

Marshalling the evidence for our future

On the Edge, 7th Asian Pacific Specials, Health and Law Librarians' Conference, Perth 12-16 October 1997

Researcher, practitioner, academic, boundary bender, Professor Joanne Gard Marshall heads up the Wednesday session of the conference. A Canadian who is active in the Medial Library Association and the Special Libraries Association in the United States, her talents transcend borders and speciality boundaries.

Her 1992 Rochester Study is one of the seminal studies in evaluation of the impact of hospital library services on clinical decision making. This was followed in 1993 by a research report for the Special Libraries Association on the impact of the special library of corporate decision-making. In 1996 she chaired the Special Libraries Association Special Committee of Competencies for Special Librarians. The full report of the committee and an executive summary may be found on the Special Library Association home page [<http://www.sla.org>]. She is the chair of the Medical Library Association Taskforce on the Implementation of the Research Policy Statement 'Using scientific evidence to improve information practice' and she is on the Board of Directors of the Medical Library Association. Joanne is all of this, and a professor in the Faculty of Information Studies at the University of Toronto.

And there's more...

Remember the booklet distributed in Sydney to promote *On the edge*? Remember that contest in the back to win reimbursement of your airfare to Perth? Well only ninety-four people completed the tear off slip. If you are one of the ninety-four and if you do come to Perth you will not get better odds of winning. The winner will be announced at the conference dinner.

\$1000 cash prize will be won by one dedicated trade trawler who visits every exhibitor, has their Trade Passport stamped at each stand, and put the completed Passport in for the prize draw.

Did you get yours?

Registration brochures have been mailed to all members of the Specials and Health Sections, the Asia-Pacific Special Interest Group, and the Australian Law Librarian's Group. If you did not get one, contact Motive Conventions, PO Box Z5327, St Georges Terrace, Perth 6831, phone (09) 322 2666, fax (09) 322 1417, motive@vianet.net.au, or visit the conference page [<http://www.lib.murdoch.edu.au:80/edge/edge.html> – see also the ALIANet conference pages]. ■

Marion high on new Mobile Library buzz

Marion Council is sky high over its new mobile Buzz — a massive, psychedelic, sixteen-metre semi-trailer that has been custom-built as a mobile library like never before.

Launched last month, the big buzz on wheels is the State's largest mobile library and the first of its type in South Australia to be incorporated into the body of a semi. The mobile library is another ground-breaking initiative for Marion Council which introduced the State's first mobile library in 1963. It

features piped music, timber shelving, three air conditioners, an automatic-opening door, lots of natural lighting and a unique push-button hydraulic capsule which acts as an extended annex service desk.

Sandie Holmes, Marion Library coordinator, said: 'People love the mobile service because it does not just deliver books, it delivers old-fashioned cus-



(l-r) at the Mobile Library Launch were Jim Crawford and Mrs Crawford, Marion Mayor Colin Haines and Mavis Haines

tomor service, dispatched from a state-of-the-art vehicle that is fun, imaginative and very alive." ■



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