

In Brief

Curtin SILS Alumni

The Information and Library Studies Chapter of Curtin Alumni has been resurrected.

Its first function in May 1991 was a dinner for Ali Sharr, to celebrate his honorary Doctorate of Letters from the University.

A Prize Fund, started a few years ago, has been revived with the intention of offering a prize for outstanding academic ability to a graduating Curtin SILS student. We would welcome your financial support for this fund.

Our next get-together is for all past graduates of SILS (or DLIS, etc.) — come and join us for a 'near Christmas' drink with the ALIA WA Special Librarians at their regular end-of-the month drinks at the Orchard Hotel, Wellington Street, Perth on Friday, 29 November 1991, from 5.30 pm. Members of the Curtin SILS Alumni committee will be there to welcome you.

A lively program is planned for 1992. Contact Kerry Smith at Curtin, telephone (09) 351 7217, fax (09) 351 3152.

How to use the media in Australia

The blurb quotes Phillip Adams saying that this is 'the book to consult when you want to blow your own trumpet and the media turn a deaf ear.'

The book is a do-it-yourself guide for anybody who needs to use the media. The author, Iola Mathews is an industrial officer for the ACTU and has been a journalist. The publisher is Penguin (Australia).

Chapter headings give a good indication of the coverage. They include What is news?, A media campaign, How to contact the media, How to write a press release, Timing, 'Angles', Making it newsworthy, Media etiquette, and more! The style is light but informative. If you have a barrow to push, this book may really start the wheel turning.

Peter Judge

A book without an index...

...is like a map without mileages — useful but incomplete.

Maxine Wilshaw

New workbook on descriptive cataloguing

Catalogue records which can be shared with other libraries in an automated environment are standard in the library world today. But this in no way eliminates the need for in-house original cataloguing. An instructional tool to aid both working librarians and library students in the practice of creating original descriptive cataloguing records in MARC format can be found in *Descriptive Cataloguing for the AACR2R and USMARC: A How-To-Do-It Workbook*, (ISBN 1-55570-098-5, \$35 plus shipping and handling) by Larry Millsap and Terry Ellen Ferl, published by Neal-Schuman in October 1991.

Millsap is Head of the Bibliographic Records Section and Acting Head of the Reference Services Section at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Ferl is Principal Cataloguer at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

The workbook gives 38 exercises, covering each of the seven MARC specification types: books, archives and manuscripts, computer files, maps, music and sound recordings, visual materials, and serials. It is available from Neal-Schuman Publishers, 100 Varick Street, New York, NY 10013.

Conspectus update — new list of lists available

A new and more extensive list of bibliographies and indexes for use in list checking is now available from the ACLIS Secretariat. This list is a replacement for Appendix G of the preliminary edition (February 1991) of the Australian Conspectus Manual.

Copies have been distributed to all members of ACLIS, with multiple copies sent to libraries whose staff have attended conspectus training during 1991.

Anyone who wishes to receive a copy can do so, free of charge, from the ACLIS Secretariat, PO Box E202, Queen Victoria Terrace, ACT 2600, or fax (06) 257 1703.

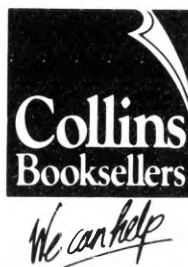
Also available, free of charge, are copies of *Primary Materials for Australian Law Libraries* compiled by Rob Brian, Law Librarian at the University of New South Wales.

Any other queries regarding conspectus should be addressed to Margaret Henty, Conspectus Officer, National Library of Australia, ACT 2600, telephone (06) 262 1157 or fax (06) 257 1703.

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