

# In Brief

## Survey of Serials Education

In association with ASSIG and the Centre for Information Studies at CSU — Riverina, Dr Gary Gorman is surveying the library school training (or lack thereof) provided for anyone who works as a serials librarian or has serials responsibilities — this includes professionals and para-professionals in libraries of all types. Questionnaires are now available for distribution; if you can take half an hour to complete a questionnaire on your library training and continuing education needs in serials work, please contact Dr Gorman on (069) 22 2584 or fax (069) 22 2733.

## Painless chutes, anybody?

The Truskett Library at Charles Sturt University in Bathurst is planning an extension. It is interested in changing the book return chute to provide one which causes least damage to the spine of a book, provides a return which does not jam and is located within the circulation desk near a discharge terminal.

If anyone has a chute which operates effectively and is a proven design, they would like to hear from you. Could you write with plans or ring the Distance Education Librarian, Sue Cox, on 008 027 207 (a free call).

## ALED 2 launched!

The second edition of the popular Auslib Press publication *Australian Libraries: the Essential Directory* was recently launched by Jan Gaebler, Chairperson of ACLIS (SA), at Adelaide's exclusive Nediz Tu Restaurant.

ALED 2 lists all academic, public and special libraries, Australian publishers and includes a very wide range of information useful to libraries. It is available through library suppliers or direct from Auslib Press, PO Box 622, Blackwood, SA 5051, fax (08) 278 4000 for \$26 plus \$4 p&tp.

Jan Gaebler launches ALED2, watched by Philippa Middleton, ALIA's SA General Councillor (photo opposite).

## Duplicate maps

The Library and Information Service of WA has a list of duplicate and discarded maps available for distribution to libraries. The selection is very varied. For a copy of the list contact: Kate Eckersley, Acting Manager: Map Collections, Library & Information Service of WA, Alexander Library Building, Perth Cultural Centre, Perth, WA 6000, or telephone (09) 427 3206, fax (09) 427 3256.

## 1991 Queensland Pocket Year Book

The latest edition of the *Queensland Pocket Year Book* is now available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Bookshop in Brisbane at \$7.50 a copy. The pocket-sized, 117-page publication is a handy ready-reference of facts, figures and diagrams, covering the more important social and economic statistics of the State.

## Geac announces '20/20 Vision Grant'

As part of its 20th anniversary celebration, Geac Computer Corporation has just announced its '20/20 Vision: Libraries of Tomorrow' grant.

Geac will award software licence grants of its UNIX-based Advanced Integrated Library System, to 20 deserving libraries who have a special vision and scope on the future of the library as an information centre.

To be considered, libraries around the world are being requested to submit a five-page thesis, outlining what they expect to achieve through library automation. Submissions will be judged by an independent selection committee, chaired by John Berry III, Editor in Chief of the *Library Journal*.

The Geac president, S J Sadler, has commented that "The 20/20 Vision Grant is yet another expression of Geac's commitment to the library community".

Hopeful applicants should contact Neil Corkindale on (02) 967 4666 for a copy of the rules and regulations. Closing date for submissions is 30 August 1991.



## COOL awards!

This clever name (Canberra's Own Outstanding List) for the children's choice of Australian children's books was the brainwave of Michael Gildea, aged 11, from St Anthony's Primary School. There were 860 entries to name the award, and 4236 and 359 nominations for the primary and secondary short-lists respectively.

The short-lists are dominated by Paul Jennings and Robin Klein, with Graeme Base and Gillian Rubinstein following along behind. If you're interested in following this further, contact Jane Rankine on (06) 239 6413.



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