

Library award

WHAT MAKES A good library? Certainly the building in which it is housed plays a very important part.

In order to recognise and encourage excellence in the design and planning of libraries, the Australian Library promotion Council and the Royal Australian Institute of Architects are conducting the second National Library Design Award, in 1982. Leading National library suppliers Raeco Pty Ltd are again sponsoring the Awards.

Submissions for awards are now being called for, and close on Friday 14 May, 1982. All entries are to be library buildings designed by Architects registered in Australia. The programme is open to every type of library. New buildings, converted or renovated buildings and redesigned or extended libraries are all eligible, provided they opened for use between 1 January 1979 and 30 April 1982.

A bronze medallion and up to five citations will be awarded to the most outstanding libraries entered.

It is expected that the best entries will reflect an effective working relationship between the architect and the librarian and will show a library which can operate efficiently and economically as well as being attractive to users.

Further information is available from the Executive Director, Mrs Anne Gribbin, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne 3000. Tel: (03) 63 5994.

The winner of the 1979 Library Design Award was Griffith University Library, Nathan, Queensland. Citations were awarded to Balwyn Branch Library and Frankston City Library.

National Conference

A NATIONAL CONFERENCE on libraries and manpower planning is to be held in Melbourne in November 1982. It is being organised by the Victorian group of EDLIB (LAA Section: Education for Librarianship).

The theme of the conference is 'The Library Workforce' and it aims to explore a number of facets of libraries and staffing needs and deployment.

Topics could include:

- the needs of employers for staff with training and skills; are these needs being met in times of change?
- the need for an Australia-wide plan for research
- the responsibilities of library educators: professional and paraprofessional, qualitative and quantitative
- the role of the LAA

A keynote speaker will be Nick Moore, from the Research Division of the British Library. He has extensive experience, particularly in manpower planning and research methodology.

Papers are required on the state-of-the-art, as well as the results of research.

Details on submissions and deadlines and requests for further information should be addressed to Janette Wright, Edlib Conference Secretary, Department of Librarianship, RMIT, GPO Box 2476V, Melbourne, Vic 3001.

The closing date for submission papers is 31 May.

National Library publication



Well-known poet and conservationist Judith Wright (centre) launched the National Library of Australia's new deluxe publication *Flower Paintings of Ellis Rowan* at the Library on 17 March. With Judith Wright are (left) Mrs Margaret Hazzard of Norfolk Island who wrote the book's introduction and (right) Dr Helen Hewson of Gunning NSW, who provided notes about the flowers. The book was printed by Griffin Press and costs \$78. An exhibition of Ellis Rowan paintings will be at the Library until 2 May.

National Library photography by Loui Seselja

ABN gets under way

ON 10 DECEMBER 1981 the Director-General of the National Library presided over a gathering which had the role of guiding the initial steps of the Library's newest child, the Australian Bibliographic Network. ABN was launched and the ABN Network Committee was presented with its task on behalf of Australian bibliography.

The future will perhaps wonder why no heralding of trumpets, for there is little doubt that ABN will revolutionise the exchange of bibliographic information in Australia. Why indeed? Perhaps the occasion was one of awe and the participants floundering in a flood of detail from which they are still emerging. Nevertheless, ABN is alive and well and the ABN Committee has met twice. It has agreed to publicise some of its decisions which may be of general interest to the library community.

Some of the matters agreed to at the meetings of 10 December and 3-4 February were:

- Jim Dwyer (Education Department of South Australia) was elected Chairperson.
- Arthur Ellis (University of Western Australia) was elected Deputy Chairperson.
- Flinders University, RMC Duntroon and Newcastle CAE were approved for admission as ABN members.
- The Chairperson of the ABN Standards Committee should be present at ABN Committee meetings.
- ABN is to achieve full cost recovery.
- The matter of training for ABN will have some prominence in the Committee's early determinations.

- User groups will be encouraged and their input to the Committee sought.
- An ABN Union Catalogue should be produced.

Arrangements are in hand for users to be provided with up-to-date information on the Network through an internal *ABN Daily News*. *ABN News* will also be issued as a means of dissemination of information to the profession generally. No doubt as 1982 progresses this development in the Australian library field will achieve mature status and become a major factor in our professional activity.

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SPECIAL STUDIES

The inclusion of this section in the Conference will provide delegates with ample opportunity to pursue their particular interests. Special studies will be held on:

- Monday, 23 August, 2.00-4.00pm
- Tuesday, 24 August, 2.00-4.00pm
- Thursday, 26 August, 11.15am-12.30pm

Some special studies may be limited to one or two of these times. The venue will be the University of Adelaide.

In addition to studies organised by the Sections and Special Interest Groups of the LAA, some special studies have been arranged by groups outside the Association, and by individual members of the Association.

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Excellent programs have been prepared, with overseas speakers and subject experts. As groups will be limited in size these sessions are designed to promote discussion and resolutions to specific issues.

Together the studies are representative of the current issues of modern librarianship, and follow the conference theme of 'Challenge and response'.

A brief summary follows, to whet the appetites of members. Further details will be available in the Conference handbook, but in the meantime studies organisers can be contacted through the Conference Secretary, Anne Hazell.

Acquisitions special interest group**Selection policies**

A series of informational papers, presented by nominees of key libraries, who will describe their selection policies and relate these to the recently published selection policy of the NLA Resolutions on further activities, rather than specific decisions on selection policies will be taken.

Advisory committee on library services to the handicapped

Two sessions are to be conducted to cover the unique aspects of library services for specific 'handicaps'. The emphasis will be towards local public library service.

Arts Libraries Society, Australia and NZ

Programs for the Monday and Tuesday sessions are being planned.

Bookmobile librarians special interest group

An interesting session has been organised for Thursday, to include Charles Robinson and key local 'mobile' librarians (and their wheels) to exemplify the provision of extension services on the road.

Cataloguers' section

Challenge of change: standards and technology.' A full program for cataloguers, with contributions from Susan Martin, Warwick Bathro (NLA) and John McKinlay (La Trobe University), as well as other topic experts.

A full program was published in *InCite*, 2 January 1982.

Children's libraries section

Creative activities in children's libraries.' Three exciting and practical sessions to cover storytelling and illustrations, puppetry, music, drama, reading clubs, planning and administration of activities.

Numbers will be limited to 40 and notes and bibliographies will be distributed upon registration.

AMLANZ

Music librarians will examine two important themes – music cataloguing and community access to music in public libraries.

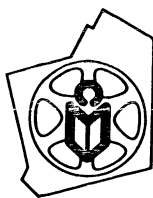
Information science section

Information scientists will meet in Tuesday's session to two topics: 'Data bases – duty, profit or fun', presented by Peter Judge; 'DOMSAT – the view in '82.'

Joint-use library

All three sessions will deal with the following subjects:

- the aims and objectives of Australian joint-use libraries
- a review of the problems traditionally associated with joint-use facilities
- a look at areas where research and evaluation are needed.



THE LIBRARY BOARD OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

EXECUTIVE LIBRARIAN LENDING SERVICES ALEXANDER LIBRARY BUILDING

Applications are invited for the position of Executive Librarian: Lending Services. The Executive Librarian will be responsible to the Principal Librarian: Public Lending Services.

The position is offered for a limited term of three years in the first instance. At the end of that period, renewal of the contract for a further period will be dependent upon administrative arrangements to be made on the completion of the Alexander Library Building.

DUTIES: To plan and coordinate the development of the lending services to be provided from the new Alexander Library Building due for completion in 1984. This will include the development of special material collections and services.

QUALIFICATIONS: Professional qualifications acceptable for Associate Membership of the Library Association of Australia.

EXPERIENCE: The successful appointee will have considerable experience in public library operations.

SALARY: \$20,314–\$21,148 (by two annual increments).

Further information available from either the State Librarian or the Assistant State Librarian, phone 328 7466.

Applications should be forwarded to: The State Librarian, The Library Board of Western Australia, 102 Beaufort Street, Perth WA 6000.

Closing date: 30 April 1982.



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PRINCIPAL LIBRARIAN PUBLIC LENDING SERVICES

Applications are invited for the position of Principal Librarian: Public Lending Services.

The Principal Librarian will be responsible to the State Librarian for matters of policy and to the Assistant State Librarian for matters of routine management.

DUTIES: To direct the operations of the Board's Circulation Division and State Film Centre. The appointee will also be responsible for the Lending Services in the Alexander Library Building. These premises, which will be the Board's headquarters, are due for commissioning in 1984. Specific duties will include:

- planning the Board's approach to the provision of public libraries
- negotiating with local government councils on the establishment of services, siting, design, size, and operational standards for public libraries
- formulation of policy regarding bookstock and special material development.

QUALIFICATIONS: Professional qualifications acceptable for Associate Membership of the Library Association of Australia.

EXPERIENCE: The successful appointee will have considerable experience in the administration of a public library service or in a senior capacity in a State Library organization responsible for managing services or stock for a public library system. Management skill is essential and familiarity with computerised systems will be an advantage.

SALARY: \$28,653.

Further information available from either the State Librarian or the Assistant State Librarian, phone (09) 328 7466.

Applications should be forwarded to: The State Librarian, The Library Board of Western Australia, 102 Beaufort Street, Perth WA 6000.

Closing date: 30 April 1982.

Background papers will be distributed, as the emphasis will be on discussion.

Public libraries section

'Online community information and the public library.'

Participants will cover management of systems, subject headings, and also look at hard and software options.

'Women and management in libraries.' Two sessions are planned, with an emphasis on problem solving and the management of people.

School libraries section

'Using literature in the language arts program.'

Under the leadership of Pat Cianciolo, the topics to be covered will include literature for the experienced, accomplished and enthusiastic readers; using literature to teach critical reading; literature to enrich children's language; guidelines for motivating children to read.

'School libraries and networks.' Sessions will provide delegates with an opportunity to update on current programs and developments.

SA Working group on multicultural library services

Resource implications for both school and public libraries involved in multicultural programs will be covered by panels, including Charles Robinson. Co-operative and sharing projects will also be discussed.

Library technicians section

Technicians plan to cover three topics:

- Automated cataloguing systems
- Middle level management problems: how to recognise and resolve them
- library statistics: planning and collection.

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