



Mrs Patricia Bruce Ward AM

Distinguished member

One of ALIA's most active members, Patricia Ward, has been awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for service to librarianship.

Patricia's initiatives have included significant seminars contributing to education for teacher-librarianship, and library services for the young. She was instrumental in the formation of the NSW Action Committee on Local Government Records. This broadly based group, has been responsible for amendments to the Local Government Act, which extend the classes of documents to be preserved.

One of Patricia's most successful initiatives has been the Conservation on the Move project. Pat was a driving force behind this 3 year statewide program (NSW), a joint activity of ALIA, the Regional Galleries Association of NSW, the Australian Society of Archivists (Sydney), the Museums Association of Australia (NSW) and the Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Materials (NSW).

More recently she has edited *Stopping the rot: A handbook of preventative conservation for local studies collections* by Helen Price, the Bicentennial Conservator.

ALIA General Council conferred Fellowship on Patricia in 1988.

One in ten adults illiterate

Historically it has been accepted that libraries have a critical role in furthering the education of adults. The role encompasses service to people with low levels of literacy - helping prepare them 'to function adequately in today's word-saturated society', in the words of a consciousness-raising editorial 'Literacy is a human right', 9 Sep 1989, the *Melbourne Age*.

The same article quoted some disturbing figures revealed by a recent

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NFSA film damage...

Investigations are being made into damage to films in the custody of the National Film and Sound Archives (NFSA). See page 11.



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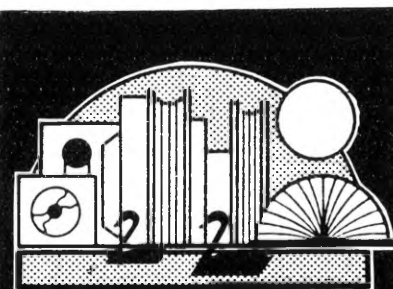
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