

IN THE NEWS

Kiwi magic

Across the Tasman they certainly have IFLA/LAA 88 well in their sights. The New Zealand Library Association has achieved (at last count) no less than ten \$1,500 sponsorships for its members to attend IFLA/LAA 88 in Sydney! Sponsors include AWA Computers, Blackwells, Ultimate/DYNIX, Mita Copiers, Raeco, Xerox and Zip.

That's a mighty effort by both the NZLA and those sponsors which, reports LAA President Alan Bundy from his recent attendance at the NZLA Conference, will help swell the already large number of New Zealand librarians and exhibitors coming to IFLA/LAA 88.

Cataloguing Down the Line

ABN has announced a breakthrough in downline loading, which will result in member library catalogues being significantly more up-to-date. The downline loading facility will transmit selected records from the ABN database to local library systems almost immediately — a vast improvement on the current method, in which magnetic tapes are sent through the mail. The result will be better access to books, magazines, films and other material for users of the member libraries.

National Library staff commenced work on the downline loading system in 1985, with the assistance of an initial grant of \$25,000 from the Library Board of WA.

The other expo

After the success of last year's Victorian Public Library Expo in the city square, plans for a second expo on 15 October in the same location are under way.

Librarians, interested individuals and organisations who are anxious to see the success of this activity should consider joining the Victorian Public Library Expo Association — an independent association established to co-ordinate the expo. For further information contact: Sue Noble on (03) 811 0387 or the Association's Secretary, Jenniffer Pett, on (03) 490 4210.

Off campus in the deep south

The fourth off-campus Library Services Conference will be held in Charleston, South Carolina, USA on 20–21 October. A variety of topics will be covered including interlibrary co-operation, program evaluation (including needs assessment) remote delivery etc. For further contact Craig Grimson on (067) 73 2168 who is the Australian representative on the international organising committee.

Desperately seeking librarians

Library Locums is desperately seeking librarians in places such as Canberra and Brisbane as well as Sydney. If you're interested why not give them a call on (02) 699 1855 or (02) 699 1991.

Free stats

The ABS is currently clearing stocks of old Census of Population and Housing publications. The publications cover the Census years 1911 through to 1976.

If your library would like complimentary copies to establish a reference set of Census bulletins or replace missing copies, please send your order to Information Services, Australian Bureau of Statistics, PO Box 10, Belconnen ACT 2616. Enquiries: Cathy Blacka (062) 52 5245.



The VALA Award is made each year to the Australian library or information centre judged to have made the most innovative use of computer technology during the previous year.

Nominations are now invited for the 1988 Award for systems installed in 1987.

Guidelines and nomination forms should be obtained from: The Secretary, VALA, GPO Box 2342V, Melbourne VIC 3001.

Nominations close 29 April 1988.

Congratulations Jenny!

Members will be pleased to know that Jenny Adams, who recently resigned as Executive Director of the LAA, had a baby girl called Victoria Jane on Thursday 18 February.

No sweat!

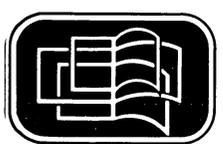
Well-known Netherlands-based library serial suppliers Swets is to be the major serials supplier for Australia's newest and first private university, Bond University.

Swets has made quite an impact in Australia in recent years, particularly at LAA Conferences, with its imaginative and colourful posters, oh so fattening Dutch chocolates and its gregarious representative Mr Kevin Ward.

The company has been one of the first exhibitors to register for IFLA/LAA 88 and has just produced a poster featuring IFLA/LAA 88. The poster will, no doubt, be a collector's item — you'll get one (and those delicious chocolates) by fronting up at IFLA/LAA 88 — be there.

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