

Education for the profession in the new millennium – innovations in delivery and training: a forum

Ian Rogers, President, ALIA Education for Library and Information Services Section

On Wednesday, 17 November from 2:00 to 5:00pm at the State Library of Victoria Theatre a number of experienced and distinguished educators from the university and TAFE sectors will talk about recent course delivery, design and innovations that will help shape the future of education for our profession into the next millennium.

The forum will include student reflections on online delivery and education and recent developments for the implementation of the Training Package for TAFE. Speakers include Barry McIntyre from RMIT, Trish Milne and Belle Alderman from Canberra University, Don Schauder from Monash Uni-

versity, staff from Charles Sturt University, and TAFE, including Ian Rogers, Trish Dally and Julia Blunden.

Library staff at both the professional and para-professional levels, graduate students and members of the profession will benefit from hearing speakers talk about the latest ways in which education and training can take place — within the traditional classroom, beyond it, in the work place, and at home.

The forum is for professionals who wish to enhance their career prospects and marketability by building on their existing skills and knowledge, or those who seek ideas for change within the traditional library or information industry. It will provide professional devel-

opment officers with insight into how they might encourage staff to update, renew, and build their skills and knowledge base. It will help potential new and incoming students at either TAFE or the higher education level, by giving them ideas about the type of training and education that is available.

Cost: \$10.00 for working members of the profession, \$5.00 for members of ELIS, \$5.00 for students, unemployed members, and \$2.00 for VCE students. Send cheques to Paul Quilty at Library State Chemistry Laboratories, corner of Sneydes and South Roads, Werribee, 3030, phone 03 9742 0444 paul.quilty@nre.vic.gov.au. Or, pay at the door. ■

Call for nominations

Children's and Youth Services Section national awards

The ALIA Children's and Youth Services Section is calling for nominations for two national awards: the **Marjorie Cotton Award** and the **Bess Thomas Award**.

The Marjorie Cotton Award commemorates Marjorie Cotton, a pioneer in children's librarianship and recognises an outstanding contribution to children's and youth library services.

The award is open to any member of the Children's and Youth Services Section who is employed as a children's or youth services librarian in a public library. Nominations may be made by ALIA members, employers or colleagues and require a proposer, a seconder and the nominee's consent. The winner will be expected to produce a written report for *Orana* and *inCite*.

The Award recognises the achievements of a children's youth services librarian in developing, implementing and promoting services to young people in a public library. Previous winners of the award are Heather Fisher from Gosford and Narelle Paulton from Central Northern Libraries.

The **Bess Thomas Award** consists of a \$250 grant towards a project initiating or supplementing public library services for young people. Previous winners are Ashfield Library in New South Wales and Logan City Council Library in Queensland. Logan Shire used the grant to enable them to offer the winners of their young people's story writing competition the opportunity to extend their skills and future development by attendance at a creative writing workshop.

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

Applications may be made by individuals, public library services, regional services and co-operative networks and require the consent of the employing authorities.

Information and nomination forms can be obtained from Susan Campbell, Burwood/Drummoyne Public Library, 4 Marmaduke Street, Burwood 2134, phone 02 9911 9999, fax 02 9744 4104. Nominations for both awards close **31 January 2000**. ■

Local studies stalwarts

Marg Pember

Some people never learn! Seven of the committee members of the second National Local Studies Conference committee have been on four local studies conference committees (two national and two state) in the past ten years.

Venues have ranged from the Alexander Library Building, to Curtin University, to Heritage House, South Perth. The next conference will be held at The Rose and Crown Hotel in Guildford from 12–14 November 1999. The Rose and Crown was built in 1841 and is the oldest hotel still trading in Western Australia.

As well as a full program of papers from international and national speakers the committee have organised a very exciting social feast. The Garrick Theatre Group will perform *Tales of Old Guildford* in the historic theatre built as a convict depot in the 1850s. A pre-theatre dinner will be held in the lovely old Padbury's Buildings. Padbury House and Store were built by Walter Padbury in 1869. The official farewell function, a cocktail party, will be hosted by the Shire of Swan. A National Trust champagne brunch at Woodbridge will conclude the social program on Sunday 14 November. ■