

NOMINATIONS FOR FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships are awarded to recognise a members distinguished contribution to the theory or practice of library and information science. Nominees must have a minimum of eight years standing as an Associate or Library Technician member, be a minimum of 30 years of age, and a personal member of the Association. Fellowships may be conferred throughout the year. Members should note that any recommendation for Fellowships must be made in strict confidence.

Nomination forms are available from
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Keeping the art of storytelling alive in Queensland

Lee Finkelstein, president, Storytelling Guild of Tropical North Queensland

The Storytelling Guild of Tropical North Queensland is up and running. A consortium of libraries in Tropical North Queensland applied for and won a Library Innovation/Project grant to finance the Guild.

Briefly the aims of the Guild are:

- to promote storytelling for all ages and cultures within the community;
- to encourage people to tell stories and develop their skills in the art of storytelling;
- to produce a newsletter to keep members informed of relevant events;
- to produce booklists and bibliographies to assist storytellers;
- to produce a directory of storytellers; and
- to organise activities such as storytelling festivals, seminars, workshops and informal gatherings.

The first meeting of the guild was held at Cairns City Library on 26 April. At this meeting the committee was elected. Lee Finkelstein is president, Karen Seymour, secretary and Karen Waltham, treasurer. Other committee members are Joan Anderson and Frances Utzinger.

In a morning workshop on Saturday 15 August 1998, Zoe Robb the founder of the Storytelling Guild of New South Wales talked about storytelling techniques for all ages. The workshop entitled 'Put me in the picture' was the first event hosted by the guild. Zoe, an experienced and inspiring storyteller, will be spending some time in the North, storytelling in some remote libraries.

At 10am on Saturday 24 October, at Smithfield Library, the Guild will be launched by Sydney puppeteer, Dennis Murphy and his famous puppet, Lady Hortense. Dennis has recently returned from a International Theatre Festival for Children held at Porto Sant'elpildo, Italy. Lady Hortense, coming out of retirement for the occasion, is well-known for her attendance at public functions of this kind. In the afternoon Dennis, together with various experienced storytellers in the Guild will conduct a workshop for experienced and beginner storytellers. Having attended many of Dennis' workshops I can highly recommend this event.

For more information about the Guild contact Lee Finkelstein on 07 4050 2525, (lib2@cityofcairns.qld.gov.au), Karen Seymour on 07 4091 2229 (aslub@tpg.com.au) or Karen Waltham on 07 4057 7755. ■



THE METCALFE MEDALLION

Nominations are now being
called for the 1999 award

John Metcalfe, and his contribution to librarianship and library education, are commemorated by the Australian Library and Information Association through the Metcalfe Medallion.

The Metcalfe Medallion is awarded for the most outstanding essay or other piece of work on any topic in the area of library and information science or archives administration. To be eligible nominees must be a student undertaking an entry-level course in these fields.

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Entries close 15 December 1998

Call for nominations Information Science section (NAT)

The **National** group of the Information Science section is calling for nominations for the following committee positions for 1999:

- president
- secretary
- treasurer
- and three committee members.

Returning officer: executive director, ALIA, PO Box E441, Kingston 2604.

Nomination forms are available from the National Information Science section or ALIA National Office. Forms must be signed by a nominator, a seconder and by the nominee and reach the returning officer by **15 October 1998**.