

IN THE NEWS

Australian IBBY Conference

There is to be a conference on children's literature, organised by IBBY.

The conference will be held at the University of Sydney from 25-27 August and a committee, consisting of people concerned with many aspects of education, children's literature and the media, is already well under way with arrangements regarding speakers and so on.

The main theme of the conference will be the electronic explosion and its effects on children's writing, illustrating, storytelling and publishing.

Keep watching this column for more information!

The April blue

Not a butterfly or a postage stamp, but an issue of the *Australian Bookseller and Publisher!* The April issue has a blue cover which, just to fool you, says March 1983 – the publishers are calling it their April blue!

But seriously folks, they would like YOUR reactions – not to the colour or the date, but to the special listing of Forthcoming Australian Books, April - October 1983. This information was compiled following requests from the Joint Book Trade Working Party (ABA, ABPA and LAA) to assist in the promotion of Australian books to Australian libraries.

The publishers, D.W. Thorpe Pty Ltd, 384 Spencer Street, Melbourne Vic 3003, would like your comments and to know whether you would like a similar listing to be provided in the October 1983 issue to cover Oct 1983 - Mar 1984 titles.

Public library automation

Graeme Deutscher, President of the New South Wales Public Libraries Automation Group, has announced the appointment of Information Sciences of Australia as consultants to undertake a \$30,000 study into public library automation in New South Wales. Gordon Undy is the consultant assigned to the study and he will commence investigations early in April with a final report due in October, 1983.

The NSW Public Libraries Automation Group intends that the study will provide an overview of current developments in public library automation, an identification of trends, and proposals and guidelines for future development. The study has been designed to give both immediate and long-term benefits to public librarians planning or involved in library automation.

Interested parties are invited to make submissions and comments on matters related to the study. Copies of the terms of Reference are available from Gordon Undy, PO Box 784, Woden, ACT 2606 (062) 86 4671 or Richard Nichols at the State Library of NSW (02) 240 4428.

New Tasmanian appointment

Ray Bartle has been appointed the State Library of Tasmania's Assistant State Librarian replacing Gordon Griffin who retired last year.

Mr Bartle started working in libraries in 1960, in UK county library systems, involved mainly with school and children's libraries until 1971, when he joined the State Library of Tasmania as State Children's Librarian.

In 1974 he was appointed to the then new position of Resources Librarian, responsible for the State Library's resources selection programmes and collection development. He became Research and Development Librarian in March 1982 following administrative re-structuring of the State Library.

Ray Bartle's responsibilities as Assistant State Librarian include general policy and implementation planning, support services for the Tasmanian Library Board and sections involved with staff development, systems planning and publicity. He recently completed a Masters course in Social Science (Admin) at the University of Tasmania.

Three international 'firsts' for Australian IBBY

Ena Noel has been elected to the International Executive Committee for the period 1983-85.

She will be a judge for the 1983 International BIB (Biennale d'Illustrations de Bratislava).

Maurice Saxby has been elected to the judging panel of the 1984 IBBY International Hans Christian Andersen Award.

Conference date unchanged

In the last issue of *InCite*, dated 8 April 1984, there was a report on the LAA-NZLA Conference to be held in Brisbane in 1984.

This report gave the date for the Conference as 20-24 August (as stated on the press release sent to *InCite*), but it should have read **27-31 August**.

So if you rushed to make a change in your diary, you can relax – your original entry was right!

Closing date extended

Divisions had been asked to comment on Margaret Trask's paper *Professional practice: whose responsibility?* published in the February 1983 issue of *The Australian Library Journal* by April 1 1983.

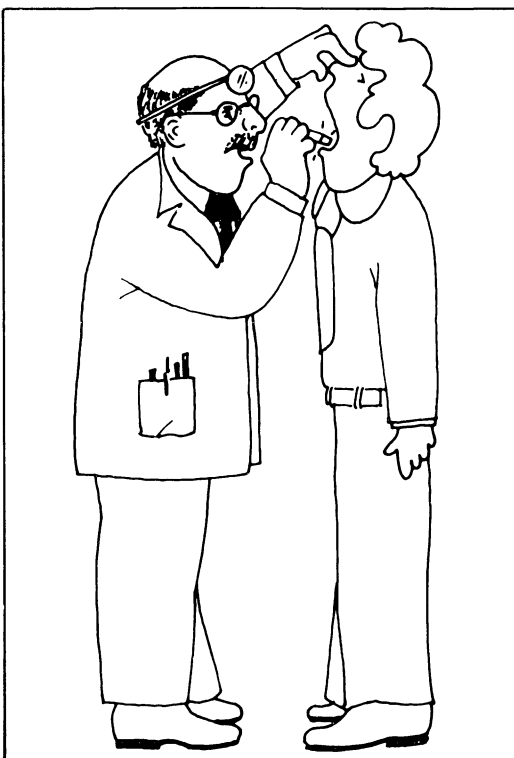
A number of Divisions are arranging workshops and other discussions on the paper, and have asked for extensions to allow detailed comments to be prepared.

The closing date has been extended to *June 1 1983*. This is a major issue for the Association to consider, and the views of Divisions, members and other interested groups would be appreciated. *Sue Phillips*
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