

In the News

NT book vote cut by 35%

The Northern Territory Public Library Service is dismayed at the reduction in the book vote from \$1,000,000 in 1986-87 to \$648,000 in 1988-89. Concerned members of the community are urged to write to the Minister for Education, The Hon. Tom Harris MLA, Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory, GPO Box 3146, Darwin NT 5794.

Macmillan acquires BRS

Macmillan Inc. has announced the acquisition of BRS Information Technologies from the Thyssen-Bornemisza Group (TBG). BRS will be combined with Pergamon ORBIT Infoline. Databases available through the enlarged group will include Medline, Embase, BIOSIS, the Comprehensive Core Medical Library and Psychological Abstracts.

TAFE card catalogue pensioned off

Dr Allan Pattison, Director-General of the Department of Technical and Further Education carried out a ceremony at Sydney Technical College of drawing the curtain on framed catalogue cards and untying a ribbon on the OPAC to symbolise the end of card catalogue era.



The card catalogue has now been withdrawn from TAFE libraries and access to the collection is by microfiche or OPAC catalogues. Planning is proceeding towards a CD-ROM catalogue in the near future.

META-marc wins SA TAFE contract

META-BCI Limited recently signalled its intent to drive META-marc, its library automation package, into the wider

education library market by winning the South Australian TAFE contract. This contract will see META-marc installed in twelve colleges over the next two years.

META-marc, designed in Australia and on the market for some years, was originally targeted at the school library market.

New library complex for Toowoomba

The City of Toowoomba, the regional centre of Queensland's agriculturally rich Darling Downs, recently opened its new \$2.7 million library complex. The library commenced operations in the new complex using the latest in computerised library management systems.

BOOK Plus, developed by Stowe Computing Australia, is a fully integrated, flexible system that will enable the Toowoomba Library to provide a high quality, efficient service to its 24,000 members.

The City Librarian, Mr Peter Miller, said that the system will greatly benefit staff and members.

'Manual jobs such as filing of catalogue cards will be eliminated with the use of a computerised facility, which will leave the staff free to do more productive tasks', Mr Miller said.

He added that 6 OPAC (On-line Public Access Catalogue) terminals had been installed to assist library users.

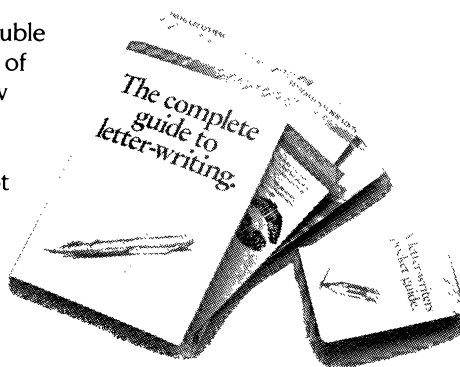
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"THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE LOOKING FOR A BOOK ON IT."

No matter how bright they are, most students have trouble writing letters and most books on the subject are woefully out of date. There is one, however, that gives practical, easy-to-follow advice on how to write all kinds of letters, from letters to the editor to love letters.

It's called "The complete guide to letter-writing." It's not on your shelves just yet, but it is available now at main post offices for just \$5.95.

So next time you're asked for a book on letter writing, you'll know what to recommend. "The complete guide to letter-writing," from main post offices.



Report from the ALIA Audiovisual Services Committee

The trial edition of the new National Union Catalogue, NUC:N is now available. This National Union catalogue of non-book materials includes cartographic materials, motion picture and video recordings, audio recordings, music scores, slides, pictorial materials, transparencies, kits, manuscripts and computer software. The convenor of the Audiovisual Services Committee of the Library Association of Australia, Paul McNally, commended the National Library of Australia on publication of the trial edition of the new union catalogue. 'NUC:N will be a vital part of the bibliographic apparatus of non-book materials in Australia. Librarians will find it an invaluable tool for selection and for locating items for inter-library lending purposes.'

Since the demise of NUCAV (National Union Catalogue of Audiovisual

Materials), the Audiovisual Services Committee of the Library Association of Australia has sought to have a national union catalogue of non-book materials produced. Although the 150,000 items recorded in NUC:N are available on ABN and in the ABN Catalogue (Published in microfiche) they were 'lost' in the 2,500,000 records for books. Librarians specialising in any of the forms of non-book materials represented in the new union catalogue will now be able to refer to the 28 fiche set of NUC:N which will make their task of obtaining information on non-book materials so much easier. The current edition is available from the sales and subscriptions section of the National Library of Australia at a cost of \$25.

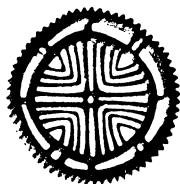
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Large print cookbook

The Shepparton Auxiliary of the Association for the Blind has produced a large print cookbook for the visually impaired. The book covers a very broad range of culinary skills and is available from the Association for the Blind centres and Angus and Robertson outlets. Retail price is \$19.95 and further information can be obtained from the Public Relations Officer, Carol O'Reilly on (03) 598 8555.

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NATIONAL LIBRARY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

An experienced and adaptable librarian, with a first degree and an internationally recognised library qualification, is required for the following senior position. Relevant experience in a developing country is desirable but not essential.

TECHNICAL SERVICES LIBRARIAN (LS14)

The post-holder, branch head for the Technical Services branch and a member of the senior management team, is responsible for the direction and supervision of all technical service functions of the National Library Service. Experience as a cataloguer, an up-to-date knowledge of microcomputer applications in technical services, and familiarity with LCSH, DDC and AACR2 are required. The successful applicant must be prepared to train and lead Papua New Guineans. Proven experience in the field and a solid professional background are required for this challenging position.

Conditions of service:

- Three year accompanied contract
- Rent free accommodation
- 6 weeks annual leave accruals
- Mid-contract leave fares
- Education subsidies
- Recruitment and repatriation fares
- Gratuities

(K1 = £0.6642; US\$1.2082; AU\$1.4076; NZ\$1.8777; as at 29 December 1988)

Average annual approximate cash value of the contract (after tax, and including base salary, international market allowance and gratuities) is K23529.

For application forms and further details please write to: The National Librarian, National Library of Papua New Guinea, PO Box 5770, BOROKO, Papua New Guinea, Tel: 256737; Telex: NE22234; Fax: 213743.

Closing date: five weeks after publication date of advertisement.

BRISBANE COLLEGE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION

SYSTEMS LIBRARIAN (PERMANENT)

Reference No 89/B/18

Duties:

- Oversee library automated system (URICA) and implementation of system functions;
- co-ordinate the implementation of computer applications (including microcomputers) within the Resource Centre;
- liaise with College Computing Services Section on automated system matters.

Qualifications:

- Tertiary and professional qualifications in librarianship;
- extensive experience and knowledge of automated library systems;
- good communication skills.

Location: Kelvin Grove Campus. Regular travel to other campuses will be required.

Salary: Librarian — \$1,227.30 to \$1,362.90 per fortnight. Assistant Librarian Div I — \$1,111.00 to \$1,235.30 per fortnight.

Starting date: As soon as possible.

Written applications, stating personal particulars, qualifications and experience, together with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two referees, should be forwarded to the Personnel Manager, Brisbane College of Advanced Education, 130 Victoria Park Rd, Kelvin Grove, Qld, 4059.

Closing date: 10 March 1989.

Enquiries may be directed to Gaynor Austen, telephone (07) 352 8554. Envelopes should be marked 'CONFIDENTIAL'.

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NL Document Supply Service

The National Library of Australia has changed the name of its Loan and Copy Service to the Document Supply Service. The address is: Document Supply Service, National Library of Australia, Canberra ACT 2600. Phone (062) 62 1438; Fax: (062) 73 2719.

Catalogue searching via PC

A software program has been developed by CLSI Australia to automate and speed up on-line catalogue searching. Called ILLSA (Inter Library Loan Searching Aid) the software will run on any standard IBM PC or compatible. Contact Kim Jelbart on (03) 647 9780 for details.

Audio Book-of-the Year sought

The National Library of Australia is calling for nominations for the inaugural Audio Book-of-the-Year Award to be presented this year for the best audio book produced during 1988. Audio books

must meet several criteria to be eligible for consideration. For details and entry forms contact Ms Susanne Bruhn, Chief Librarian, Disability Services Section, National Library of Australia, Canberra ACT 2600. Phone (062) 62 1251.

Copyright Report

It is expected that a report to the Attorney General from the Copyright Law Review Committee on the importation provisions of the Copyright Act 1968 will be published shortly. Contact officer for the Copyright Law Review Committee is Lauren Honcope (062) 719 609.

Photographs wanted

Some readers may remember that Patrick White was the guest speaker at the opening of Australian Library Week on 19 September 1980 in the Mitchell Wing of the State Library of New South Wales. Sydney company Primavera Press is preparing for publication an illustrated collection of speeches of the distinguished author and wonders if any members of the Association have photographs of Mr White at the 1980 event. If you can help, please contact Paul Brennan, Primavera Press, PO Box 575, Leichhardt NSW 2040. (02) 569 1452.



REGIONAL LIBRARIAN (SENIOR LIBRARIAN GRADE 2)

Orana Community College
Position No 30/2305
\$31,634 range \$34,040

Re-advertised position. Previous applicants will need to re-apply. Management Regional Headquarters Library at Dubbo. Development/provision/supervision of regional library service to TAFE Students/Staff.

Essential: Eligible, professional membership ALIA. Reader services/library administration experience. Demonstrated management, supervision, problem solving, leadership, communication ability. Capacity to implement change. Sound knowledge of and capacity to implement EEO policies. Shiftwork/travel involved.

Inquiries: Ms Mary Smith (02) 289 7831.



LIBRARY TECHNICIAN

Goulburn College of TAFE
Position No 30/2298
\$22,138 range \$24,195

Re-advertised position. Previous applicants will need to re-apply. Responsible to Librarian-in-Charge for para-professional reader service duties, use of A/V software and equipment.

Essential: Associate Diploma of Library Practice (TAFE) or equivalent. Recent reader services experience. Capacity to implement change. Demonstrated communication and supervision skills. Sound knowledge of and capacity to implement EEO policies. Shiftwork involved.

Inquiries: Ms Carmel Noonan or Dr John Barclay (02) 289 7839.



NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA

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LIBRARIANS CLASS 5

Library Operations Division
(\$45,228-\$46,620)

The Library is seeking applications from suitably qualified persons for appointment to positions of Librarian Class 5.

The successful applicants will be required to manage the operations of a section of major significance and extensive scope and/or complexity within the Library Operations Division. The duties of the positions will include the following: developing, reviewing and modifying Library policies; interpreting policy objectives; appraising long-term trends and future developments, and providing advice to Library management of appropriate plans and strategies; and negotiating and liaising with significant groups and organisations.

There are three positions available:

- Australian Selection and Cataloguing Section, Australian Collections and Services Branch (position number 0027);
- Australian Collections and Information Services Section, Australian Collections and Services Branch (position number 0777); and
- Collection Management and Document Supply Section, General Collections and Services Branch (position number 0080).

Conditions and eligibility: Australian Public Service conditions for appointment will apply. Applicants need to be Australian citizens, however applicants who have permanent residence status may be offered appointment pending the granting of citizenship.

Applications quoting the relevant position number and providing details of at least two referees should be addressed to:

The Recruitment Officer
National Library of Australia
PARKES ACT 2600

The closing date for applications is 9 March 1989.

Selection documentation is available from the Recruitment Officer, telephone number (062) 62 1261.

Enquiries may be directed to:

John Thompson
Australian Collections and Services Branch
Telephone (062) 62 1303

Jan Fullerton
General Collections and Services Branch
Telephone (062) 62 1672

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LIBRARIAN-IN-CHARGE

Miller College of TAFE
Position No 30/2304
\$29,702 range \$30,667

Re-advertised position. Previous applicants will need to re-apply. Responsible to College Principal/Associate Librarian (User Services) for Library Services.

Essential: Eligible professional membership ALIA; experience in Reader Services; demonstrated management, supervision, communication ability; awareness of current library developments; ability to implement change; sound knowledge of and capacity to implement EEO policies. Shiftwork involved.

Inquiries: Ms Mary Smith (02) 289 7831.



Deakin
University

Deakin University
Geelong
Victoria
Australia 3217

Reference Services Librarian

Applications are invited for the position of Reference Services Librarian, one of three senior positions in the Reader Services. The Reference Services Librarian is responsible for initiating, developing and providing reference services, reader programs, on-line searching and audiovisual services.

The successful applicant will be expected to contribute significantly towards the development of Reader Services.

Applicants must hold a degree and be eligible for Associate membership of the Library Association of Australia. They should have at least five years experience in reader services in an academic library with considerable skills in reference work and in the provision of reader education. Experience in the management of staff is essential. Some experience with automated library systems and on-line searching is required.

Salary: \$32316 - \$35319 p.a., depending upon qualifications and experience.

Further information is available from Christine Crocker, Reader Services Librarian, telephone (052) 47 1352.

Applications (quoting reference number 89/17) should include a full curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three academic referees and be lodged with the Personnel Branch, Deakin University, Geelong, Victoria, 3217 no later than 3 March 1989.

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