

## IBBY Peace Poster

The International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) organises International Children's Book Day to bring to the attention of both children and adults throughout the world, the best that is offering in imaginative literature for the young as well as the joys and advantages of reading.

This is one way of creating and fostering peace and international understanding among young people — one of the main aims of IBBY and particularly relevant in this 1986 International Year of Peace. Reading books written by people from other countries allows children to learn of other cultures regardless of race, colour or creed.

Each year a different national section of IBBY is invited to sponsor International Children's Book Day. The sponsoring nation produces a poster designed by an outstanding illustrator of children's books and a message written by a distinguished author for distribution to all member nations. To date the following nations have been sponsors of this day: Britain, USA, Sweden, Denmark, Iran, Yugoslavia, France, Austria, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Poland, Cyprus, Brazil, Venezuela and Australia.

Australia was the sponsor in 1978 and produced a superb poster designed by Robert Ingpen and an exciting message written by Colin Tiele entitled 'A World of Living in Books.' Australia will again be the sponsor in 1988, our bicentennial year, with the financial support of the Bicentennial Authority.

Czechoslovakia is the sponsoring nation for 1986. It is said that art is the second language

of the Czechs and a beautiful poster has been designed by the prizewinning illustrator Dusan Kallay. The inscription 'Let No One Steal the Sun!' is in six languages — English, French, German, Spanish, Czech and Russian. This truly multicultural message was written by the outstanding author Rudo Moric.

International Children's Book Day is celebrated throughout the world, on April 2, on the birthdate of the master of storytelling Hans Christian Andersen. But the idea is an everlasting one and the poster and its message will be a lasting source of pleasure.

Order the poster from Australian IBBY at a cost of \$8 each including postage.

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## AACOBS Research Grants

AACOBS has funds available to support research and development projects in library and information studies. Projects relating to theoretical and practical aspects of library resource development, library management, organisation and services, information retrieval and the transfer of information could attract financial support from AACOBS. Only in exceptional cases will funds be allocated to projects of an on-going nature.

Applications for funding during 1986-87 will close on 31 August 1986.

The AACOBS Working Party on Research and Development has compiled a list of items to assist potential applicants. Copies of this material and the application forms are available from: The Secretary, AACOBS, PO Box E202, Queen Victoria Terrace, ACT 2600.

## AEI Users' Course

The Editors of the Australian Education Index have decided to hold a users course this year. The aim is to bring users up-to-date with developments to the database and publications, and in doing so respond to numerous enquiries received about them.

AEI scans approximately 350 Australian periodicals, 500 overseas periodicals, 1,000 books, reports, collections, tests and monographs each year. In addition, the database of over 25,000 records includes 1,350 thesis entries.

AEI subject scope is extensive, including all available Australian materials in education, library and information science and related fields of psychology, sociology, administration, training, labour economics, and the social and behavioural sciences. AEI's coverage has altered over the years, reflecting the developments in the literature and research. Issues such as youth unemployment are covered from their social, economic and psychological perspectives, not simply from their educational perspective. This same trend is also evident with other subjects.

The course intends covering these and other aspects of AEI and educational information retrieval. Those attending will be given a chance to work through the new revised and expanded AEI users manual.

For further information please contact Elizabeth Oley or Elspeth Miller at ACER (03) 819 1400.

## Information at your fingertips

The Erindale Centre Library (Canberra) has installed a CCS (IBM compatible) microcomputer to handle community information needs. The computer will be used to maintain up-to-date information files and mailing lists for local community groups. Software was selected to be as easy to use as possible as members of the local community will be given access for database and wordprocessing applications.

The equipment was purchased through a CEP grant and a CEP employee has been trained to enter data which will be updated and used as required by community groups.

The computer will be made available to public users generally, as part of the Library's plan to make computing facilities available to all.

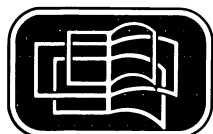
## TEA WITH DICK BRUNA

The Children's Book Council have organised a tea party with Dick Bruna on April 12 at Nielsen Park from 3-5 pm (so long as it doesn't rain!). Dick Bruna will be talking and signing books. Contact Jill Greenwood 925 8150, or 969 7192 (home).

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