



IN THE NEWS

Vocab for family studies

There have been many changes in Australian family trends in recent years, but a standard vocabulary for describing situations often lags far behind.

The Australian Institute of Family Studies monitors factors affecting Australian family life and has been tracking the changes in family structures and the research terms by which they are known. The most recent publication from the Institute, the new edition of the FAMILY Thesaurus, was released recently at the Second Asian Pacific Special and Law Librarians' Conference.

FAMILY Thesaurus is a listing of over 1,000 subject terms and phrases for use in conjunction with the FAMILY Database. Compiled in the Institute's Family Information Centre, the Database is available through CSIRO Australis or in annual hard copy volumes published by the Institute. The Thesaurus is available for \$15 plus \$5 postage from: Australian Institute of Family Studies, 300 Queen Street, Melbourne 3000 (03) 608 6888.

This time next year LAA:50 will be a memory — so will the LAA:50 Chardonnay! However the LAA:50 Cabernet Sauvignon will be coming along nicely. The LAA:50 red available now, for this time next year! Contact: Joanne Fuller (02) 692 9233 or (008) 2214181.

National Public Relations Awards

Sunraysia College of TAFE/Mildura Regional Library in Victoria has won the ALPC's National Public Relations Award, an award made to the most outstanding public relations effort in terms of conception, innovation and/or execution. The library receives \$500 courtesy of James Bennett Library Services.

The award is for the production of 'soft sell' community service television spot which showed the wide range of services available while focusing on the human element and personalities behind the services.

Sectional winners were: Eacham Library, Mildura; Queensland TAFE library network; and City of South Perth Libraries. Eacham library increased circulation in the junior library service by 30 percent by a promotion based on the gingerbread man, the Qld TAFE network produced an effective series of user education aids while City of South Perth Libraries set up a Christobel Mattingley Award for Young Writers to encourage youth participation in creative writing and to promote library use.

Spring is sprung

This spring, Adelaide's major libraries are joined by galleries, museums, the National Trust, booksellers and garden owners to celebrate gardens and their history. 'Gardens in time' is the name given to a series of exhibitions featuring rare books, historical photographs, paintings and manuscripts which will be on display till 20 November.

Exhibitions will be held at the Barr Smith Library, Botanic Gardens, Mortlock Library, Old Parliament House, the State Library of South Australia, Royal Geographical Society and the Waite Institute.

Animalia rules OK

The kids of Victoria have made their choice, and the message is coming through loud and clear that Graeme Base's *Animalia* gets a collective thumbs up — a quarter of all YABBA (Young Australians Best Book Award) votes went to this picture book blockbuster.

YABBA compiles three lists of most popular titles — picture-story books, fiction for young readers, fiction for older readers.

Other 'most popular' titles are *Sister Madges Book of Nuns* by Doug McLeod and *Boss of the Pool* by Robin Klein in the younger readers section. In the fiction for older readers section *Unreal* by Paul Jennings came out on top.

Up there also were perennial favourites such as *Poosum Magic*, *Mulga Bill's Bicycle*, *Playing Beatie Bow*, *The Magic Pudding* and *Blue Fin*. *Snugglepot and Cuddlepie* comes in at number four in the Younger Readers' Section.

So that Graeme Base does not rest on his laurels, it's worth mentioning Robin Klein has eight titles in the lists. For people interested in children's book awards a joint LAA/IBBY publication *The New Classics* will be on sale early next year. The publication lists award winning titles from a number of countries and features illustrations from these top books.

Innovation Awards 1988

The Commonwealth Professional Association is calling for applications for its Award for Innovation - awards go to professional Commonwealth nationals whose innovative activities have contributed to sustainable development in Third World Commonwealth countries (sans Fiji).

Three awards of £2,000 are available. Applications should be forwarded to Reg Mason, Convenor, Innovation Awards Committee, CPA, 3 The Martlet, Hove BN3 6NT England. For further information contact Judith Baskin at the National Library.

Who's where

• Frank Willems has been appointed User Services Librarian for the Catholic College of Education, Sydney. Previously he was employed by the Catholic Education Office where his latest position involved the establishment of a new library service in a senior high school at Emu Plains. From 1980-1982 he worked in Holland as Deputy Head/Adviser with the Educational Media Services Department of the Amsterdam Public Library.



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