

# IN THE NEWS

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## Australian Feminist Book Fortnight

The inaugural Australian Feminist Book Fortnight (1-17 September) has been a resounding success nationwide, reports National Coordinator Kate Veitch, who wants to extend her warm thanks to all those librarians who participated via book displays and writer events in their libraries, as well as by ordering books.

Kate still has a limited number of AFBF Catalogues, which give details of more than 200 recently published books by women, as well as packets of

five postcards and T-shirts with the AFBF logo, obtainable by writing to her at 94 Blackshaws Road, Newport, Vic. 3015. Cost: \$18 T-shirt, \$2 catalogue, \$4 packet of postcards (includes packaging and postage).

Feedback on the first AFBF, and ideas for next year, would be welcome.

(How about some feedback for InCite too! — Editor)

## Information control

What do the Federal Parliamentary Library, Werribee Public Library in Victoria, seven Ministries of Education and 10 000 schools have in common?

All are users of Ferntree Computer Corporation's mainframe library services, which help them to access and maintain control over information and books.

In the case of the Australian Schools Catalogue Information Service, estab-

lished by the seven education ministries and accessible via mini-computers, Ferntree (formerly ACI Computer Services) is providing a central cataloguing service that gives the detail of each book and an abstract. School libraries can access this service before ordering books, and they then receive a catalogue card. Some take the information on floppy disk for use on school PCs; others prefer the information on microfiche.

The service means that cataloguing is done once only rather than by each individual school, providing a central database that is easily accessed prior to ordering.

The Federal Parliamentary Library and Werribee Public Library are using Ferntree for their general library management, cataloguing and all record keeping on books and journals.

The computers at the Ferntree headquarters in Melbourne are using two



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programs, DOBIS and LIBIS, and can handle up to 2 billion items of information.

However, as the power of the PC is growing, Ferntree has introduced a third system for libraries — OCELOT — a system able to support libraries with between 1000 and 100 000 titles and able to run on any IBM XT/AT or compatible computer. The modules in the program cover all aspects of library activity, including cataloguing, circulation, database management, acquisitions, serials, marc loader and a report writer.

The modular approach to the software allows librarians to select only what they need, leaving the ability to add other modules and work stations as appropriate. The system can also be networked to multiple work stations, and is supported by a toll-free telephone hotline and a remote diagnostic software program, which allows Ferntree to dial into machines, read the same screen and resolve problems.

An imported program, OCELOT has been modified for Australian use by Ferntree. It is already being used by a number of corporate libraries, law firms and banks. Users include the Bank of Melbourne, the National Maritime Museum, the legal firm Mallesons, and the World Vision Charity. A number of schools and other educational institutions are also showing interest in OCELOT.

For further information, contact Shana Richtman on (03) 541 5600.

## ACT Institute of TAFE has excellence online

Dialog Information Services has announced that the ACT Institute of TAFE,

Reid Campus, has earned Honourable Mention for the Library/Information Science Education Division in the Dialog Excellence in Online Education Award program.

The Institute will receive \$500 in online connect time on the Dialog Classroom Instruction Program. ACT Institute of TAFE won the Honourable Mention Award for its integration of the Dialog Classroom Instruction Program in the Advanced Reference Services course. Faculty members responsible for the program are Donna Reid, Head of the Library Studies Department, and Lynn Farkas, Lecturer in Library Studies. The Institute was one of nine schools out of fifty-six entries selected to receive an award.

In announcing the awards, Roger K. Summit (President of Dialog) commended the schools 'for helping students to develop critical thinking and research skills which will significantly benefit the students, not only in their school work, but also throughout their careers and in their personal lives'.

Dialog Information Service's Excellence in Online Education Award is given each year to schools showing outstanding achievement in fostering information literacy.

## Periodicals

B.H. Blackwell have announced a new service for their Periodicals customers in North America, Australasia and the United Kingdom. Libraries can now order journals and claim missing issues electronically from Oxford through ALANET, ILANET OR LANET, the library information services available through the Dialcom network.

Libraries can access the appropriate pre-formatted order and claim screens on ALANET, ILANET or LANET via their local Dialcom service point. All transactions are processed daily; automatic acknowledgments are sent for all orders and claims.

For further information, contact your customer service representative in Oxford, or Chris Beckett, Customer Product Manager of Blackwell's Periodicals Division, telephone (UK) 0865 79 2792 ext 209.

## Professional power

Delegates attending the Third Asian Special and Law Librarians' Conference in Adelaide each received a preprint volume of the proceedings on registration. This could not, of course, contain a record of the activities and discussions of the workshop held during the conference 'Professional power in the nineties.'

Extensive notes from the Conference have since been prepared and are available free of charge to delegates and others interested. Additional copies of the Conference Proceedings will be printed shortly, and will be available for \$40 each.

Many delegates have expressed interest in Senator Janine Haines' opening address, and copies of this are also available.

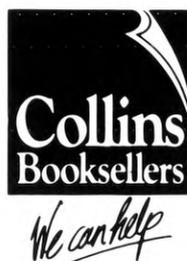
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