

of future opportunities for librarians and information professionals.

New salary survey

The survey is a useful early indicator of trends in the labour market. Being at the leading edge of employment it is closely in touch with the needs of employers as well as people looking for work.

As the employment market picks up there is an increasing demand for meaningful salary information. The *ALLA salary scales* is an excellent report on the salaries paid in the public sector. In the private sector, librarians are asking Library Locums for help with salary information.

The company will meet this need by producing a comprehensive salary survey for all library personnel in the private sector, starting from this year.

Librarians who wish to participate in this important project can call Library Locums on (02) 699 1855. ■

More cash for Kibble literary awards

Significant increases have been announced in the value of the 1995 Kibble Literary Awards for women writers.

The Nita B Kibble Award gets a boost from \$10 000 to \$12 000, and the Nita May Dobbie Award rises from \$2 000 to \$3 000.

The Nita B Kibble Literary Award is for a novel, autobiography, biography, travel or other writing with a strong personal element in the 'life writing' genre.

The Nita May Dobbie Award, to encourage female writers who have not yet achieved recognition for their work is for an article less than 4 000 words already published in a newspaper, magazine or literary or university journal.

Entries for the 1995 awards close in December 1994 and are for works published between 1 January and 30 November 1994. Writers

must be Australian citizens.

The winners of the inaugural awards, announced last month, were presented to Marion Halligan for her book *Lovers' knots*, and Nola Fisher for an article *For some reason*.

Miss Dobbie, raised by her aunt Nita Bernice Kibble, worked in Sydney as a librarian and research officer at the Standards Association of Australia.

The awards commemorate Miss Kibble, the first woman to be appointed librarian at the State Library of New South Wales.

She said in her will that she hoped the awards would advance Australian literature and provide incentive to Australian female writers for the benefit of the community.

Application forms and information are available from Ms Justan O'Donnell, ph: (02) 229 9866. ■

Literal boost of \$30 000 in NSW

Major increases in prize money have been announced for the 1994 New South Wales State Literary Awards, making them the most comprehensive and cash-rich in Australia. Six award categories will be boosted by a total \$30 000, bringing the prize pool for the awards to \$177 000.

The awards are offered annually by the State Government to honour distinguished books by Australian writers published in the preceding year. The awards also reward major achievements in play and script-writing.

This prize money increase recognises the development of Australian writing in recent years, not only in the number of books published but also in the quality of work reaching the printed page.

It is also a recognition of the growing importance of every kind of writing to Australians throughout the country.

The Minister also announced the introduction of an award in recognition of the International Year of the Family. This award is available in all categories for works that make an out-

standing contribution to the 'understanding of the family'.

The 1994 State Literary Award categories are: The Christina Stead Prize (Fiction) \$20 000; The Douglas Stewart Prize (Non-fiction) \$20 000; The Kenneth Slessor Prize (Poetry) \$15 000; The Children's Book Award \$15 000; The Play Award \$15 000; The Script Writing Award \$15 000; The Ethnic Affairs Commission Award \$5 000; The International Year of the Family Award \$5 000; The Special Award (discretionary) \$5 000; The Book of the Year (discretionary) \$2 000. ■

Reports on CD-ROM

Managing Director of Connect 4, Joe Rutecki, says: 'Financial institutions, major corporations, universities, Government departments and many other businesses have been quick to adopt this new technology.'

'The ability to quickly search for specific details and then easily transfer them into a spreadsheet or word processor has sparked new interest in the use of information contained in annual reports and is quickly overtaking older technology such as microfiche.'

Bench-marking, financial analysis, research aimed at auditing and accounting standards and traditional archiving are some of the application areas that have contributed to the product's success.

The *Annual report collection* is a Windows-based product and is available as a single-user or network version.

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