

Opportune Art

Electronic access gives new value to reference works on art

You can test drive a new range of databases at the Mitchell Library over the next two months. The databases are part of a new series on Australian art, published on floppy disc and CD-ROM by Sydney-based company Discovery Media.

The series consists of eleven titles and includes four biographical databases, a comprehensive bibliographic index to Australian artists, Australian and New Zealand auction records of the past decade, and detailed indexes to art exhibitions and publications. Titles cover both contemporary and historical subject areas.

You can try speedy electronic versions of well-known publications such as Max Germaine's *Artists and Galleries of Australia* and Edward Craig's *Australian Art Auction Records*, or investigate brand new titles such as the *Biographical Database of Aboriginal Artists* from the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies.

Access to the databases in the Mitchell Library is via a PC, although discs are also available in Macintosh format. Titles in the series may be purchased outright or by subscription.

For more information, contact Discovery Media direct on (02) 369 4314 or fax (02) 369 2276. □

MUCH more than books!

School holidays are fun (and instructive) at the SLQ

THE State Library of Queensland is living up to its slogan *More than books* with the month of January jam-packed with all sorts of interesting activities.

The extremely popular Summer School of Cartooning for 9- to 15-year-olds was on again, with some of Queensland's best cartoonists taking classes. The bookings flooded in and a third week had to be added to the School. Finally 150 children were accepted, with a waiting list almost as long again.

The Summer School of Cartooning is part of a national programme supported by the Australian Black and White Artists' Club and coordinated by the State Library of New South Wales.

The popular Children's film programme ran in the Library Theatre over 6 days. Children were enchanted by films such as *Alice in Wonderland* and *Harry the Dirty Dog*.

The Children's Library organised activities for kids of all ages. 4- to 7-year-olds were given the theme *Summer Fun and Games*, while 8- to 12-year-olds took part in activities related to the theme *Summer Sports*.

Finally, the State Library launched its major exhibition for the Summer—*Howzat!!! Cricket, Queensland Style*. This exhibition brings back memories of famous moments and personalities in cricket using newspaper clippings, historic photographs and cartoons from the John Oxley Library in addition to memorabilia from the Queensland Cricket Association.

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