

Learning new skills

Planning a new library building or renovating an old one are challenging tasks for a librarian. David Jones — the State Library of New South Wales' Building Consultant — knows this only too well. For 6 years David worked full-time on the State Library's award-winning new building and refurbishing project, a unique experience he says he 'wouldn't have missed for quids'.



David participated at all stages in the project from the preparation of the working brief to the completion of the many relocations, when services and materials converged on the Macquarie Street complex from five external locations. His job involved learning about a whole range of concepts from other disciplines: architecture, various branches of engineering, programming and building construction. All had implications for the finished product.

The wealth of experience he gained — working with architects, engineers and consultants, as well as with the many library staff involved — will not be wasted. Earlier this year the State Library of New South Wales established a Building and Planning Advisory Service, making available to clients the benefit of David's knowledge and experience in the library building area.

David is looking forward to working on other library building projects in New South Wales and interstate. The Building and Planning Advisory Service promises to keep him very busy over the next few years; and he has already been employed as a consultant to ALIA for its Canberra building and has spent some time with staff and members of the team involved in the State Library of Victoria building project.

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Happy hunting ground

The National Library of Australia's extensive holdings in genealogy and heraldry are well and truly unlocked by the publication in 1988 of an outstanding 298-page select guide and bibliography. Genealogy and heraldry in the National Library of Australia, which has been compiled in the main by Rod Stroud and Judith Cannon, lists 2577 items which have been 'chosen for their significance and usefulness by staff from many areas of the Library, all with long experience in helping genealogical researchers'. The guide covers Australian and overseas materials: the latter

show considerable strength in American and British items, but there is a fair sprinkling of European materials also. All entries contain full citations and the NLA call number, to facilitate inhouse use, and interlibrary loan. There are very few annotations, but each section of the guide has some helpful introductory matter. There are also detailed notes on the Australian Joint Copying Project, the Oral History Collection and the original materials collections of the NLA: maps, manuscripts and pictorial. There are full author and title indexes. The guide is well laid out, with a nice typeface, but, a minor criticism, with the margins a bit close to the gutter. *Genealogy and heraldry in the National Library of Australia* was published by the National Library of Australia in 1988 and costs \$24.95. (ISBN 0 642 10461 1)

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More modest in scope is Stuart A. Raymond's *English genealogy: an introductory bibliography*, which was also published in 1988. The first in a projected series of British Genealogical

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