

Some reports received

The two major conferences on 'electronic libraries' held earlier this year were covered in *inCite* 6, pp 7-9. The Proceedings of the first of these conferences, the one in Canberra, have just been published by the Australian Academy of the Humanities. *Changes in Scholarly Communication Patterns: Australia and the Electronic Library* (ISBN 0 909 897 29 8) was edited by John Mulvaney and Colin Steele and is available from the Academy, telephone (06) 248 7744, fax (06) 248 6287, at \$16.95 (less 10% for libraries) + \$6 p&tp. It includes the text and illustrations of 27 of the papers, all but two of them, covering information organisation and access, user viewpoints, some technical matters, intellectual property, a very necessary guide to acronyms, notes on the speakers and a list of participants. Alas, there is no record of the discussion, but with a galaxy of star speakers *Changes* will be an important reference on this topic for some time to come.

School libraries are always at the forefront of our attention. The Aus-

tralian School Library Association, ASLA, has recently issued a report that gives some solid facts from which we can argue. It contains the results of a survey held in 1991, with the support of ALIA and AC-LIS, aimed at developing national standards. The survey covered a sample of about 1000 schools and attracted an enviable 75% response. The report, *A Select Survey of School Library Resource Centres in Australia*, is co-published by ASLA and the ALIA School Library Section and is available from the Executive Officer, ASLA, PO Box 450 Belconnen ACT 2614 at \$10 + \$2 p&tp.

For some time past the Department of Finance has been hosting an Information Exchange Steering Committee whose Electronic Data Management Sub-committee is led by our colleague Brenda McCornchie. That Sub-committee has just brought out its guidelines on the *Management of Electronic Documents in the Australian Public Service* (ISBN 0 644 29189 3). The declared objective is to 'provide guidance and direction in electronic document management which will enable agencies to develop appropriate policies and procedures', but it should be helpful to anybody who has responsibility for producing, managing or using a wide variety of electronic documents. It is available from the Receiver of Public Moneys, Canberra Regional Office, Department of Finance, Newlands Street, Parkes ACT 2600, price \$15 inc p&tp.

The Women's Bureau of the Department of Employment, Education and Training runs a Women's Research and Employment Initiatives Program. This has just reported on the employment problems faced by women who experience spoken English language and literacy difficulties. The report, *Write me in: literacy barriers to women's employment and job promotion* (although on the title page it is called *Improving Women's Access to Literacy Training*) is a thorough examination of the issues and possible ways to resolve them. It is available from Government Bookshops, price \$8.95. ■

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