

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.

THE SOURCE

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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Bibliographies, this 53-page work is a guide to over 300 of the 'most useful works for genealogists researching in all parts of England'. Heraldry is deliberately excluded. There is naturally some overlap with the NLA work, although there are many additional items of particular interest to the English genealogist. In addition, Raymond does provide annotations for many of his entries, and most users of genealogy collections will find this little work useful. Stuart A. Raymond's *English genealogy* is available from S. A. and M. J. Raymond, 83 Bellevue Avenue, Highton, Vic 3216, and costs \$9.00 plus \$0.90 postage. (ISBN 0 9588144 0 6)



Australian genealogists have warmly welcomed the splendid Bicentennial gift from the Irish people, which will greatly enhance access to information on Irish convicts transported to Australia. The gift consists of a set of 105 reels of transportation registers, petitions, convict reference files, Fenian photographs, free settlers papers and convict registers, and a comprehensive computer index. The National Library of Australia has copies of the microfilm available for sale through the Australian Joint Copying Project. The complete set of Irish Transportation Records, comprising 105 reels of 35mm microfilm, costs \$1942.50 (silver halide) or \$945.00 (diaz). Individual reels can also be ordered. The index is available on 3.5 or 5.25 inch diskettes at prices ranging from \$34.00 to \$45.00.

If you go down to the woods today

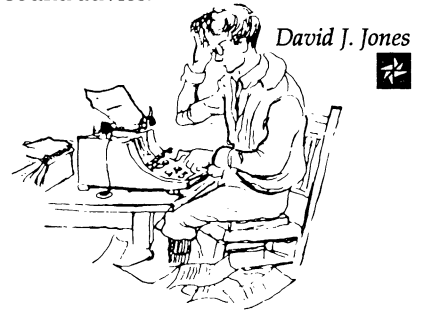
I found Romy Roeder's *Teddy bears, golliwogs and playmates of the past* completely irresistible. Compiled and published by a Blue Mountains antique dealer and bear fancier, this extensively-illustrated 177-page monograph provides historical notes and descriptions of bears of all shapes, sizes, colours, nationalities and ages. We read of Margarete Steiff's teddies, with their button in the ear trade marks, which were copied and emulated by dozens of other manufacturers, and inspired hundreds of other bear toys. There are reproductions of trade marks, extracts from catalogues, photographs of advertisements, numerous portraits of the fluffy bruins, and a gallery of mystery bears. Many from the author's collection. A shorter section deals with the teddy bear's mate, the golliwog, the creation of Florence Upton in the 1890s. This work will fascinate your bear-loving readers and will be very useful

in determining the age and lineage of most ursine playthings which present themselves at your reference desk. Romy Roeder's *Teddy bears, golliwogs and playmates of the past* is available from Romy's Bazaar, 2 Badgery's Crescent, Lawson, NSW 2783, and costs \$36.00 (five or more copies, \$22.00 each). (ISBN 0 9588031 0 2)

Jobs for the boys and girls

Job hunting in library and information work is a helpful booklet which tells you how to market yourself, where to look for jobs, what to look for in a job (location, salary, expectations), how to prepare your application and psyching

yourself up for the interview. Copies of the leaflet, which was prepared by the Association in late 1988, are available from ALIA Head Office. Get one. It's sound advice.



David J. Jones



Australian Library and Information Association LIBRARY MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominations are now being called for this award for 1989.

Aim

- To recognise and encourage good management practices within Australian libraries and information services.
- To encourage the development of an organisational climate within libraries and information services which promotes innovation and a better working relationship between managers and their staff.

Eligibility

The award of ALIA Library Manager of the Year is open to any personal member of the Australian Library and Information Association responsible for the management of a library service, an individual library or information service, or a significant organisational unit within a larger library or information service.

The award is for management rather than supervision, and nominees should be able to demonstrate outstanding performance in planning, resource allocation and the organisation of staff. A nominee will be expected normally to be responsible for the direction of staff including professional staff.

Nominations

Nominations must be proposed and seconded by two members of the staff of, or clients of, the organisation in which the nominee is employed, including at least one person within the library or unit which the nominee is responsible for managing.

Nominations should include:

- Name of nominee.
- Title of position held.
- Name and address of organisation.
- Number of staff whom the nominee is responsible for managing.
- Major achievements of the manager in the previous three years.
- Reasons why the nominee is regarded within his or her organisation as an outstanding manager.

Selection

The award is administered by a sub-committee, consisting of one member of the ALIA Board of Education, one member of General Council, and the Past President of the ALIA. Criteria which will be considered by the sub-committee in making a recommendation for the award include:

- 1 Demonstrable improvements in service delivered to the library or information service's clientele, as a result of decisions for which the manager is responsible, or through submissions made by the manager to higher funding/decision-making authorities.
- 2 Demonstrable improvements in working productivity obtained in the library or unit for which the manager is responsible.
- 3 Implementation of innovative approaches to services delivered, or to the organisation of work.
- 4 Improvement or establishment of successful relations between the service and its clientele, the manager and his/her staff, or between units in the service.
- 5 Examples of effective planning and implementation of new services or procedures.
- 6 Demonstrable improvements in decision-making procedures and/or communication (amongst staff or to/from users), in areas for which the manager is responsible.

Nomination forms are available from the Membership and Divisional Services Manager of ALIA, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo 2007, Tel: (02) 692 9233. Toll free (008) 22 1481.

Nominations close on 1 June 1989.

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