

Hard work recognised

Dr Belle Alderman, 1996 Dromkeen Medal Winner

The Dromkeen Medal is an annual award, initiated in 1982 and presented by the Governor's of the Courtney Oldmeadow Children's Literature Foundation. The award is made to an Australian citizen for recent work that makes a significant contribution to the appreciation and development of children's literature.

The winner in 1996 was Dr Belle Alderman who has been a leading advocate for Australian children's literature for many years and a driving force behind efforts to promote our significant and continuing heritage of Australian children's literature, both nationally and worldwide. She is best known as the collections development manager of the Lu Rees Archives and as Associate Professor in Library and Information Studies, University of Canberra. ■



Dr Belle Alderman after receiving the Dromkeen Medal

Increased access to Australia's oldest women's library

Liz Ahern, Women's Studies Resource Centre

The collection of the Women's Studies Resource Centre is now ninety per cent automated and sixty per cent of the holdings were unique when first listed on ABN.

The collection holds over 13 500 items with special collections relating to the education of women, feminism, women's health, literature, history as well as non-sexist children's literature. Interstate borrowing is

available by inter-library loan.

The collection at the resource centre is historic, being a continuous record of the women's movement and publications. Formats include posters, video and audio tapes as well as vertical file collections, books and journals.

The journal collection of approximately one-hundred-and-ninety-nine titles is one

of the largest, continuous listing of women's journals and newsletters from state, national and international sources. This is currently also being indexed and automated and will eventually be added to ABN. The Women's Liberation Archive is also co-located inside our centre.

To find out more about the collection, telephone (08) 8267 3633, or fax (08) 8267 2997. ■

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School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph (02) 9385 3589, fax (02) 9385 3430, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au.

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Starting in August, Preservation of audiovisual collections — developed in conjunction with the National Film and Sound Archive, it will be conducted in distance mode. Uni of NSW, School of Information, Library and Archive Studies. Contact: Maureen Henninger, ph (02) 9385 3589, fax (02) 9385 3430, M.Henninger@unsw.edu.au.

NT

8/5 Blackwell's technology evening. Overview and demonstrations of new WWW systems: Electronic Journal Navigator, Serials CONNECT and Collection Manager for Monographs. Novotel Atrium, The Esplanade, Darwin, 4pm. Contact: Margaret Shoebridge or Rhonda Lelliott, ph (02) 9948 7300, 1800 251 699, shoebridge@blackwell.com.au, lelliott@blackwell.com.au. RSVP by 5/5.

• **15/5 NT Branch meeting.** Darwin Public Library, Civic Centre, 4.30pm.

• **4/6 NT Library Technicians Section meeting.** Casuarine Public Library, 5.30pm

QLD

• **7/5 Qld Branch and Qld Specials Australian Library Week dinner.** Guest Speaker: Dale Spender. Brisbane Hilton, 6.30pm. \$45 ALIA members, \$50 non-members. Contact: Diane Major, QUT Library, ph (07) 3864 3357.

6/5 Queensland Library Promotion Council Inc Australian Library Week launch in Queensland. Keynote speaker: Clint Robinson, Olympic Gold Medalist and Ironman Competitor. Sunshine Plaza, Maroochydore, 10.30am. For more information contact: Heather Gordon, ph (07) 5430 2805, hgordon@scuc.edu.au.

9/5 Queensland Library Promotion Council Inc Literary evening. Closing event for Australian Library Week in Queensland. Guests include: Mary-Rose MacColl, Author. Sunshine Coast University, 6-8.30pm. For more information contact: Heather Gordon, ph (07) 5430 2805, hgordon@scuc.edu.au.

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