

IN THE NEWS

Australian IBBY has a lot to offer!

The IBBY bookmark for 1983 bears an illustration by Jan Ormerod, winner of the 1982 Children's Book Council of Australia Picture Book Award for her book *Sunshine*. This book has won international acclaim including the British Mother Goose Award.

The IBBY bookmark lists on the back all the special dates of 1983 relating to children and books and is just one of the wonderful offers obtainable through IBBY Australia, PO Box 194, Edgecliff NSW 2027.

And if you're very quick, you may still be able to get a ticket for the Hans Christian Andersen dinner on March 29 at which famous British writer Alan Garner will be the guest speaker. Contact Karyn Green (02) 36 7818 (bus) or Mary Maltby (02) 36 4307 for tickets.

New appointment at Newcastle

Miss Jennifer Ann Stevens, ALAA, has been appointed Deputy Library Director of Newcastle Region Public Library, effective from March 1.

Miss Stevens has worked in the library for the past 16 years, with experience in lending, reference and cataloguing work. She was Children's Librarian until her appointment as Cataloguer two years ago. She has recently been responsible for the planning and introduction of automated cataloguing, and she will continue to work as Cataloguer while carrying out her duties as Deputy Library Director.

Library automation seminar

On Wednesday April 13, Libramatic Systems is holding its first Library Automation Seminar for 1983. The guest speaker will be Phyllis Papps, now Chief Librarian at the Malvern Library Service.

Phyllis has had recent extensive experience in helping to establish a major installation at the Eastern Regional Library Service, and her talk will therefore be of great interest to libraries about to automate their circulation and cataloguing functions.

The program will also include a session on retrospective conversion facilities and products, plus a demonstration of the LIBS 100 integrated Library System with the innovative 'Touch' screen public access catalogue.

The seminar will commence at 9.15 a.m. and is being held at the Australian Institute of Management, 10 St. Leonards Avenue, St. Kilda.

To register for this free seminar call Jill Batten at Libramatic (03) 536 0141.

Happy birthday Hans!

International Children's Book Day – each year a different national section of IBBY sponsors this day on April 2nd, the anniversary of the birth of Hans Christian Andersen. This year the day is being sponsored by the Venezuelan Section.

IBBY in Australia has suggested that libraries could have special displays to mark the event in either the week preceding that date or the week following.

Photographs of displays and celebrations would be welcomed for inclusion in *InCite*.

SPELD seminars

Professor Doreen Kronick, an authority on learning disabilities will be visiting Australia shortly.

Professor Kronick, who has received a number of awards for her contributions to the learning disabilities field, will be arriving on April 17 and will visit Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane before going to New Zealand in May.

Details of her NSW meetings are given in *Happenings* (April 21 and 22) and further information is available from SPELD NSW, PO Box 94, Mosman 2088.

War & Society

A new journal, entitled *War & Society* is to be published shortly.

This new English language international journal, aims to provide a forum for the discussion of the history of war and its impact on society.

It will publish scholarly articles on the causes, experience and impact of war in all periods of history. Contributors to forthcoming issues include Reinhard Meyers (Bonn), Louis Green (Monash), André Corvisier (Sorbonne), John Whittam (Bristol) and Ronald G. Haycock (RMC Canada).

It will be published twice a year, the first issue (a complimentary one) to appear in May 1983.

Enquiries should be directed to the Editors, *War & Society*, Department of History, University of New South Wales, Duntroon, ACT 2600, Australia.

Funding granted for 'Teleslaq'

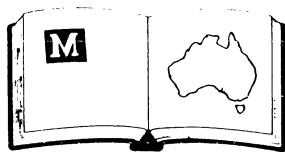
A CONTINUING education program for Queensland teacher-librarians has been granted \$3600 by QINSEC. *Teacher-Librarian Update 1983*, nicknamed 'TeleSLAQ', will involve a series of four interactive teleconferences with 18 Queensland centres using loudspeaker telephones to assist teacher-librarians to keep up-to-date on recent developments in education and school librarianship. The programs will contain matters of interest to many teachers as well as teacher-librarians.

This is a joint project between the School Library Association of Queensland (SLAQ) and the Department of Librarianship and Teaching Studies at the Brisbane College of Advanced Education, with support from the Library and Resource Services Branch of the Queensland Department of Education.

The main aims of the project are:

- (a) to provide inservice CE for teacher-librarians by updating their knowledge of school librarianship through teleconferencing which permits interaction with administrators and specialists in the field;
- (b) to bring the School Library Association of Queensland to its members, many of whom can never attend regular meetings, so that they can participate in the work of the Association and so that they can begin to take more initiative and responsibility for their own professional and inservice affairs;
- (c) to develop a model whereby any professional group can use this method effectively to unite a dispersed membership;
- (d) to practise some basic methods in distance communication which can be applied to the use of the domestic satellite which will have considerable potential for inservice through distance education.

Invitations will be issued to those interested in observing the process. For further information contact Dr Roy Lundin, TeleSLAQ Project Director, Department of Librarianship & Teaching Studies, Brisbane College of Advanced Education – Kelvin Grove Campus, Victoria Park Road, BRISBANE. Q. 4059.



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