

IN THE NEWS

Tips for technicians

In a paper entitled 'The Challenge of Change: Job alternatives for library technicians', presented at the recent Library Technicians Conference in Melbourne, Jennifer Evans of ALIS suggested that library technicians seeking work should consider registering with specialised library employment agencies.

Temporary work available through private agencies provides challenging opportunities to gain or refine work skills, and to make new contacts which often lead to permanent positions. For those who choose to be freelancers, and for others waiting for permanent work, registering with an agency may provide access to positions which are never advertised. Freelance Library and Information Services can be contacted on (03) 813 1925.

CM in Sydney

New to Australia and based in Sydney, CM Professional and Library Services has been appointed sole library supplier of the *Collier's Encyclopedia*. 'CM' is, however, long-established in the United Kingdom, where it markets 'Collier's' to libraries throughout Great Britain and Europe. For further information contact Gerry Mortimore, CM Professional and Library Services, Level 15, 1 York St, Sydney, NSW 2000 (02) 27 9401.

Applications rolling into RMIHE

Once again the School of Information Studies at Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education has attracted a large number of applications from students seeking to enrol in its library science courses.

The School continues to offer all its courses in the external mode in order to serve the needs of employed librarians and isolated students Australia wide. The bad news is, like all other institutions, because of quota restrictions imposed by funding, RMIHE is not able to accept all applicants. The good news is that because of strong demand the 1987 intake was increased by 38 percent and this could occur again in 1988.

The School expects the high demand for its courses to continue into the future.

Disability thesaurus

At the Second National Conference on Information Systems for People with Disabilities in 1986, the desire for a uniform vocabulary for indexing disability information was expressed. A Bicentennial grant to ACROD and DPI (Disabled Peoples' International) resulted, and development of an Australian disability thesaurus has begun.

The project officer, Lorraine Slee, has consulted with interested groups on broad design considerations. These include the existence of several relevant overseas thesauri, and the commitment of many disability organisations to broader library or community networks within each state.

Although the problems arising from diverse applications of the thesaurus are still to be resolved, it is hoped that the work will be completed by June 1988. Further details can be obtained from Lorraine Slee at ACROD, PO Box 60, Curtin ACT 2605.

Ring Ray

Ray Choate, Deputy Librarian, Borchardt Library, Latrobe University is interested in feedback about the idea of forming an association of library publishers for 1988 (and possibly beyond). Co-operative marketing is high on the proposed association's list of objectives. For further information contact Ray on (03) 479 1111.

NLA appoints new DDG

Mr Eric Wainwright has been appointed to the new position of Deputy Director-General in the National Library of Australia. Mr Wainwright has been the University Librarian in the University of Adelaide since November 1981. He was Deputy University Librarian in the University of Queensland from 1978-1981. Prior to this he occupied a range of positions in libraries and library schools in Western Australia and England.

A member of the Board of Education since 1983 and a member of the ABN Network Committee since its establishment in 1981, Mr Wainwright has been widely involved in professional activities. He is particularly interested in management issues, and this is reflected in his many publications. Mr Wainwright will be reporting for duty sometime in March.

Who's where

- Linda Brindle has been appointed to the position of Senior Librarian on the National Library's ABN Help Desk. Previously Linda worked as an ABN reviewer, and at the State Library of New South Wales. Linda joins Fontane Ip and Stella McLeod on the Help Desk.

- Maxine Brodie has been appointed Associate Head, Planning and Technology at the New South Wales Institute of Technology, Information Resources Service. With a background in both public and special libraries, she began her association with NSWIT in 1979 on the staff of the information brokerage, Insearch DIAL Services.

- Ms Charmaine Klass has been appointed Manager for Information Services with PA Consulting Group. Ms Klass was previously employed as the Reference Librarian with CSIRO's Information Resources Unit. Previously she worked for seven years as a Librarian in Readers Services at Murdoch University in Western Australia.

- Helen Modra is now a Part-time Senior Research Assistant in the Faculty of Education at Monash University, having recently left RMIHE. A devil for punishment, she is also working towards a doctorate in education at Deakin University.

New Title Information

Australasian – over 5,000 reviews p.a.

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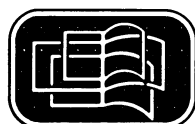
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