

IN THE NEWS

King's Award to librarian

Mr Axel Lodewycks (FLAA) has been granted the insignia of an Officer of the Order of Leopold II by the King of Belgium, with the permission of Her Majesty the Queen of Australia. Dr Wilfried de Pauw, Ambassador to Australia of the Kingdom of Belgium, presented the Award to Mr Lodewycks for his services as the former Head of the University of Melbourne Library and as a contributor to the literature of librarianship.

Mr Lodewycks has lived in the Box Hill area, Melbourne, since his parents settled in Mont Albert in 1920.

Paper-go-round

While it is perhaps too pessimistic to envisage a world bereft of trees, especially in the current climate of enlightened concern, we should all be doing more about preventing that possible scenario! Librarians, in fact, can do more than most people to reduce pressure on our native forests by recycling their waste paper.

Concerned members of the University of NSW Library staff are setting a good example. They have organised a pilot scheme to collect all paper refuse in polybags on frames placed at central locations in the Library. There are three grades of waste — cardboard, packaging and wrapping paper; photocopy and letter-quality paper (which includes books, journals and newsprint); and computer paper. The paper is collected by Paper-Go-Round, a workers' cooperative that collects waste paper for recycling from the city, inner east and west of Sydney. The cooperative's address is PO Box 388, Rozelle, NSW 2039; telephone (02) 712 2447.

The librarians aim at University-wide cooperation, and hope that eventually it will be possible for the waste paper to be recycled into photocopy-quality, unbleached paper.

Banjo Awards shortlist

The shortlist for the National Book Council/McPherson's Banjo Awards for Australian literature — the book indus-

try's awards — will be announced in Melbourne on 28 July. The shortlist will consist of six books, both fiction and non-fiction, chosen on literary merit.

The Banjo Awards are representative of the whole book industry. They encourage authors and publishers to aim at higher standards of writing and promote public interest in literature. State Libraries will host readings of the shortlisted works, while other libraries will have major displays. Booksellers will run 'tipping competitions' for the winners, and have dump bins of the shortlisted books, book marks and posters.

The National Book Council/Qantas New Writer's Award — open to any book written by a young writer or to the first book of a new writer of any age — will be announced along with the Banjo Awards.

For further information, contact Julie Morgan, 61 Dundas Place, Albert Park, Victoria 3206, telephone (03) 696 4277.

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Captain Cook returns

Until 16 July, the State Library of New South Wales is hosting a special exhibition from the National Maritime Museum, London: 'The return of Captain Cook'.

The exhibition shows the instruments the great navigator used, the maps he drew, his journals, his letters and even his china. There is the famous portrait of Cook by Nathaniel Dance, and another by the artist Hodges, discovered as recently as 1986. Hodges accompanied Cook on his second voyage, and it is said that this portrait is the best likeness of Cook.

The State Library of New South Wales is mounting a complementary exhibition of Cook Treasures from its own extensive collections. Most of the items are so valuable and fragile that they are only brought out on special occasions. They include the first views ever painted of Antarctica, manuscript logs and journals, a magnificent oil painting of the death of Cook, and a selection of his personal belongings.

The combined exhibitions can be seen on weekdays and Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm, on Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm, and on Tuesday evening from 5 pm to 8 pm. The last entry is admitted 40 minutes before closing. For enquiries, telephone (02) 230 1414.

Health Information: New Directions

The Joint Conference Health Library Sections, ALIA and NZLA, are holding

a Conference — Health Information: New Directions — from 12–16 November in Auckland, New Zealand. The opening keynote address — by Susan Crawford PhD, Director and Professor of Biomedical Communication, Washington University — will be on 'Health libraries in transition'. Other presentations will deal with 'New skills for new roles', 'Managing database access', 'Information for the disability sector' and 'Literature on health promotion'.

Three post-conference events will be held on Friday 17 November: a Consumer Health Information Seminar, a Drugs Information Resources Workshop, and a Medline Refresher Seminar.

If you have not received a registration form and would like to do so, please contact the Conference Committee, Philson Library, School of Medicine, University of Auckland, Private Bag, Auckland, New Zealand, telephone (09) 795 780, facsimile 64 9 770 956. The full registration fee is \$260 (to 31 July 1989) and \$300 (after 31 July). The fee for an accompanying person is the same. Fees for seminars and day registrations, and the cost of accommodation and social events, are given on the registration form.

Salescan

A new CD-ROM database product that contains business files on 25 000 Australian companies was launched recently by business information specialists, Dun & Bradstreet.

Known as 'Salescan', the information system features a wide range of applications for sales prospecting, information resourcing, customer profiling, direct marketing and a host of other issues.

Salescan also has thirty-five key elements of data on each company, as well as exclusive features such as the ability to export information to wordprocessing or database software. The users can also add their own records and customise the data retained.

For more information on this unique Australian product, contact Dun & Bradstreet (Australia) Pty Ltd, 24 Albert Road, South Melbourne 3205, GPO Box 425G; telephone (03) 698 9400. Also see double-page advertisement on pages 18 and 19 of this issue of *InCite*.

