



IN THE NEWS

PYEPUB

Steven Zegelin and Julianna Wong of the Division of Environmental Mechanics, CSIRO, Canberra, have developed computer software for searching, sorting and listing the Division's reference material.

The software, known locally as PYEPUB, is designed to efficiently access a relatively small (10,000 entries), in-house, scientific data base consisting of a list of Divisional publications (600), library books held in the Division (1000) and an external reprint collection (8000).

It can search by author, title, publication year, journal, call number, keyword, or location and produce the listing on a variety of devices. PYEPUB is written in BASIC for operation on a VAX computer; however, it could easily be adapted to run on other machines.

For more information on PYEPUB, or a copy of the program, contact Will Steffen, Information Officer, CSIRO Division of Environmental Mechanics, GPO Box 821, Canberra, ACT 2601 (062) 46 5648.

Assistance for disabled people

News has come in of two new publications which will be of assistance to disabled people.

Report of Library Services to Disabled Persons in New South Wales 1983 has been prepared by the Public Libraries Division, State Library of NSW, Level 8, 8-18 Bent Street, Sydney 2000, from whom it is available free of charge. This is a report on a survey carried out late last year by Valerie Moon for the NSW Working Party of Library Services to the Disabled.

From Victoria comes a publication entitled *Income, allowance, subsidies and concessions for disabled persons: a resource listing for Victoria*. The title tells all except that it includes more than eighty different types of concessions etc. The cost is \$6.50 and it is available from the Yooralla Society of Victoria, PO Box 88, South Melbourne 3205.

Mobile Library online

The Peninsula Regional Library Service has reported on their successful test programme with online terminals on their mobile library.

After the installation of a Libs 100 computer system at their headquarters it was felt that there would be a great advantage in linking the mobile library as well as branches to the main computer.

This was done with funding from the Library Council of Victoria, and Peter Carter, Deputy Regional Librarian, says the experience has been an unqualified success. For more details contact Peter Carter at the Peninsula Regional Library Service, Box 147, Rosebud, Vic 3939.

I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everyone – Bill Cosby

National Folklore Conference

A National Folklore Conference is to be held at the Institute of Early Childhood Development, East Brunswick from 23-25 November 1984. This inaugural conference has been initiated by the Australian Folk Trust and will provide a forum for people involved in the many different aspects of folklore to discuss a wide range of materials and issues.

Topics to be included at the conference are the collection and preservation of Australian folklore; children's folklore in Australia; cultural preservation and cultural change in Australia and the question of how the folk arts should be supported.

The opening address will be given by the Hon Barry Cohen, Minister for Home Affairs and Environment and other speakers will include Shirley Andres, Gwenda Davey, Ron Edwards, Phyl Lobl, Wendy Lowenstein, John Marshall, Keith McKenry and Alan Scott.

To obtain more information contact the National Folklore Conference, PO Box 128, East Brunswick Vic 3057.

NZLA conference 1985

The next New Zealand Library Association conference will be held in Dunedin from 20-22 August 1985, with special interest sessions being held on 19 and 23 August 1985.

The theme for the Conference will be *Libraries: For all people?*

This will be an important conference, for it will mark 75 years since the formation of the New Zealand Library Association in 1910, also in Dunedin.

Delegates from Australia would be most welcome. Enquiries may be directed to Noral Farnilton, Convener, 1985 NZLA Conference Committee, C/-Dunedin Public Library, Box 5542, Moray Place, Dunedin NZ.

Australian Library Week

Tom Shapcott will be the guest speaker at the national opening of Australian Library Week 1984.

This will take place on Friday 14 September at 6.00 pm at the Baudin Room of the Hilton International, Adelaide, and tickets are available at a cost of \$12.00 each. Contact Colir Lawton on (08) 228 5236 for more information.

New appointment at D.A. Books

Laurinda (Lauri) Clarkson has been appointed to the position of Manager, Journals Department at D.A. Books.

Lauri has had some years experience as Serials Librarian at Q.I.T., and recently as Reader Education Librarian. She will work in conjunction with Peter Boes in expanding D.A. Book's Serials Department services to University, Academic, Special and Medical libraries.

Lauri will continue her involvement with the LAA, and is currently treasurer of the UCLS; she will be attending the LAA/NZLA Conference along with 6 other D.A. staff, (and their Prime Computer) so there will be plenty of opportunity to talk to her.

NLA and Information Technology Month

Throughout August the National Library will be showing videos and films on various aspects on information technology, as part of their Information Technology Month activities.

The video *HACBSS: The Missing Link* shows how people in isolated areas will be able to receive ABC TV and radio by use of earth stations.

Films to be shown include *Goodbye Gutenberg*, *Get with I.T.*, *It's on the Computer*, *The Thinking Machine* and *The Political Revolution*.

In Brief

Margaret Findlay leaves the Australian Council for Educational Research at the end of July. After a short business trip overseas she will undertake freelance consulting and contractual work.

Lysbeth Cohen's book *Elizabeth Macquarie: her life and times* is now being distributed through the author, and orders should be sent to 8/84 Milray Avenue, Wollstonecraft NSW 2065. (02) 43 4459. Recommended retail price \$9.95. Copies are also available through James Bennetts.

Another of Lysbeth's publications, *The Tabernacle – then and now* was written specially for the very successful exhibition at the Great Synagogue earlier this year. Copies of this book are available from The Great Synagogue, 166 Castlereagh Street, Sydney (02) 267 2477.

Bennetts takes this opportunity to wish the
Library Association of Australia
and the
New Zealand Library Association
every success for the
L.A.A.–N.Z.L.A. Conference, 1984.

We look forward to seeing conference delegates
at functions throughout Conference Week and take
pleasure in inviting all to visit us at the
JAMES BENNETT STAND,
Stand No. 52,
during the Trade Fair.