

Judith Waten short story competition

Entries close on 30 September 1991. For conditions and all further details contact Therese Robin or Peter Dawe, telephone (03) 890 1002, fax (03) 899 0076, or write to the Box Hill-Doncaster Regional Library, 1040 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill. □

ADDA to incorporate

The Australian Database Development Association is presently an unincorporated association. Its governing document is its Constitution. This type of organisation has some advantages, but it can run into difficulties in such areas as entering contracts, employing staff, and suing and being sued. Moreover, individual members may in certain circumstances be liable for the acts of others in the group or for the debts of the Association. While these hypothetical occurrences have not in the past caused concern for ADDA, the Executive Committee has concluded that incorporated status would be of benefit to ADDA and its members.

The committee has therefore begun the important task of gaining incorporated status for ADDA. When achieved, this will provide a firm footing upon which ADDA can base its plans for future activities.

Robert Utter □

The Distributed National Collection

One of the enduring concepts to emerge from the Australian Libraries Summit was that of the Distributed National Collection (DNC).

The Australian Council of Libraries and Information Services (ACLIS) has announced a major initiative to further promote the concept among Australian libraries. The concept of the Distributed National Collection is not a new one, but if the DNC is to have real meaning, it must move beyond the existing ad hoc arrangements between libraries. The ACLIS National Council has prepared an implementation plan to bring substance to the concept of the DNC.

The vision behind the DNC is to maximise the ability of libraries to meet the information needs of all Australians as effectively as possible. To bring this vision to reality, attention must be given to collecting, bibliographical control, preservation, access and national coordination. As a first step in further promoting the DNC, ACLIS has produced a leaflet setting out these elements of the DNC and is distributing this brochure to the wider library community — a copy is included as an insert to this issue of *inCite*. The object is to raise awareness of the concept of the DNC.

One key to the success of the DNC concept will be the identification of key collecting strengths in Australian libraries.

To achieve this, the ACLIS National Council has approved the further funding of conspectus in Australia, on a 50/50 basis with the National Library of Australia, for at least another 12 months from July 1991. In addition, information is being actively sought and collated through ACLIS State and Territory Committees on the extent to which libraries have written collection development policies. The ACLIS National Task Force on Preservation will continue to develop national and regional plans for the preservation of significant collections. On the vital issue of access, ACLIS will continue to support a uniform national system of interlibrary loan, regularly reviewing ILL traffic patterns and charges, and setting a recommended scale of charges. A new system of Fast Track interlibrary loan is currently being put into place, and a brochure giving full details of the new system has already been distributed to all ACLIS members.

As the concept of the Distributed National Collection becomes more widely known and accepted in the Australian library community, ACLIS will continue to promote strategies which will facilitate its development. The technology which could underpin more coordinated collection development exists today: it is a question of the will of Australian libraries to support the concept.

Alison Crook
President, ACLIS □

Australian Library Week 21-25 October 1991

A committee of keen public librarians in WA is currently compiling resource kits on themes related to 'Thrills and skills in the library'. The kits will comprise ideas for activities, worksheets, sets of graphics, etc. Kits are currently being compiled on the

themes of: Nutrition and Health; Stretch Your Dollar; Job Skills; Personal Development; Recreation/Hobbies; Do-It-Yourself. If you are interested, please contact Carol Stribling at Bayswater Public Library on (09) 370 3370. □



(from left) The NSW Minister for the Arts, Peter Collins, Beryl Ward, Bruce Ward, Anne Craigie and Christopher Craigie.

Ward memorial

On 16 May 1991, at a function at the Archives Authority of New South Wales the special contributions made by John Manning Ward and Patricia Bruce Ward to the archives world were recognised. The function took the form of the dedication of the 'Ward Memorial Manuscript Room'. The dedication was performed by the Hon. Peter Collins MP.

Guests of honour at the dedication ceremony were Anne Craigie (the surviving daughter of the Wards) and her husband Christopher, Bruce Ward (brother of John Ward) and his wife Beryl. Other guests included representatives from University of Sydney, members of the Archives Authority and other bodies, including a large number of NSW Branch members.

Julie Young
Past President, NSW Branch

CSIRO library and information conference



Dr John Stocker, CEO of CSIRO (centre, front row) surrounded by his library and information staff.

CSIRO's Chief Executive, Dr John Stocker opened the 1991 CSIRO Librarians' Conference which was held at Lorne, Victoria from 23-26 June 1991. Over 70 CSIRO librarians, staff from CSIRO's Information Services Branch and outside experts attended the conference. Topics included issues of relevance to the broader library and information community as well as issues of specific concern to the CSIRO Library Network, the largest library network in the Southern Hemisphere.

Dr Colin Adam, Director of CSIRO's Institute of Industrial Technologies addressed the participants on Business

Information — an issue of increasing importance to CSIRO with the Organisation forging closer links with private industry. Outside experts making presentations included Barry McIntyre (Performance Indicators & Evaluation), Sherrey Quinn (New Information Technology), Ronalde Vandeberg (Marketing). Tim Burke (DA Books & Journals) demonstrated the latest in CD-ROM products, while Kevin Jeans from CSIRO's Information Services Branch illustrated the capabilities of AARNet.

There was also time to discuss the GEAC system which has been implemented throughout CSIRO's 45 libraries and to launch a new software package.

Pervasive themes throughout conference sessions included accountability, business plans and service management.

The next conference will be held in early 1993.

John Thawley
Manager, Library Network Services
Information Services Branch □

Thomas the Tank Engine & friends

The National Book Council is presenting a debate on 'Should attitudinal changes in the community affect literary values?' Margaret Aitken, Bronwyn Hughes, Joyce Nicholson and Jane Sullivan will look at Thomas, Noddy, Biggles, Uncle Tom and their ilk — are they really racist or sexist?

Come to Mietta's, 7 Alfred Place, Melbourne, 6-8 pm on Wednesday, 14 August. Champagne and savouries for starters. \$15 NBC members, \$18 others. A two-course meal after the debate for another \$12 if you wish. Bookings at NBC, 21 Drummond Place, Carlton, Vic 3053, telephone (03) 663 8655, fax (03) 663 8658. □

Multicultural initiatives

The UNESCO Network of Associated Libraries (UNAL)

In 1988, under the framework of its General Information Program, UNESCO established a network of libraries designed to foster international understanding; promote dialogue between different cultures; encourage multi-cultural initiatives; spread knowledge of minority cultures; increase awareness of international issues; and disseminate information on UNESCO's publications and on key works.

Libraries eligible to join UNAL as Associated Libraries are basically public libraries (including community or joint use libraries) which are prepared to actively promote the objectives outlined above, and to develop and maintain contact with

UNESCO about activities relevant to the Network. There is no funding associated with this program, although it appears to offer access to UNESCO publications.

There is a small booklet available which includes more details of UNAL, including a Request for Membership. For further information, contact: The Coordinator, UNESCO Network of Associated Libraries, c/- Division of the General Program, UNESCO, 7, place de Fontenoy, 75700 Paris, France or Anthony Ketley, Director, National Coordination, National Library of Australia, Parkes Place, Canberra, ACT 2600 or telephone (06) 262 1333.

Anthony Ketley