

IN THE NEWS

Susan Ryan says

'In all of the years where I developed my political views and became involved politically, I saw the way in which political ideas, changes in social values, movements in community opinion — the way all of those ideas form and make it possible for certain kinds of things to happen very much depends on the world of books.'

'I know that people in the print media and people in the television media believe that they form, and indeed control and direct, community opinion. My view is that the more thoughtful people in our society actually don't form their views that way. They form their views by a much more considered examination of what's happening. And that is through reading books.'

The Canberra Times, 19 December 1987

Attention school librarians!

All schools from senior primary to secondary are invited to join the Australian Biographical Dictionary Database Project. The project, an endorsed Bicentennial activity, entails the construction of a national biographical dictionary database by participating schools. Each school has the task of providing information on three local people to go into the database. The project is going to be fun, inexpensive and of lasting educational value. Although the final product will be computer based, there is no need to have access to a computer to take part in this project. For more information write to: The Australian Biographical Dictionary Database Project, Mitchell CAE, Bathurst, NSW 2795.

Microfilm storage

The Standards Association of Australia is seeking comment on a proposed new standard dealing with requirements for storage areas for processed microfilm and the characteristics of film to be stored.

DR 87275 Storage of Microfilm was prepared at the request of a number of organisations involved in the preservation of information recorded on microfilm. The standard sets out specific requirements for types of film used and prescribes test methods for the determination of the characteristics of film suitable for the particular purpose. The document is a draft and liable to be altered depending on feedback received.

Single copies of DR 87275 can be obtained free of charge from any SAA office in all state capitals and Newcastle until 15 February 1988.

Seeds, tools and a water pump

Seeds, tools and a water pump are what a \$31 donation to Freedom from Hunger will buy for an Eritrean family in desperate need. Freedom from Hunger supports small scale programs in direct partnership with local people. The organisation guarantees that contributions get through because of permanent monitoring and their direct partnership approach. For donations or further information contact PO Box 1379, Darlinghurst NSW 2010.

No flow on

ESA-IRS users will only be invoiced for connect time and standard item charges when using the CHEMABS database. Price rises due to new charging structures by CHEMABS' producers will not be passed onto consumers. Using the database on ESA-IRS is therefore a competitive option.

ACI promoting excellence

The LAA is pleased to announce that the Library Manager of the Year Award will now be sponsored by ACI Computer Services.

ACI (which replaces AWA, the initial proposed sponsor) is delighted to be associated with LAA in encouraging better management practices in Australia's library and information services.

Talking book excels

Robert Hughes' best-seller *The Fatal Shore* has won the Royal Blind Society's eighth Talking Book of the Year Award.

This latest book by Hughes has also won the Melbourne Age Book of the Year Award for non-fiction and the British Duff Cooper Memorial Prize for its energetic description of the beginnings of a new nation. The award will be presented to Mr Hughes at a special dinner at the Royal Blind Society on 24 February 1988. (See Happenings for details).

On the move

Identic Books has announced the appointment of Linsie Tan to the board of directors. Linsie commenced employment with the company in February 1987. Linsie's appointment to the board coincides with Identic Books' move in February to expanded premises at 12/26 Wattle Road, Brookvale 2100.

Document delivery

The IFLA Office for International Lending is organising an international conference on all aspects of document delivery. This will be held in the Connaught Rooms in the centre of London from 14-16 November 1988.

Many different aspects of document delivery will be covered. A call for papers is now being issued to anyone interested in making a presentation to the 150 or so delegates.

Enquiries about attendance at the conference will also be welcome and should be addressed to Graham P. Cornish, Assistant to the Director, IFLA Office for International Lending, c/o British Library Document Supply Centre, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS23 7BQ, United Kingdom, telephone 0937 546123; or Mrs Alison Gallico, Assistant Editor, Interlending and Document Supply, British Library Document Supply Centre, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS23 7BQ, United Kingdom, telephone 0937 546025.

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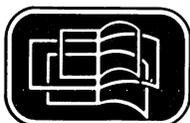
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