



IN THE NEWS

Hey! write your own

As a part of Children's Book Week the WA Branch of the CBC has organised a story/illustrating competition for budding junior authors. Three prizes will be awarded in each of the four age categories for best picture book and best storybook. The names of prize winners will be listed in the *West Australian* and the prizes will be awarded at the beginning of Children's Book Week.

Entries should be sent to 'Make Your Own Story Book Competition' C/ The Singing Tree, Children's Book Centre, 10 Armagh St, Victoria Park WA. For further information contact: Mary Gimodo or Carole Draper (09) 425 7378.

Living together — the wider view

Until recently Australians saw their society as homogeneous — white, English-speaking and culturally and intellectually British. Yet this was never wholly true and formed the core of a myth which is now very out of date,' says Dr James Jupp, General Editor of *The Encyclopaedia of the Australian People*.

The encyclopedia which is a feature of The Australian Bicentennial Authority's national program, will be illustrated and will bring together contributions from 245 authors Australia-wide in one large volume. It will be the first reference work dealing with the successive waves of immigration and settlement in Australia.

The Authority has commissioned the Re-

search School of Social Sciences at the Australian National University to co-ordinate and prepare the encyclopedia which will be published by Angus and Robertson in late 1988.

Aussie books on tour

The Australian Library Promotion Council and the Literature Board have organised eight sets of 325 Australian titles to tour each state and territory during 1987. Libraries and other institutions are encouraged to contact the Promotion Council in order to 'book' the exhibition and take part in this literary 'buy Australian' campaign.

Call for papers

A veritable cocktail of library interest groups including the LAA's UCLS and Distance in Education SIG are co-sponsoring 'Reference Services 1987: Meeting the Challenge of Information' Conference to be held in Melbourne on 14-15 November.

Speakers are sought to present papers and organise workshop sessions. Abstracts and brief outlines of papers need to be submitted by 30 June. For a leaflet outlining requirements and suggested topics contact: Ray Choate, Borchardt Library, La Trobe University (03) 479 2918.

- LAA members jetting off to Finland in August 1988 to escape the Bicentennial fever may be interested in responding to FID's (International Federation for Information and Documentation) Call For Papers for its 44th Conference, 'Information — Knowledge — Evolution'. Abstracts should be sent by 31 October to Ms Ritva Lavno, PO Box 1025, SF-00101, Helsinki, Finland. More information is available from LAA Head Office.

Getting into S&M

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THE METCALFE MEDALLION

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The award is for the most outstanding essay or other piece of work on any topic in the areas of librarianship, information science or archives administration, submitted by a student undertaking a first award course in librarianship or archives administration.

Students are invited to submit entries for the 1987 award. There is no specified form or style of entry — essays, AV or other items may be submitted. They should be pieces of work of publishable or reproducible standard.

A panel of several distinguished members of the profession will select the winning entry, which it is anticipated will be published in the *Australian Library Journal* or another suitable publication, or reproduced by the Association. The Association reserves the right not to make an award in any year.

Entries should be placed in a sealed envelope, marked only with the title of the work. This envelope, together with a covering letter indicating the title and the identity of the writer, should be sent to the LAA office. The outer envelope should be marked 'Metcalfe Medallion'.

There must be no identification on the entries themselves, and only one may be submitted by each entrant.

Send entries to Assistant Director, Library Association of Australia, 376 Jones St, Ultimo 2007. Entries close 15 December 1987. For further information contact the LAA Head Office (02) 692 9233 or toll free (008) 22 1481; Fax (02) 692 0689

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