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Information Technology: Community Perceptions. I expect that these issues outlined above are going to keep WA librarians very busy when added to the IFLA/LAA activities.

May I wish the Association all the success in the world for IFLA/LAA and encourage all you 'eastern staters' to start saving your pennies for 1990 because it's going to be a great conference!

Lynn Allen,
 President, WA Branch

Students and public library use

Do tertiary students use public libraries for course materials? This question prompted the Victorian Groups of the LAA Public Libraries Section and University and College Libraries Section, on the occasion of a joint meeting in 1984, to pass a formal resolution recommending that an investigation be conducted into the nature and extent of tertiary students' demands on public libraries.

A RMIT research team, co-ordinated by

Kerry Grosser, with LAA funding, followed up this recommendation in 1986, surveying approximately 2,000 students from five Melbourne tertiary institutions on their library usage habits. The major focus of the study was the nature and extent of tertiary students' use of public libraries, however, students' use of their own university or college libraries and other libraries were also investigated.

The overall picture to emerge from the study was of a complex network of information sources used by students in fulfilling their course needs. While the student's own academic library constituted the primary information source, a range of other sources, including public libraries, played an important secondary, or supplementary role. Some of the traditional assumptions of the relative roles of different types of library are challenged by the data, especially the notion that the educational role of public libraries is somehow divorced from serving particular course needs.

The report of the survey, *Tertiary students and library usage: with particular emphasis on public libraries* by Kerry Grosser, is now available from RMIT Department of Information Services for \$20 plus \$5 postage.

Library Association of Australia

LIBRARY MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominations are now being called for this award for 1988.

Aim

- To recognise and encourage good management practices within Australian libraries and information services.
- To encourage the development of an organisational climate within libraries and information services which promotes innovation and a better working relationship between managers and their staff.

Eligibility

The award of LAA Library Manager of the Year is open to any member of the Library Association of Australia responsible for the management of a library service, an individual library or information service, or a significant organisational unit within a larger library or information service.

The award is for management rather than supervision, and nominees should be able to demonstrate outstanding performance in planning, resource allocation and the organisation of staff. A nominee will be expected normally to be responsible for the direction of staff including professional staff.

Nominations

Nominations must be proposed and seconded by two members of the staff of, or clients of, the organisation in which the nominee is employed, including at least one person within the library or unit which the nominee is responsible for managing.

Nominations should include:

- Name of nominee.
- Title of position held.
- Name and address of organisation.
- Number of staff whom the nominee is responsible for managing.
- Major achievements of the manager in the previous three years.
- Reasons why the nominee is regarded within his or her organisation as an outstanding manager.

Selection

The award is administered by a sub-committee, consisting of one member of the LAA Board of Education, one member of General Council, and the Past President of the LAA. Criteria which will be considered by the sub-committee in making a recommendation for the award include:

- Demonstrable improvements in service delivered to the library or information service's clientele, as a result of decisions for which the manager is responsible, or through submissions made by the manager to higher funding/decision-making authorities.
- Demonstrable improvements in working productivity obtained in the library or unit for which the manager is responsible.
- Implementation of innovative approaches to services delivered, or to the organisation of work.
- Improvement or establishment of successful relations between the service and its clientele, the manager and his/her staff, or between units in the service.
- Examples of effective planning and implementation of new services or procedures.
- Demonstrable improvements in decision-making procedures and/or communication (amongst staff or to/from users), in areas for which the manager is responsible.

Nomination forms are available from the Assistant Executive Director, Library Association of Australia, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo 2007, Tel: (02) 692 9233. Toll free (008) 221 1481.

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