

ALW97 NSW Branch web page launch

John Bartholomaeus, president, ALIA New South Wales Branch

On Tuesday 6 May at the State Library of New South Wales, John Shipp, ALIA vice-president, launched the ALIA New South Wales Branch home page. Development of the site was driven very competently by the Branch vice-president, Helen Mandl. In developing the site she was assisted by a student from the University of Technology, Sydney who used the work as a part of her studies.

Helen demonstrated features of the site with humour and aplomb. The technology worked very smoothly as Helen lead us on a tour of the site. To mark the launch and Australian Library Week, Helen Mandl — with the assistance of Alison Rigby from the Hunter Regional Group — linked the site to all the New South Wales library sites that could be found, enabling a virtual library tour of the State.

The site includes vital branch information such as personnel, minutes of meetings and a schedule of branch and divisional events. There are links to state divisional and regional group

home pages. The site is hosted by ALIANet and utilises the formats developed by the ALIA national office.

Over seventy people attended the function. Almost all sections of ALIA were represented as well as the library and information studies schools. Many thanks to Helen Mandl for the work she has put in to set up both the Branch site and the NSW listserv. It marks a new and exciting chapter for Branch and opens opportunities for better professional communication in our state.

View the site at <http://www.alia.org.au/branches/nsw/home.html>. Many thanks also to the Australian Library Week committee, especially to Joanne Fuller for organising the function. It was a very enjoyable evening and a great way for the Branch to celebrate Australian Library Week 1997. ■



The Children's and Youth Services Section (ALIA)



Marjorie Cotton Award

Nominations are being called for the Award for 1998

Commemorating an Australian Pioneer in Children's Librarianship

The award will be a Citation and Certificate recognising an outstanding contribution to Children's and Youth Library Services. A report of the project will be submitted to *inCite* and *Orana* by the successful recipient within 12 months of the Award.

Aims:

- Promote the role and image of children's and youth services librarians.
- Recognise individual achievement and co-operative networking in providing services for your people in public libraries.
- Encourage children's and youth services librarians to actively support the profession and the Association.

Eligibility:

This award is open to any member of the Australian Library and Information Association Children and Youth Services Section, who is employed as a children's or youth services librarian in a public library, and who is not a current member of a national or state Children and Youth Services Section committee. Nominations may be made by ALIA members, employers or colleagues.

Each nomination requires a proposer, a seconder and the consent of the nominee.

Selection Criteria:

- An outstanding contribution to developing, implementing or promoting services to young people in libraries.
- Active participation in co-operative networks, committees or groups furthering public library services to young people.
- Research, publication or presentation of a paper on the subject of children's youth librarianship or literature.

Nominations should be sent to:

National President, Children and Youth Services Section, c/- Susan Campbell, Burwood Drummoyne Public Library, 4 Marmaduke Street, Burwood 2134. Enquiries and application forms are available from: Susan Campbell, ph (02) 9911 9999, fax (02) 9744 5104. Nominations close on 31 January 1998.

This award will be presented at the 1988 ALIA Biennial Conference in Adelaide.

The Children's and Youth Services Section (ALIA)



Bess Thomas Award

Nominations are being called for the Award for 1998

Commemorating an Australian Pioneer in Children's Librarianship

A grant of \$250 will be awarded for a project initiating or supplementing public library services for young people. A report of the project will be submitted to *inCite* and *Orana* by the successful recipient within 12 months of the Award.

Aims:

- To encourage and support the development of innovative and significant public library services to young people.
- To promote public and professional awareness of the importance of services to young people in public libraries.
- To honour the bequest made by Bess Thomas and commemorate her contribution to Australian children's libraries.

Eligibility:

An individual public library service, regional service or co-operative network is eligible to complete a submission for funding. Submissions require the consent of the employing authorities.

Selection Criteria:

- Innovative proposals to develop services or supplement resources for young people in public libraries.
- Benefits of the project.
- Demonstration of special needs.

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