

IN THE NEWS

Censorship clearinghouse

The Australian Readers Association (ARA) has set up a 'clearing house' for the receipt and collation of reports by authors, librarians, teachers and publishers of materials that have been censored or have been subject to censorship.

The clearing house is based at the Language and Literacy Centre at Phillip Institute of Technology, Melbourne. The staff of the clearing house will produce, annually, a report on the instances of materials and books that are censored within the Australian school system.

Librarians are invited to send in reports of censorship attempts to the clearing house c/- Ms Anne Hanzl, Language and Literacy Centre, Phillip Institute of Technology, PO Box 179, Coburg, Vic. 3058. Confidentiality is guaranteed to individuals and institutions submitting information to the ARA.

A boost for libraries

The addition of Micmarc to the META-BCI library computer software package promises to boost support and extend the systems capabilities.

The Australian designed package now known as META-marc, is a library management system that automates cataloguing, accessions, circulation, public access searching, serials control, acquisition, accounts and management reports. It also includes a comprehensive thesaurus.

The product is very much used by school and special libraries in the corporate, governmental and technical spheres. Moreover, META-marc plans to tailor it further for use by public libraries and tertiary institutions. For further details contact: META-BCI Limited on (02) 959 5122.

At your local library

The LAA has had many requests about the 'At your local library' brochure recently produced by the LAA's North Queensland Regional Group and featured on the front page of our last issue. LAA members will be interested to know that they are available from the Group for \$10 per 50 leaflets. Send your cheque to the Secretary, LAA North Queensland Regional Group, James Cook University Library, Townsville, Qld 4811.

The idea and the text for the leaflet came from Carol Kenchington and the graphics and the design were by C. Brunton. Unleash the karma sutra karate koalas on your users soon!

Awareness through films

The *Aboriginal Film and Video Guide*, is a catalogue which brings together information on some 200 films and was compiled by Christine Koziel, for the Awareness Through Films Group, Community Aid Abroad.

The 56-page catalogue is a valuable resource for people wishing to hire, borrow or purchase films and videos on Aboriginals. The scope of the films listed is wide-ranging: humanities, children's films, crafts, music, mining, Aboriginal women, among many others. A detailed subject index is included in the *Guide*. Copies are available from the Awareness Through Films Group, GPO Box 1323, Canberra, ACT 2601.

1988 Indexers Award

The Australian Society of Indexers Medal for 1988 was awarded to Elmar Zalums for his superb index to C.M.H. Clark's - *A History of Australia Volume VI* published by Melbourne University Press in 1987.

The medal was presented by Josephine McGovern, President of the Australian Society of Indexers (ASI) at a recent dinner. A certificate was also presented to the Melbourne University Press to mark this achievement.

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Warren Horton, the proponent, the instigator and commiter of substantial resources to the Summit finished it exhausted I suspect, and possibly not a little surprised at how it finally evolved from its declaration of intent at the LAA's Darwin Conference in 1986. Although, in my presidential address at the 1988 Sydney Annual General Meeting, I emphasised that his was not the fault if the Summit disappointed, here is the place to recognise his great contribution to the Summit's success. Here is also the place to recognise the work of the Steering Committee, State Groups and the Summit delegates themselves. The organiser, Anthony Ketley, assisted by Megan Curlewis, Helen Richards and other staff of the NLA made it work. And Margaret Trask as Chairman of the Summit was the controlling hand, in the most formidable feat of chairing most of the delegates are likely to experience in their lifetime. It warranted a standing ovation and it got one.

The First Summit has specified the major pieces and players. Fitting together the national jigsaw of library and information services is now a task to challenge the leadership, vision and territorial proclivities of the institutions and organisations charged with the Summit outcomes. Of that, more later.

Alan Bundy
LAA President

Industrial News

The National Review of Local Government Labour Markets has released its Research Paper no. 3 on *Equal Employment Opportunity Legislation and Local Government in Australia*. Copies have been circulated to the Public Libraries Section Groups of the LAA.

Additional copies may be obtained at a cost of \$4 each (including postage) from Louise Wilson at the National Review of Local Government Labour Markets on (03) 669 3918.

Louise Lansley

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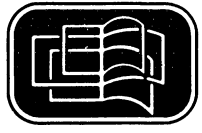
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