



Profile on Peggy Sullivan

Dr Peggy Sullivan, Dean of the College of Professional Studies at the Northern Illinois University, will be a guest speaker at the 1984 LAA-NZLA Conference to be held in Brisbane from August 27-31.

Dr Sullivan's qualifications include a Bachelor of Arts from Clarke College Iowa (1950); a Master of Library Science from the Catholic University of America in Washington DC (1953); and a PhD from the University of Chicago which she completed in 1972.

Her very distinguished career began in 1952 with the position of Librarian in Service to Children in Public Libraries in various parts of the United States, a position she held until 1961. Since then, Dr Sullivan has worked in a variety of positions including that of Director of the Knapp School Libraries Project, American Library Association, from 1963 to 1968; and Director of the Office for Library Personnel Resources, American Library Association, from 1973-1974. In addition she has also held many interim and part-time faculty appointments in library education programmes at various academic institutions in the United States. From 1974 to 1977 Dr Sullivan was Associate Professor and Dean of Students at the Graduate Library School, University of Chicago.

An active involvement in professional memberships and societies has been another

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feature of Dr Sullivan's career. In 1970 she was a UNESCO consultant on school libraries in Australia. She has also held numerous positions in the American Library Association, including that of President in 1980-1981. Not surprisingly, Dr Sullivan has been the recipient of many honours in the course of her career; these include being Tangley Oaks Fellow in 1969 and a delegate to the White House Conference on Library and Information Services in 1979.

Dr Sullivan anticipates being in Australia for the Conference and a further two weeks, participating in Continuing Education programmes. She is combining her visit to Australia with travel to IFLA in Nairobi, a hectic schedule which unfortunately means that she will not be able to visit New Zealand.

**LAA-NZLA Conference
Brisbane, 27-31 August 1984**

Childrens Book of the Year award

THE CHILDREN'S Book of the Year award has gone to Victor Kelleher for *Master of the Grove*, published by Penguin. The winner receives a Literature Board Award of \$1100.

Highly commended was Eleanor Spence's *The Left Overs* (Methuen Australia), with a Literature Board Award of \$750.

Two titles were commended, receiving Literature Board Awards of \$350 and \$300. These were *Five Times Dizzy* by Nadia Wheatley (Oxford University Press) and *Toby's Millions* by Morris Lurie (Penguin Australia).

This year's winner of the Picture Book of the Year Award was Pamela Allen for *Who Sank the Boat?*. This title was published by Nelson Australia and receives a Visual Arts Board Award of \$1150. Highly commended was *The Train* by Witold Generowicz (Penguin Australia); a Visual Arts Board Award of \$700 is given for this title.

Two picture books were commended – *Tin Lizzie and Little Nell*, by David Cox (Aurora) and *Turramulli the Giant Quinkin* by

Youth information services

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fairly large, and paragraphs should be short and well spaced (6) the cover should be attractive (7) the directory should fit into a pocket! (approx. 15 x 20 cms).

Other ways of packaging information include videotape and the generation of data base service. Both of these formats have proven to be highly acceptable to young adults, but sadly both are expensive to produce. It would be useful if librarians could produce short segments on youth information on videotape for running in a general area of the library.

Distribution

Word of mouth – the grapevine – is generally acknowledged as one of the most effective ways of transferring information, if not the most accurate. Talking to the community about what services you are offering on a personal basis and through local radio and press is vital.

Another way is through young people themselves. If they are involved in what you are doing, perceive it as valuable, and have the good will of their peers, they will spread the word better than anything else will.

Dropping off the information and talking about it in places where young people are – schools, pubs, youth centres, at local gigs, is also useful.

To a very large degree, to be effective, information work with youth must be done outside the library.

Finally, if you are doing successful work with youth information, please document it. We all need to know more about effective strategies.

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Dick Roughsey and Percy Trezise, published by Collins. Visual Arts Board Awards of \$350 and \$300 respectively were made for these.

The classification Junior Book of the Year was won by *Thing* (Oxford University Press). The author, Robin Klein, and the illustrator, Alison Lester, each receive Children's Book Council of Australia medals.



Library Association of Australia

GENERAL COUNCIL

Election of Executive Officers and 1 member of General Council to hold office in 1984 and 1985.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Association's By-laws provide for a General Council consisting of the Executive Officers, the Chairman of the Board of Education, one member appointed by each Branch, and two members appointed by the membership of the Association.

In accordance with Divisions F and H of the Regulations, nominations are now called from financial members of the Library Association of Australia for the following positions:

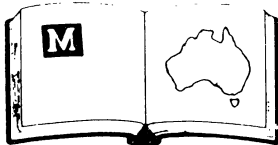
- Vice-President 1984 (President-elect 1985)
- General Secretary 1984 and 1985
- One member of General Council elected by the membership of the Association to hold office in 1984 and 1985.

Candidates and nominators should read the relevant Regulations carefully. Please note that nominations shall be

- in writing;
- signed by two financial members of the LAA;
- accompanied by the written consent of the nominee, who shall supply a curriculum vitae and a statement of professional concerns (each of no more than 100 words).

Nominations must reach the Executive Director, LAA, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo 2007 by 5 pm on Thursday, 1 September 1983.

Susan Acutt
Executive Director



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