

Fellowship for Frances Bluhdorn

Frances Bluhdorn, librarian at the Susman library at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, has been selected as the 1986/87 Cunningham Fellowship by the US Medical Library Association. The Medical Library Association administers this fellowship for medical librarians from countries outside the US or Canada. The six-month programme provides for observation and supervised work in one or more medical libraries in the US or Canada, a limited amount of travel, and an opportunity to attend continuing education courses at the annual meeting of the Medical Library Association. The purpose of the fellowship is to educate and train medical librarians from countries outside the continental US, in areas where improved medical library service is essential to the health and welfare of the people through the education of physicians and scientists. Frances plans to undertake the fellowships during the first half of 1986.

Library work with children

Librarians who wish to gain a better understanding of children's literature and children's library services may be interested to know that places are available in RMIT's second semester subject 'Library Work with children'. This subject is an elective taken in the fourth year of the Bachelor of Social Science (Librarianship). The subject is offered on Monday afternoons for four hours per week for fourteen weeks starting on 14 July (excluding a two-week break in late August). Participation in this subject will involve reading, seminars, group and discussion work, field attachment to a children's library, and completion of written exercises, reviews and investigations.

Participants will be formally enrolled at RMIT and receive a transcript of results on successful completion of the subject. Registration fee for the semester long course is \$200. Further enquiries: John Adams or Marianne Broadbent, 03 660 2900. Registration details: Pam Kealey, 03 660 2313.

Staff development newsletter

SACAE Library has just produced the first issue of *Staff development in Australian libraries — an occasional newsletter* which has been mailed to major libraries.

Staff Development Librarian at SACAE, Jane Hiscock, compiles the newsletter and explains that it is an attempt to launch a newsletter which facilitates the exchange of information about staff development in Australian libraries. It is intended to produce two or three issues a year which will be distributed gratis until the end of 1987.

Requests to be placed on the mailing list should be sent to:

Library Publications
SA College of Advanced Education Library
Holbrooks Rd
Underdale SA 5032.

Jane also welcomes news about staff development sent to her at the above address.

TELEX/FAX/electronic mail survey

SACAE Library has completed a survey of telex/fax/electronic mail installations in major Australian and New Zealand libraries. Copies of the results have been supplied to residents or may be requested from

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SA College of Advanced Education
Holbrooks Road
UNDERDALE SA 5032
Telephone (08) 352 0011 Telex SACLIB
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The good life

Grass Roots keeps coming up with the goods, covering craft and self-sufficiency for down-to-earth people.

The April issue covers many topics — hydroponics, tanning, tofu, lice and goats — and for the incurably romantic there's even a poem entitled 'Manure Bags'!

Enquiries to Box 764, Shepparton 3630.

A new face at Library Locums

Catherine Hill is the new Assistant Manager at Library Locums. A professionally qualified Librarian with a postgraduate diploma from the University of New South Wales, Catherine has worked in public and special libraries as well as doing a stint in the business world which Marion Nicolson, Manager of Library Locums believes is the right background to understand the wide-ranging needs of their customers.

Catherine handles applicant interviews and selects the right person for each job from Library Locums' computerised database of candidates. She can be contacted on (02) 699 1991.



Join your library and become a person

Library cards have gained official status, in South Australia at least.

In an official notice, headed DRIVER LICENSING—PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION (sic), the different documents that are acceptable as proof of identity include, along with passports, security cards etc, a library card.

Perhaps a national campaign to encourage everyone to join a library might be more popularly received than the issue of identity cards for everyone.

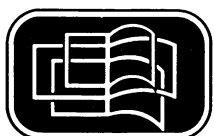
Libraries and the community

A recent report in the *Sydney Morning Herald* says that within five years libraries in Britain will have computer touch screens on the outside walls of the building to provide information about community services, books and writers.

Among other projects which are moving library and information services rapidly into the reach of wider and wider sections of the community is a project called Pirats which is a database of local amenities which covers such basic services as babysitting and meals on wheels.

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Find the answer with AUSTRALIS

AUSTRALIS is a new outline information retrieval service from CSIRO. And it covers such diverse topics as to who's conducting research into the Crown of Thorns Starfish in Australia and—their publicity handout says—what it would be like in a precast concrete coffin. I can't help thinking that anyone whose condition suggested that they should be enclosed in a coffin, precast concrete or traditional wood, would no longer be in a state where they could be the source for information about the coffin as an environment.

However there's no doubt that the database covers a wide range of information. It's available throughout Australia on CSIRONET 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and to the rest of the world on OTC MIDAS.

Enquiries to CSIRO PO Box 89, East Melbourne, Vic 3002. (03) 418 7333.

Annual writing competition

Entries are invited for the inaugural Judah Waten Story Writing Competition.

This is an endeavour of the City of Box Hill and the Box Hill-Doncaster Regional Library to commemorate Judah Waten and his role in supporting, encouraging and promoting the creative arts.

Prize money totals \$750.00 and further details and conditions of entry may be obtained from Catherine Earley on Catherine Harboe-Ree at PO box 65, Box Hill, Vic 3128 (03) 890 1002.

They've got it covered

The Centre for Library Studies at the Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education has a lively and varied publishing programme.

The range covers a variety of topics—for example they have just issued a reprint of the *Narrandera Mechanics Institute of Books: 1899*—a glimpse of the very early years of a Riverina library.

Keeping in touch with what today's students need led to publishing a folder for school use, entitled *Explorations into the Interior of Australia*.

Many other titles are available from a list that covers Australian history, children's books, library history, computers in school libraries and the information profession.

Find out more from the Co-ordinator Centre for Library Studies, PO Box 588, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 47th Annual General Meeting of the Library Association of Australia will be held in Darwin on Wednesday, 2 July 1986, commencing at 9 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Notice convening meeting.
2. Welcome and apologies.
3. Presentation of awards.
4. Minutes of the 1985 Annual General Meeting.
5. Presentation of 1985 Annual Report and Balance Sheet, and Income and Expenditure Account.
6. Presentation of supplementary Balance Sheet and supplementary Income and Expenditure Account to 31 May 1986.
7. Appointment of auditors.
8. Council report on Corporate Plan and Review.
9. General business (see 2 below).

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. That the LAA bestow a special honour on all members of 50 years standing, to be awarded during the Jubilee celebrations in 1987. (ACT Branch)
2. That the LAA honour members of at least 25 years standing with its Letter of Recognition. (ACT Branch)
3. That the proposed changes to the membership fee structure from 1987 onwards be automatically subject to a plebiscite of members before ratification by General Council and that General Council must abide by the results of the plebiscite. (ACT Branch)
4. That this meeting supports in principle the transfer of the LAAHQ from Sydney to Canberra and requests the Executive to examine the feasibility of such a move. (John Yocklunn)

Rules of Meeting

1. All motions to be put to the AGM must appear in this published agenda.
2. The only items that may be raised under General Business are those of an informal nature, or those that are within the scope of the business already laid down. Motions of a substantial nature relating to items not covered in the notice of the meeting will not be allowed.
3. If an item of urgency arises which is not within the business of the meeting the chairman has the power to accept it without notice, or rule that due notice must be given.
4. All motions additional to those on the printed agenda and in accordance with 2 above, and amendments shall be written in triplicate and signed by the movers (forms will be provided), one copy to be delivered to the Chair, the second to the projectionist, the third to the mover.
5. When addressing the Chair, speakers will properly identify themselves by name and library. Only LAA members may speak.
6. Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker, no speaker may have the floor twice on the same question until all who wish to speak have spoken.
7. Proxies. To be valid proxies must be in the form set out in By-law 15 and in the hands of the General Secretary (Ms Jan Cree) by 30 June 1986. Proxy forms must not specify how the holder of the proxy is to vote on specific issues.
8. By general consent, if there be no objection, or by a two-thirds vote, any rule governing the debate may be suspended.
9. The Chairman's rulings on procedural matters may not be debated. The reference for rules and their interpretation by the Parliamentarian will be Joske's *The law and procedure at meetings in Australia and New Zealand* 7th ed., 1982. A Parliamentarian will be appointed to advise the Chairman on procedure and to assist in determining the results of a poll of members present if necessary.

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