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This position co-ordinates reader services and collection development in four hospital libraries within the University of Queensland Library system. Requirements: a degree; recognised library qualifications; in-depth knowledge of medical bibliography; considerable experience in reference work in hospital and academic library environments; good interpersonal skills; good managerial skills. Reference No: 20088.

Further information supplied on request to the Deputy University Librarian, Mr George Eichinski (07 377 2420). Salary: \$38,530-\$40,711 per annum. **Closing date:** 23 May 1988.

Applications detailing full information to the Director, Personnel Services, University of Queensland, St. Lucia 4067, Queensland. Documentary evidence of educational qualifications must be provided. Please quote reference number and department concerned.

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LAA 'Young Ones' (previously YUPLIS) dinner 11 May. A chance for those new to the profession to meet and discuss issues of concern. Cost \$17. Contact Tanya Whitmarsh (02) 808 0575, or Mary Baker (02) 875 6289 for details.

THE PATTERN UPDATED AND AVAILABLE NOW! — The Australian library scene in a nutshell ... the pattern in 1987. *The Pattern of Library Services in Australia* by Harrison Bryan. ISBN 0 86804 051 7. Part 1 covers 'Libraries in Australia' — including libraries and demography; national non-organisation; state-based services; the independent libraries; resource sharing; and how much pattern? Part 2 covers 'Types of Australian Library Services'. Price: \$14 LAA members; \$20 non-members (\$1.50 postage).

AUGUST 28-September 1 4th FID International Federation of Documentation Conference and Congress. Helsinki, Finland. Theme: Information, Knowledge, Evolution. Contact: Finnish Society for Information Services, PO Box 1025, SF-00101 Helsinki, Finland.

SEPTEMBER 8-11 CHINA International Symposium on New Techniques and Applications in Libraries. English will be the working language of the Symposium. Contact: Xu-Ting-qi, Secretary-General, Library, Xi'an Jiaotong University, Xi'an, Shaanxi, Peoples Republic of China.

SEPTEMBER 26-30 21st Congress of the International Board on Books for Young People. Theme: 'Children's Literature and New Media'. Oslo, Norway. Contact: Ena Noel (02) 32 5075.

OCTOBER 17-22 International Congress of Scientific and Technical Information. Venue: International Conference Centre, Havana, Cuba. The Institute of Scientific and Technical Documentation and Information (IDICT) of the Academy of Sciences of Cuba. Contact: IDICT, Apartado postal 2019/Telex 511203/La Habana 2, Cuba.

OCTOBER 24-26 10th International Federation for Information and Documentation. Commission for Asia and Oceania (FID/CAO) General Assembly and Congress: 'The Use of New Information Technologies in Developing Countries'. Conference Centre, Institute of Scientific and Technical Information of China (ISTIC), Beijing, China. Contact: Barry Burton, President FID/CAO, Hong Kong Polytechnic, Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Phone: 852-3-640694. Tellex: 38964 Polyx Hx. Fax: 852-3-7658274.

NOVEMBER 14-16 IFLA Office for International Lending. International Conference on Document Delivery. London, England. Enquiries: Graham P. Cornish, IFLA Office of International Lending, C/- British Library Document Supply Centre, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS23 7BQ, UK. Tel: 0937 546123.

DECEMBER 6-8 Online Information 88. 12th International Online Information Meeting Olympia 2, London. Themes include: hypertext, machine translation, gateways and electronic libraries. (Contact: Jean E. Mulligan, Learned Information (Europe) Ltd, Woodside, Hinksey Hill, Oxford, OX1 5AU, Tel (0865) 73 0275, Telex 837704 Inform G, Fax (0865) 736354.

FEBRUARY 13-16, 1989 53rd New Zealand Library Association Conference. Christchurch, NZ. Theme: Making Contact. Complementary program for librarians as individuals: Alternative Process. Contact: Conference '89 Committee, C/- Canterbury Public Library, PO Box 1466, Christchurch, New Zealand.

**More on Overseas
 Job Exchanges**

Following my article on overseas job exchanges (*InCite*, vol 9, no. 1), Margaret Robson, who will be exchanging jobs with an American librarian in May for 12 months, has written about her experience of arranging an exchange through LIBEX, the Bureau for International Exchanges which is based at the College of Librarianship in Wales, UK.

Margaret knew that she wanted to go to the north-eastern coast of the United States as she had visited this area before, so, she scanned the LIBEX lists in *InCite* for a children's librarian in that area who wanted to come to Australia. She came across Donna Matthews who was then working for the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore. Donna had changed jobs since lodging the application but was still in the same region.

After they had corresponded and established that they wished to pursue the exchange and gained permission from their respective employers in writing, they began to work out the details. LIBEX sent a basic checklist, however a better one was found by Donna in an American journal and they worked through this, comparing notes. Margaret also contacted people who had previously undertaken exchanges for advice on matters such as insurance and standards of living.

Swapping houses was not possible so Donna and Margaret have agreed to find each other temporary accommodation until they settle in, with the proviso that they are free to move if it proves to be unsuitable. They have also come to an agreement about money, due to the low value of the Australian dollar in America.

Margaret has been successful in obtaining a LAA study grant which will assist her in an examination of pre-school children's library work whilst she is in the USA.

As Margaret says 'The only problems remaining, with 10 weeks to go, are: in which country are we going to meet at the start of the exchange and will I survive the "Garfield Salutes Australia" summer holiday program Fairfax has planned?'

Important points which Margaret has noted with regard to LIBEX exchanges are:

- make the first move by contacting a prospective exchange partner yourself rather than simply registering with LIBEX and waiting for someone to contact you;
- be specific about where you want to go, don't leave your destination to chance;
- be clear in your own mind about why you want the exchange (benefits to self and employer) and be ready to sell the idea;
- get permission, at least verbal, before you write to LIBEX;
- communicate clearly and well with your prospective exchange partner and don't avoid tricky subjects such as money;
- keep copies of your letters, to avoid repeating yourself.

LIBEX was launched in 1983 under the auspices of the Library Association and its International and Comparative Librarianship Group and its objective is to assist exchanges world-wide by putting librarians in touch with potential exchange partners. Enquiries should be addressed to: A. Hillier, Co-ordinator, Bureau for International Staff Exchange (LIBEX), College of Librarianship Wales, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Dyfed SY23 3AS, Wales, Great Britain.

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