

IT'S NOT TOO LATE

It is not too late to register for what promises to be one of the most stimulating and information-packed librarians' conferences ever held in Australia — 'Librarians: after 1984'.

To be held in Brisbane from 27-31 August, the Conference will be the culmination of two years' dedicated planning and hard work by joint hosts, the Library Association of Australia and the New Zealand Library Association.

Diligent organisation and an enthusiasm for sharing knowledge has meant that some of the world's leading authorities in librarianship and technology will address topics from the six major conference strands: Information Technology, National Information Policy, Literacy, Publishing, Public Libraries and Special Collections and their Conservation.

A once in a lifetime chance

For many delegates this may be a once in a lifetime chance to hear noted speakers such as distinguished British scholar, Dr Richard Hogart, who will deliver a paper entitled 'Why Read in an Electronic Age', and American Professor Peggy Sullivan presenting an address called 'How Will Librarianship Survive?'

Many prominent Australians and New Zealanders will also speak. For example, Professor Stephen Hill of the University of Wollongong's Sociology Department will deliver the opening plenary address: 'Cultural Impact of the Information Revolution'. New Zealander Monica Hissink will speak on 'Database Developments in Australia and New Zealand'.

While the programme and the speakers are sure to be illuminating, many light-hearted activities have been planned to really set delegates alight. Social functions include dinners organised by LAA sections and the Conference opening function at Sibyl's — one of Brisbane's most popular entertainment centres.

See Queensland's tropical paradise

A host of pre and post-conference tours have also been organised to places such as Tangalooma — Brisbane's own tropical island, the scenic paradise of the Sunshine Coast, and international playground — the Gold Coast.

Conference organisers say that while there is still time to register, intending delegates should do so very soon because accommodation houses are filling up fast. For further information, contact: LAA-NZLA Conference 1984, PO Box 731, TOOWONG QLD 4066. Telephone (07) 371 7900.

See the Conference lift-out in this issue of InCite for more about what's going on at the conference.

Award for Ena Noël

THE FIRST recipient of the newly created Ellinor Archer Award is Ena Noël, President of Australian IBBY.

Ena has been a member of the LAA since 1957 and a member of the Children's Libraries Section (NSW) since 1959. She was a foundation Committee member of the School Libraries Section (NSW) and is the longest serving committee member to date. She has also served on NSW Branch Council since 1977.

For many years Ena has worked tirelessly in the promotion of children's literature and in fostering a love of books in children and those working with children.

Since her appointment as Australian President of IBBY in 1967, Ena has devoted much time and energy to the implementation of IBBY's aims, which are:

The encouragement of higher quality in books written for children and young people.

And the encouragement of international understanding through children's books.

Today the Australian National Section is considered by the IBBY Executive in Switzerland to be one of the most flourishing national sections in the world. Within Australia Ena Noël has been assisted in her work by colleagues and friends who share her ideals, but the credit for her outstanding achievements



Ena Noël

belongs to Ena Noël alone, whose literary and artistic abilities, savoir faire, ability to plan, organise and to lead others, has made this possible.

Mrs Noël is worthy of the high honour of being the first recipient of the new LAA Award. She is not a professional member, yet she has been a dedicated LAA Committee member for over 25 years, giving service on three of its committees. The award will be presented to her at the opening of the LAA/NZLA conference in Brisbane on Monday 27 August.

LAA and Today's Computers join forces to promote the Electronic Library

THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION of Australia is co-operating with *Today's Computers* to enlarge the magazine's coverage of the use of computers with libraries and information centres throughout Australia.

The magazine, which began publication in May 1984, is aimed at government, industry and the education sector. The participation of the LAA will ensure that the magazine publishes a significant number of articles and news items on computer applications in libraries and information centres. It is also hoped to include information on software and people changes.

Of major advantage to the Association and the profession at large is an increased public awareness of the library world, in particular to senior management outside the profession. The section will also offer librarians a source in libraries in Australia.

The section will regularly feature the LAA logo and specific items of Association news.

The first issue featuring the LAA will be the August issue, specially timed to hit the news stands just before the conference. Copies of *Today's Computers* will be available at the LAA stand in Brisbane for anyone wishing to

Kenneth C. McGregor, Managing Editor of *Today's Computers*, a magazine specifically designed to assist in understanding the full potential of computers.



look at a free issue.

The publishers of *Today's Computers* are urging LAA members to contribute to the magazine and will be happy to receive articles, news items and staff change information.

A special subscription offer is open to all LAA members. A 12-month subscription is normally \$30, but LAA members may now subscribe for \$22.

Subscriptions may be obtained by sending \$22 (and LAA membership number) to:

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