

SEMINAR ON INDUSTRY, INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION

Manly Pacific Hotel, Manly NSW, June 6-8 1984

Topics

- manufacturing industry's access to information about the new technology
- computers, telecommunications and productivity
- patents and innovation
- improvement of Australia's technological health
- provision of innovative information services

Speaker

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LASIE SEMINAR

CIRCULATING READERS GROWING!

CAVAL LTD., the Victorian consortium of academic libraries, has released figures showing that the uses of the CAVAl reciprocal borrowing program grew by 25% in 1983. The program allows students at one Victorian college or university to use the library facilities at almost any other institution in the network.

In 1983, over 30,000 books were lent to more than 3,000 students who took part in the scheme. As well as offering an improved service to their students, the participating libraries saved at least \$150,000, assuming traditional inter-library lending costs of at least \$5.00 per book.

The CAVAl scheme circulates readers rather than books. With a minimum of paperwork, the library of the college or university the student attends issues a form showing that the student is in good standing. This is taken to another library, which will usually issue the student with a library borrowing card. By this means the entire Victorian academic community can take advantage of the collection strengths of individual libraries. Another great advantage is that students doing part time or external courses at institutions located at some distance from their homes can use more conveniently located library facilities.

Traditionally, libraries have relied on paperwork and the movement of books between institutions to share resources. Inter-institution borrowing privileges were usually limited to professional staff members and, perhaps, graduate students. When the CAVAl program was started in 1979, there was considerable doubt as to the practicality of the scheme, and concern over possible abuses. However, the 6,000 loans made in 1979 have grown five-fold, and use continues to grow.

CAVAL Ltd. (Co-operative Action among Victorian Academic Libraries) is an umbrella organisation intended to allow Victorian academic libraries to co-operate easily. CAVAl employs a small staff and is owned by its members. Because it exists as a legal entity, each participating library in the reciprocal borrowing programme need negotiate only a single contract, with CAVAl Ltd., rather than over 20 different contracts,

one with each other institution. CAVAl staff co-ordinates the day-to-day running of the scheme, distributing standard forms and brochures, keeping statistics, and informing libraries of delinquent users.

In its five years of operation, over 10,000 users have been authorised, over 100,000 books have been lent, and fewer than one tenth of one percent of the users have had to be suspended due to breaches of the regulations.

Hans Groenewegen

Julia MacRae to visit Oz & NZ

AUSTRALIAN-BORN children's book publisher Julia MacRae will visit Australia and New Zealand shortly, making appearances in most of the major cities.

After many years of working with the children's book lists of major publishers such as William Collins and Hamish Hamilton, Julia MacRae, in what she describes as a fit of middle-aged madness, left the publisher with whom she had worked for twelve happy years because she wanted to return to a small group where she could have more personal involvement with books and authors. She was given the opportunity to begin her own list with the publisher Franklin Watts Ltd. and her first four books appeared in February 1980.

She has been instrumental in the publication of many award-winning books, such as Alan Garner's *The Owl Service*, which won the Carnegie Medal; *Father Christmas* by Raymond Briggs which received the Kate Greenaway Medal and John Christopher's *The Guardians* (Guardian Award). Among the many excellent books on her own list is Beverley Cleary's *Dear Mr Henshaw*, recent recipient of the Newbery Medal.

Julia MacRae is a dynamic speaker and no doubt many people will welcome this opportunity to meet her. At present her itinerary is planned for Christchurch May 14, Wellington May 15, Auckland May 17, Sydney May 21, Brisbane May 24, Melbourne May 28, Adelaide May 31. Further details will appear in Happenings in the next issue of *InCite*.

Julie MacRae, who was born in Adelaide and educated at the Presbyterian Girls' College (now the Seymour College) has just completed five years as an independent publisher, still with the same staff as when she began.



CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

REMINDER NOTICE

MICROCOMPUTERS and their Applications in Libraries

17-18 MAY 1984

**SCHOOL OF LIBRARIANSHIP
UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA
HOBART**

The Special Libraries Section — Tasmanian Group is sponsoring the presentation of this introductory course which will be of use to librarians and others who want to gain a working knowledge of microcomputer developments, their application to and their potential for use in library and information services.

It is not an advanced course, nor is it a programming course. Its aim is to give participants a sufficient knowledge of the field to assist them to make sensible decisions about the use of microcomputers in their own services.

Sessions will include:

- Selection and evaluation of software and hardware.
- Opportunities to examine some hardware and software systems.

Principal speaker Mike Anderson, Senior Lecturer, School of Librarianship University of NSW.

For Programs/Registration forms see insert in this issue or contact: **Jill Adamski, Library, CSIRO Regional Laboratory, Stowell Avenue, Hobart Tas 7000. (002) 23 5555.**

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