

# update

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courses.

- The process of reviewing and updating the Standards is of major importance. Early in 1995 ALIA should develop strategies to monitor the implementation of the Standards so that we are able to make an informed contribution to the review. ATA should be encouraged to hold workshops in mid-1995 to look at the implementation.
- Assessment of competence at the worksite is of great significance to both managers and other personnel. As a long-term strategy, ALIA should seek to participate in the ATA reference group. In the short term, ALIA should begin to collect case studies using examples from the implementation monitoring suggested above.

At the December meeting, Tina Jackson, the Chief Executive Officer of Arts Training Australia, paid tribute to the work of the Taskforce in developing a high quality set of standards on time and within budget. Cer-

tainly ALIA has placed high priority on the project this year, as is indicated in the December *inCite*, where 10 Divisions indicated the importance of their involvement in the development of the standards.

Nonetheless Margaret Thurstans' contribution to the standards was, without doubt, the single most significant factor in the success of the Project in 1994. As the Senior Project Officer she was responsible for collecting and analysing the data and writing the document. Margaret met members of the Association around the country, and was able to grasp the principles upon which the practice of librarianship is based, even when the practitioners themselves found them difficult to articulate, and to integrate the information which she gathered into a meaningful whole.

ALIA President, Bill Linklater, wrote to Margaret conveying the Association's appreciation of her work, before her return to Tasmania to a new job, totally unrelated to library competency standards. ■

## New library building opened at the Australian Maritime College

Since its establishment in 1979 the Australian Maritime College library has occupied a number of temporary premises (including eight years in a cramped demountable building) — but no more! Now the AMC Library has something to celebrate. In January 1993 it moved into the ground floor of a new \$1.5m multiple resource centre building. On 15 September 1994, the building was officially opened by Senator Joscelyn Newman, who paid tribute to the library's contribution to the development of the College.

The new library of 658 m<sup>2</sup> houses the 35 000 volume specialist maritime collection together with serials and audiovisual items — many unique to Australia.

It features a special audiovisual

room, two group study rooms, a serials reading area, and plenty of quiet study space. Air conditioned, with double-glazing to keep out external noise, the new facilities are making study attractive to more and more students. This is no wonder when the quiet study area offers a view to a magnificent copse of eucalyptus trees through a floor to ceiling window. The colour scheme is a feature with cool blues and

warm pinks creating a harmonious environment.

Opening day was marked by a library competition and a display of new books specially donated by the Shipping Industry. The library was decorated with pink and blue balloons, which were souvenired with much enthusiasm. ■



Coralie Mallitt, librarian, in the new library. Photo: Launceston Examiner



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