

# Crisis for children's books

## Call for assistance for awards funding

The Children's Book Council of Australia has established the Awards Foundation with the aim to raise \$1 million to fund the Children's Book of the Year awards. The Children's Book Council Children's Book of the Year Awards have done more for the development of children's books in Australia than anything else. The flow-on encouragement to authors, illustrators and publishers has had a profound effect on their success.

## Camellias or cash

Fifty years ago, when the awards began, the prizes were a camellia if the winner was a woman, and a hearty handshake if the winner was a man. Funding from various sources over the years enabled monetary prizes to be awarded. Whether it is a reflection of the frugal nineties or an indication of stricter financial times, funding for the prizes is now unavailable. Raising \$1 million will secure funding for the prizes in perpetuity and will ensure the independence of the Children's Book Council and the integrity of the awards.

## No children's book of the year awards

Where would children's libraries be without

the Children's Book of the Year awards? All children's librarians know about the awards. Whether or not everybody agrees with the judges' choices, the short-list and the awards provide a focus on Australian children's books. They encourage debate about children's books and increase public awareness of them through bookshops, schools and libraries.

## Fund-raising in libraries

Libraries are ideal places to raise public awareness of the Awards Foundation. Countless adult readers were hooked on books by the Children's Book Council during the last fifty years. Adult readers are aware of the importance of reading as a family and encouraging their children to read, so it is appropriate that libraries provide a focus on this drive for funding. Schools are supporting the Foundation with 'Mufti Days' and other activities. Libraries can join in the fun and the fund-raising.

Donations to the CBC awards foundation are tax deductible. For donation forms, more information or materials for display contact Margaret Hamilton, phone (02) 9816 2561, fax (02) 9817 5144, or June Smith phone (02) 9630 2424, fax (02) 9630 2594.

# RAISS call for motions

The 1996 RAISS (National) Annual General Meeting will be held to coincide with this years ALIA biennial conference in Melbourne. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9 October at 12.30pm at a venue to be

announced. Lunch will be available at a cost of \$10.00. Motions for the meeting should be forwarded to the National President, Vivien Nash, no later than 9 September. Once finalised, the agenda will be forwarded to State presidents and be

available on the RAISS home page at <http://www.alia.org.au/sections/raiss/home.html>. Further information: Vivien Nash, Undergraduate Library, University of Queensland, St Lucia, Queensland 4072; [v.nash@library.uq.edu.au](mailto:v.nash@library.uq.edu.au).



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(041) 925 0852, fax (02) 9568 3271. Cheques payable to ALIA Special Libraries Section NSW Group, 85 Moore Street, Leichhardt 2040.

## QLD

**2/9 Introduction/Bridging INMAGIC DB/TextWorks** Full day course 9-5pm. Venue: Ace Training, Level 3, 10 Market Street, Brisbane. For information and bookings contact: Trimagic Software, Authorised Training Centre, ph (02) 9413 1799, fax (02) 9413 1710.

• **9/9-11/11 Qld Library Technician Section meeting** State Library of QLD, Metway Theatre, 5.30pm. (9/9, 14/10, 11/11). Enquiries: A O'Donnell, ph (07) 3259 3025.

• **23/9 Qld Library Technician Section — Hands on technology workshop** Anglican Church Grammar School, Oaklands Parade, East Brisbane, 5.30-8pm. Limit — 20 persons, Cost: \$20. RSVP by 17/9. Contact: Elaine Mortimer, Aust Catholic Uni, PO Box 247, Everton Park 4053, ph (07) 3855 7152.

**1-2/10 Insearch/Knight-Ridder Information Seminars.** Chemical Searching for Non-Chemists (1/10), Introductory DIALOG (2/10). Brisbane contact: (02) 9212 2867.

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• **10/10 Qld Cataloguers Section** Transforming technical services. 2-4pm. Audiographic teleconference linking Brisbane, Rockhampton, Townsville and Cairns. For information contact: Roger Jeffries, ph (07) 3892 1954.

• **16/10 Qld Public Libraries Section.** Library users with special needs. 6.00pm for 6.30pm, members \$10, others \$15. Central City Library Theatre, City Plaza, Corner Ann, George and Adelaide Streets, Brisbane. Contact: Del Simpson, ph (07) 3403 9511 (b/h), e-mail [simpson@gil.com.au](mailto:simpson@gil.com.au).

• **16/10-18/12 Qld Public Library Section committee meetings.** Committee will meet on the third Wednesday in each month, with a Section activity held on alternate months. Full details will be revealed in *Quill* and through mail-outs. Meeting dates: 16/10, 18/12(AGM). Contact: Brenda Simpson, ph 07 3403 8621.

• **22/10 Qld Specials Section.** Tour of Coopers and Lybrand Library, 17th floor, Waterfront Place, 12.30-1pm. Host: Beth Mayo. Free. RSVP to Meg Jones, ph (07) 3269 7457 (Mon and Wed) by 16/10.

• **18/12 Qld Public Libraries Section.** The great debate: censorship on the net. 6.00pm for 6.30pm, members \$10, others \$15. Central City Library Theatre, City Plaza, Corner Ann, George and Adelaide Streets, Brisbane. Contact: Del Simpson, ph (07) 3403 9511 (b/h), e-mail [simpson@gil.com.au](mailto:simpson@gil.com.au).

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