IN THE NEWS

Source turns ten!

Where's The Source? David Jones' 'Source' column has taken a break for this issue to prepare for its tenth birthday in *InCite* No.4.

The column has come a long way since it first appeared in the Australian Library Journal (Vol 26 No.4) 1 April 1977 although David's pithy style and penchant for puns remain the same.

Outback comes to NY Public Library

'Crocodile-infested waters, wild bulls, scorpions and loneliness were the daily companions of 21-year-old Rod Ansell, lost in unchartered bush at the top end of Australia'.

This is back cover blurb from Currency Press' *To fight the wild* which has been selected by the New York Public Library to be a part of its 300 best books for teenagers exhibition. The title will be on show at the library throughout March and it will be listed in the *Books for the Teen Age 1987* bibliography.

To fight the wild is Rod Ansell's account of his survival in outback Australia. After overturning his boat on a solitary fishing expedition he was stranded for two months without food or water. By using bush skills, by hunting, trapping and improvising shelter he was able to survive.

To fight the wild is available for $9.95 from Currency Press, 330 Oxford St, Paddington 2021 (02) 357 6401.

Who's where

★ Melbourne City Libraries have appointed Maggie Newman (Sandstrom) to the new position of Reader Services Librarian. She joins Jo Leonard, recently appointed Children's Services Librarian, and Ruth Cameron, Coordinator of the Libraries and Community Information Branch of Melbourne City Council.

★ Heather Treadgold has been appointed City Librarian for the Perth City Councils' Library Services. Previously the Branch Librarian for the City Library, Heather has been Acting City Librarian since July 1986. With an automated library system being installed throughout the service and the relocation of one of the suburban branch libraries into the planned Leederville/North Perth Recreational Centre, the City Librarian has a challenging time ahead.

★ The National Library of Australia has appointed Mr Kerry Webb as Director of its ADP Systems Branch.

Mr Webb joined the National Library in 1973 and since that time has worked to develop the Library's expanding ADP systems, including ABN. He is also the Convenor of the Working Group on Library Systems Interconnection.

★ Lionel Robson has been appointed Acquisition Librarian at the University of New South Wales. Lionel was appointed to the staff of the University Library in 1972 and has worked in Reader Services and Technical Services.

DAPL 2 cometh

AusLib Press has commenced a second edition of the popular *Directory of Australian Public Libraries* (DAPL). DAPL 2 will contain a wealth of information recording developments in public libraries since 1982, and will be published in August.

Questionnaires have been mailed to every individual public library in Australia (with the exception of Tasmania which has a centralised system).

If any library has not received a questionnaire and wishes to be included please contact AusLib Press PO Box 622 Blackwood SA 5051 (08) 278 4363.

Manuscripts on display

A selection of literary manuscripts by 26 Australian poets and authors will be placed on public display at the National Library during March as part of the Australian National Word Festival. The Penguin publishing house is sponsoring the exhibition.

Writers include Xavier Herbert, Blanche d'Alpuget, Alan Marshall, Judith Wright, Roger McDonald, Sara Dowse, Kenneth Slessor and Anne Summers.

Complete manuscripts will be displayed and viewers will be able to judge the amount of work done by the author by comparing a manuscript page with the same page in the published work thus showing how texts can change substantially between the time an author first commits thoughts to paper and a work finally appears.

The manuscripts include novels, poetry, plays, biographies and writings on the environment. They represent many different writing styles from several eras and are a good sample of the range of manuscripts in the library's collection.