



## IN THE NEWS

### AACOBS research grants

AACOBS has limited funds available to support research and development projects in library and information studies. Projects relating to theoretical and practical aspects of library resource development, library management, organisation and services, information retrieval and the transfer of information could attract financial support from AACOBS. Only in exceptional cases will funds be allocated to projects of an on-going nature.

Applications for funding during 1984-85 will close on **31 August 1984**.

Copies of application forms and guidelines for applicants seeking AACOBS financial support for Research and Development projects are available from: The Secretary, AACOBS, PO Box E202, Queen Victoria Terrace ACT 2600.

### Deputy City Librarian retires

Olive Howard ALAA, retired on 9 March, 1984, after 20 years service at the Oakleigh Public Library, the last 15 years as Deputy City Librarian. Her replacement as Deputy is Louise Riordan BA ALA ARMIT, who was Branch Librarian at Oakleigh for seven years and previously Chief Librarian at the Echuca Public Library.

### Laser scanner working well

In *InCite* Vol 3, No21, 19 November 1982, it was reported that a LIBS 100 model CC-70 laser scanner had been installed at the Melbourne College of Advanced Education - Carlton Campus.

Helen Hayes, Deputy Chief Librarian, reports that after 18 months' use at the Loans Checkout Desk, staff are greatly impressed with the accuracy, efficiency and safety of the scanner, the model CC-70.

If you would like to learn more about it or see a demonstration, contact the Education Resource Centre at Melbourne CAE. (03) 341 8111.

### Take a minute

The State Rail Authority's Archives has a full set of the Institution of Civil Engineers' *Minutes of Proceedings*, v. 1-240, 1837-1935 to give away. The archives does not want to break up the set, however.

Requests should be addressed to Ray Parr, Archives, GPO Box 29, Sydney, NSW, 2001 (290-4978).

### Children's literature award

The closing date for nominations for the Lady Cutler Award has been extended to June 30.

This award, which is given annually will be announced and presented at the opening ceremony for Children's Book Week.

The recipient must be someone who has made a significant contribution to children's literature. Nominations should be made on an official nomination form which can be obtained from the Children's Book Council (NSW Branch), Library Services, 35 Mitchell Street, North Svdnev.

### DIALOG News



Janine Schmidt has joined the staff of Insearch Ltd/DIALOG as a DIALOG training specialist. Janine is on secondment to Insearch Ltd. until December 1984 from the school of Library and Information Studies at Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education, where she is a senior lecturer.

The school has been actively seeking secondments of teaching staff for short periods into non-traditional information services in preparation for the introduction of broader based information education and training.

The school welcomed the opportunity provided through Insearch/DIALOG for Janine to experience at first hand the marketing and training implications of such services. Janine will have the opportunity during this period to assess implications for information education and training generally. She will be conducting DIALOG seminars, and assisting in customer support and marketing.

### Newcastle's central library

Staff and users of the central library of the Newcastle Region are enjoying their spacious and enlarged premises, with all stock under one roof for the first time in many years.

Remodelling has recently been completed of the Newcastle War Cultural Centre, which, when first opened in 1957; housed the library, the City Art Gallery and a branch of the NSW Conservatorium.

The building is now used exclusively as a library, with the ground floor housing the lending section, including substantial areas for talking and Braille books, toys and children's craftwork. The Reference/information section and a theatrette are on the extended mezzanine/first floor, and the second floor contains the local history section, rare books and dark room, as well as being used for book storage. The administrative offices, workrooms for cataloguing and staff amenities areas are on the third floor.

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