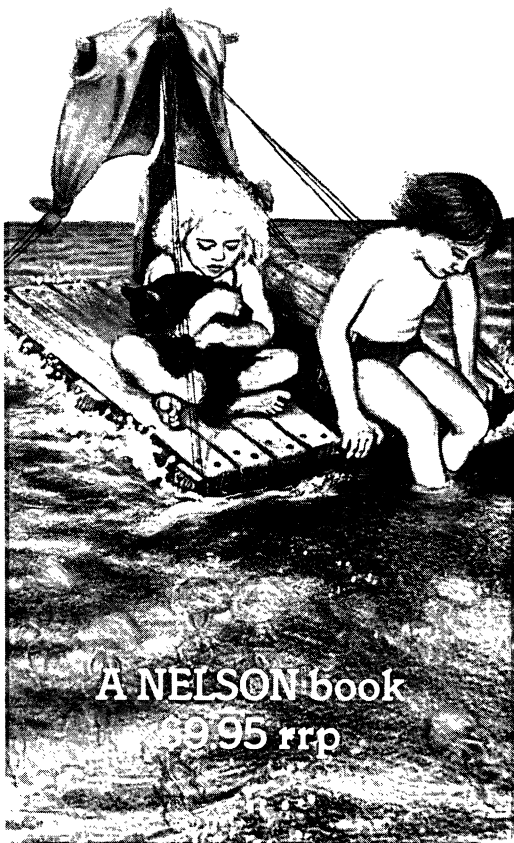


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THE METCALFE MEDALLION

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The award is for the most outstanding essay or other piece of work on any topic in the areas of librarianship, information science or archives administration, submitted by a student undertaking a first award course in librarianship or archives administration.

Students are invited to submit entries for the 1985 award. These should be pieces of work of publishable standard — there is no specified length.

A panel of several distinguished members of the profession will select the winning entry, which it is anticipated will be published in the *Australian Library Journal* or another suitable publication by the Association. The Association reserves the right not to make an award in any year.

Entries should be placed in a sealed envelope, marked only with the title of the work. This envelope, together with a covering letter indicating the title and the identity of the writer, should be sent to the LAA office. The outer envelope should be marked 'Metcalf Medallion'.

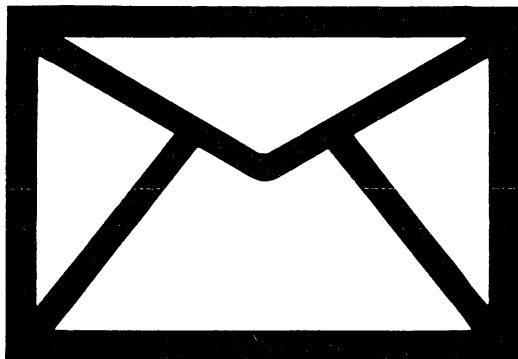
There must be no identification on the entries themselves, and only one may be submitted by each entrant.

Send entries to:

Assistant Executive Director,
Library Association of Australia,
376 Jones Street,
Ultimo NSW 2007

Entries close 31 December 1984

For further information contact Sue Phillips, Assistant Executive Director, at the LAA Head Office (02) 692 9233.



On microcomputers

I have been asked by the Editor of *Program* in the UK to write an article on the uses of microcomputers in Australian libraries and information units. It is intended to devote a special issue to microcomputers.

I would be pleased to hear from anyone using a microcomputer in a library or information unit on any relevant application, using bought-in or specially developed software. If possible, I should like to receive the information before July 16 1984.

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Library Association of Australia

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Election of THREE members by the membership of the Association.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Membership of the Board of Education is as follows:

- three professional members elected by the Professional Committee of General Council;
- seven members, of whom at least four must be professional members, elected by the membership-at-large of the Association;
- the President of the Association *ex officio*;
- the Executive Director as a non-voting executive member.

(By-law 24)

The terms of office of four members of the Board end on 30 April 1985. Three members are now to be elected by the membership of the Association to hold office until 30 April 1988. The Professional Committee of General Council will elect the fourth member.

Nominations are hereby called for the two positions. Nominees must be financial members of the Association. They need not be professional members, however to comply with By-law 24 at least two of the three members elected must be professional members.

Nominations shall be

- in writing;
- signed by two financial members of the Association;
- countersigned by the nominee;
- accompanied by a curriculum vitae (giving full details of academic and professional qualifications) and a statement of concerns, each to be not more than 100 words.

Nominations close with the Executive Director, Library Association of Australia, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007 at 5 pm on 1 September 1984.

Board members retiring on 30 April 1985 are Miss D. Goodman, Miss J. Knox, Ms M. MacKinnon and Mr I. Miller. Other members of the Board are Mrs. M. Broadbent, Ms M. Browne, Mr E. Parr, Mr W.D. Richardson, Mr. E. Wainwright and Ms J. Wright.

Jenny Adams
Executive Director

For various reasons, the elderly fathers of the Melbourne Public Library do not employ women except to scrub floors. There are a good many jobs at the Library. It is a nice, cool, quiet spot in the summer-time, and a sheltered and pleasant place without draughts in the winter. Much of the work consists in sitting down and waiting for somebody to turn up and ask for something; and a woman could almost do that. The time seems right to give her the chance. In neither war nor peace can we any longer afford to waste men in unproductive jobs. If the new arrivals at the library are nice things in clean pinnies and with a cheerful appearance, so much the better — always providing that the supply of disabled soldier has failed to satisfy the demand.

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