



IN THE NEWS

Study on Aboriginal Folktales

Barbara Anderson, Lecturer with the School of Library and Information Studies, Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education, successfully defended her doctorate in Education at the University of Iowa on January 18. Her dissertation title was: *Australian Aboriginal Folktales: An Analysis of English Language Versions Published or Reprinted Between 1970-80 and Recommended for Children and English Language Versions Available to the Public Prior to 1910.*

Barbara plans to make the results of her study more widely available in the near future.

New Systems Manager

Mr John W. Pittard, BSc, has been appointed Systems Manager of the University of Sydney Library. He was formerly Systems Development Supervisor with Commonwealth Steel Company, Newcastle.

BCAE staff appointments

The Brisbane College of Advanced Education was formed in January 1982 by the amalgamation of four former metropolitan Colleges of Advanced Education – Brisbane Kindergarten Teachers College, Kelvin Grove College of Advanced Education, Mount Gravatt College of Advanced Education, and North Brisbane College of Advanced Education.

Senior Staff positions in the Resource Centre of the new College have recently been

finalised and this has necessitated a number of changes of Campus for these senior staff. The new appointees are:

Bibliographical Services Section:

Head, Bibliographical Services, and Acting Head, Resource Centre, Gaynor Austen (07) 356 9311 Ext. 285.

Acquisitions Librarian, Elisabeth Dolby (07) 356 9311 Ext. 447.

Cataloguing Librarian, Cathy Crawford (07) 356 9311 Ext. 273.

User Services Section:

Head, User Services, Lenore Deacon (07) 356 9311 Ext. 314.

Campus Librarians: Carseldine, Dennis Edwards (07) 263 6222 Ext. 330; Kedron Park, David Hugo (07) 57 7077 Ext. 232; Kelvin Grove, Minna Dawes (07) 356 9311 Ext. 373; Mount Gravatt, Margaret Travis (07) 343 0710 Ext. 710.

A/V Services Section:

Manager, A/V Services, Kingsley Neale (07) 356 9311 Ext. 315.

The position of Head, Resource Centre, B.C.A.E. will be advertised externally in the near future.

Variety at Carringbush

On 21 March, the 1983 program of evening classes and weekend workshops organised by Carringbush Library will commence.

There are classes for adults and children, covering a wide range of subjects including Computer Programming, Jazz Ballet, Vietnamese, to name just a few.

The workshops are for adults only and these too are for very varied interests, such as Tracing Your Family History, Travelling through Asia, Indonesian Art as well as the more usual Cake Decorating.

For further information contact Bronwen Baird or Heather McDougall (03) 429 3644.

Back issues of Australian Library Journal

A complete set of Australian Library Journal, from 1973-1981 is available free of charge.

Anyone interested in obtaining them should contact Mrs Van Zanten (02) 639 1856 to make the necessary arrangements.

Librarian honoured for community service

AMONG THOSE HONOURED in the Australia Day Honours List was Barrett Reid who became a Member of the Order of Australia for public service, particularly in librarianship.

This is a particularly fitting time for such a tribute, because at the end of 1982 Barrett Reid retired from his position as Executive Officer of the Public Libraries Division with the State Library of Victoria. His career in librarianship began in Queensland and he joined the Victorian State Library in 1952.

His many achievements during this long period of service includes the extension of library services to 207 councils; gaining council acceptance of the importance of well designed library buildings; the establishment of Technilib and the creation of a strong local government lobby to keep the needs of public libraries before the state government.

Barrett Reid was one of the first to see community information as a function of public libraries, and he was the initiator of the Jolly Jumbuck children's mediamobile – described as a multi-media approach to children's librarianship.

His enthusiasm in the many aspects of librarianship have caused him to be known outside the library profession: from 1965-73 he served on the Australian UNESCO Committee on Museums and Libraries, from 1974-78 on the Libraries Board of the Australian Council, and from 1974 onwards on the Public Lending Right Committee.

The promotion of libraries has always been a major concern of Barrett Reid's, first through the old Library Week Committee then the Australian Library Promotion Council and the Library Promotion Committee. He was also involved with the Braille and Talking Book Library and the setting up of the Braille Book of the Year Award.

Barrett Reid's many achievements can only be touched on briefly here, but his friends and associates will be well pleased at the tribute paid in creating him Member of the Order of Australia.

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