. Zwillenberg. The Award which he won from 10 others considered by the Committee acknowledges his contribution to the development of Information Science in Australia.

Important steps in this country's information science development were achieved by Hans' involvement in ADSATIS (Australian Defence Scientific and Technical Information Service), in the Defence Information Exchange Agreement between Australia, the US and the UK, and, with Barbara McDonough from the Defence Group Libraries, his organising of Australia's first exercise in resource sharing.

Hans produced a Directory of Information Sources for Industry and also worked on the industry information network, preparing the first directory of computer-based information services available to the public in Australia.

In the National Library he became the Director, Technology and set up the Australian Industry Information Network Liaison Committee.

Hans' activities have ranged beyond his profession. As well as conferences and meetings associated with information science he has also developed his keen interest in military history.

The cash award of \$550, plus a framed Certificate were presented to Hans by Mrs Enid Williamson at the VALA Conference Dinner held at the Melbourne Town House in November 1985.

ABA LIBRARY SUPPLY GROUPS

A meeting at Tullamarine last month led to the formation of a new group within the ABA. It is seen by the ABA as an extension of the work of the Book Trade Committee.

There appeared to be a need to develop the industry and to establish a ready means of identifying reputable suppliers. It is hoped that subscription agents will also join; it was felt that one organisation would best serve all interests.

Standards for membership were written into the constitution, and the ABA executive approval will be sought. Membership will thus assure customers and suppliers that minimum standards are being met.

The objectives of the group are:

- 1.) The promotion and lawful protection of the interests of Library Suppliers and the setting of professional standards which are included in the constitution in order to ensure members meet the required standards.
- 2.) The provision of facilities to aid in gathering, analysing and disseminating information affecting the library supply trade and a rational forum for discussion.
3. Liaising with other associations, in particular the LAA and ABPA, with a view to improving communication standards and business practices in Australia.

Bill Mason of Mason's Book Centre has been appointed Chairman, Andy Dakers of James Bennett Pty Ltd, Secretary, Richard Young of SA Express Books, Treasurer, and the fourth member of the executive is Nick Krins of DA Books.


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