

## New Library for Maitland

The Maitland School/Community Library situated in the Maitland Area School was officially opened by Mr J. Crawford, Chairman of the Libraries Board of South Australia on Wednesday 11 June.

This library service is supplied jointly by the District Council of Central Yorke Peninsula, the District Council of Clinton, the Maitland Area School, the Education Department and the Libraries Board of South Australia.

The whole community as well as the school will use the library's services. The 37th such part-time service to be established in South Australia, it brings the total number of public libraries in the state to 118.

Maitland and the surrounding districts have not been well served for many years by the Maitland Institute Library which was established in 1880, the Ardrossan Institute library which was established in 1878, and the Port Victoria Institute which was established in 1893. However, with the establishment of the School/Community Library at Maitland, and branch libraries at Ardrossan and Port Victoria, the Institutes will be dissolved.

In addition to school materials, a bookstock of 7,700 volumes will be made available to cater for a population of 5,500. It includes a wide range of adult fiction, a children's collection and a collection of non-fiction books on various subjects. Large print books and cassette books are available and the collection also includes cassettes, paperbacks and a wide range of popular periodicals. Like all other libraries in this State the Maitland School/Community Library will have access to the Central multi-cultural collection which is held by the Public Libraries Branch. In addition to the library will, by participating in the inter-library loan system, have access to the 1.8 million volumes held in public libraries throughout the state.

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Country Services Librarian



## LAA Study Grant Awards for 1987

THE LIBRARY Association of Australia will make funds available each year to support practising librarians wishing to undertake a study project. The number of awards in any year will depend upon the funds available and the estimated costs of proposals received.

The Association's intention in offering study grants is to provide an opportunity for librarians to undertake projects they would otherwise be unable to do because of the time and costs involved.

### Conditions

- Available to a practising librarian in a supervisory or middle management position, with a minimum of three years' experience in library and information work.
- For the purpose of undertaking a study program on a selected library/information issue or problem of present and future relevance to the development and improvement of library and information services in Australia.
- The study may include opportunity for preliminary work, local or overseas visits/consultations, attachment to another organisation, preparation of a publication, further educational qualification.
- The study is to culminate in a written report in two parts, provided to the Association. The first is a chronological summary of the project components together with a statement of the value derived, provided within one month of the project's culmination. The second component is a comprehensive report provided within four months of the project's culmination.
- It is expected that the study project will provide an opportunity for self development as well as benefit to the successful applicant's institution and present position.
- The award is not intended to be used to fund research projects.
- Applicants should complete an application form which gives:
  - A brief description of the study project, including aims; benefits to the individual and to the institution; possible outcomes of a project.
  - Identification and reasons for choice of particular institutions, persons or activities.
  - Itinerary, timetable, travel/accommodation costs involved.
  - Details of any other funds or facilities being provided for the study project.
  - A curriculum vitae.
  - 2 referees' reports.
- Applicants must be financial members of the LAA.

Application forms are available from LAA House and applications for an award in 1987 should reach the Assistant Executive Director, LAA House, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007 by 30 September 1986.

## GOVERNMENT OF TASMANIA

The Government of Tasmania is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are invited from persons regardless of sex, marital status, ethnic origin or disability.

### STATE LIBRARIAN

The Government of Tasmania is seeking a strongly motivated and energetic person with appropriate qualifications and background for appointment to the position of State Librarian.

The State Librarian, under the direction and control of the Minister for Education and the Arts, is responsible for the management of the State Library Department, the provision of free library services in the State of Tasmania, as required by the Libraries Act 1984, and the control and direction of the State Archivist, as required under the Archives Act 1983.

The State Library Department encompasses the State Reference Library, Government agency libraries, public library services throughout the State, the Archives Office of Tasmania, and the State Microfilm Bureau. The present staff is approximately 540 full-time and part-time, and the budget for 1985/86 was in the order of \$11,000,000.

Primary tasks include the development of policies concerning library and archives services for consideration and approval by Government, the determination of key aims, objectives and strategies to ensure the more efficient and effective management of the Department, serving as Executive Member of the Tasmanian Library Advisory Board, and on other appropriate State and national bodies associated with the advancement of library and information services.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** It is highly desirable that the successful applicant will have eligibility for professional membership of the Library Association of Australia or other relevant tertiary qualifications appropriate to the position and in addition will have:

- Extensive knowledge and experience of a broadly based management role encompassing the direction of staff, the allocation of resources and the development of corporate plans and strategies to achieve organisational goals.
- Extensive knowledge of current trends, developments and issues in information management, preferably with library and archives experience.
- Ability to manage major on-going integration of a number of related information services throughout the State.
- Ability to convince staff and motivate others outside the Department to co-operate in the resolution of difficult and sometimes conflicting objectives.
- Extensive experience in the adaptation of corporate policies guidelines to meet new and unusual issues and in the development of new policies and guidelines to supplement existing policies, preferably in a library environment.
- Capable of innovation in resolving issues in circumstances where data sometimes needs to be synthesised in order to evaluate various options.
- Demonstrated ability for achievement of specific and quantifiable objectives within approved budgets.

**SALARY:** \$54,162 per annum, plus an Expenses-of-Office Allowance of \$1000 per annum.

**LOCATION:** Hobart

**TERM OF APPOINTMENT:** To be negotiated with the successful applicant.

**CONDITIONS OF SERVICE:** Conditions of service will be similar to those applicable to permanent officers employed under the Tasmanian State Service Act 1984 and will include four weeks annual leave, long service leave accruing at the rate of nine days per year and available after ten years, and generous sick leave provisions.

**SUPERANNUATION:** Subject to passing a medical examination, the successful applicant may contribute to the Retirement Benefits Fund.

**REMOVAL EXPENSES:** Assistance with removal expenses and air fares will be provided.

Applications should be marked 'Confidential State Librarian' and must include particulars of age, qualifications, experience, present position, earliest available commencement date and the names of at least two referees.

Applications close with the Secretary Department of Public Administration G.P.O. Box 1428 Hobart Tasmania 7001 by 5.00pm on 16 July 1986.

### McLUHAN IS THE MESSAGE!

At noon on 23 July at the Dept. of Library and Information Studies, WAIT, Steve Connor and Peter Maskell will speak on Marshall McLuhan. The talk will be entitled 'Marshall McLuhan 75th Anniversary of his Birth: a reassessment.' Everyone is welcome to come along — and bring your lunch as well!

## COMPUTING RESEARCH COLLECTION

### CSIRONET Library and Information Service **Reduced service**

CSIRONET was created on 1 January 1985 as an autonomous unit of CSIRO, to provide computing services on a commercial basis. This role has led to a rationalization of activities, and consequently, the library collection and services are being very significantly reduced.

From 1 July 1986 we regret that we will only be able to respond to requests for material uniquely held by this library.



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