

Libraries – the heart of the matter

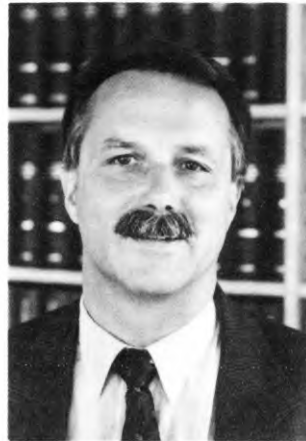
THE CLOSING speaker at the ALIA 1992 Biennial Conference in Albury-Wodonga will send you home with increased enthusiasm and motivation to make YOUR library the central focus for your institution.

Kaycee Hale is the founder and Executive Director of the world's largest network of educationally-affiliated fashion research centres, located at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in California. She is also the Executive Director of the FIDM Museum and Library Foundation.

Kaycee is an international lecturer for civic, social and professional groups on subjects ranging from management skills to executive leadership, from the history of fashion to trend analysis, from personal image projection to professional development and more.

For ten years Kaycee was one of the top ten fashion models on the West Coast, USA and was a fashion

editor for five years. She has been a teacher and guest lecturer. Her varied career and positive attitude help her to convey a message that should not



Professor Lehmann

be missed to anyone attending the Conference.

Not only in Australia are we

concerned about making libraries the heart of the matter, our Plenary Speaker on Wednesday, 30 September is Professor Klaus-Dieter Lehmann, the Director-General of the Deutsche Bibliothek since 1988, on 'Towards a European library policy'. (Professor Lehmann's attendance at the conference is kindly sponsored by D W Thorpe.)

Professor Lehman works on several committees of the Commission of the European Communities, is Chairman of the Conference of European National Librarians, is an Expert for the General Information Program of UNESCO and participates actively in IFLA committees. He is the editor of three journals including the Journal of Library Administration. He is also a key player in the reunification of the German library systems. His paper will provide us with many insights into the challenges facing libraries through Europe during the next decades. □

Are you a librarian doing something else?

Joy Sheehan would like to contact qualified librarians who are working or who have worked recently in positions outside mainstream librarianship. She intends to survey the current availability and characteristics of such jobs and their holders in areas such as administration, sales, training and information broking. She is preparing a paper on this topic for the forthcoming ALIA Conference so she is keen to cover the current scene and to get feedback from these 'librarians without libraries' on what they see as the special skills required to fill these jobs successfully.

Please contact Joy Sheehan by telephone, mail or fax and she will provide them with further details on the scope of her enquiry: telephone (03) 388 1533, PO Box 116, North Carlton 3054, fax (03) 388 1152.

Converging technologies – diverging applications

Future information services to the academic community

ADVANCES IN COMPUTER networking and the affordable price and ease of use of desktop workstations have changed the scholarly publication and communication processes for ever. Documents can now be searched and full text accessed electronically, modified to suit the academic program (with copyright clearances) and printed on demand. Scholars, publishers, librarians and other stakeholders in this process have differing views on the future of information services to the academic community in this new technological environment.

UCRLS will host a one-day pre-conference workshop in Albury on Sunday, 27 September to explore some of the issues involved. James Michalko, the President of RLG and advocate for using the new technologies more effectively in scholarship and research, will be the keynote speaker. Publishers, academics, librarians and computing support staff will give their perspectives. This stimulating seminar will raise many issues of concern to librarians as they position themselves in the new environment.

A registration form will be sent to all UCRLS members. Others interested should contact Linda O'Brien, University of Canberra, on (06) 201 2247 or email lso@libserver.canberra.edu.au. □

Big ALIA 92 Trade Exhibition

ANOTHER GREAT exhibition is on the way, and trade bookings have been flowing in at a level well above expectations. Four months before the event, numbers already exceed the total at Perth and space is becoming scarce, with more than 85% of the available area booked. The exhibition will be held in

QEII Park adjoining the Albury-Wodonga Convention Centre, from Tuesday, 29 September through to Thursday, 1 October, 10.00 am - 6.00 pm daily. It is being managed by Exhibitions and Trade Fairs, of Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. Inquiries should be addressed to the Director, Keith Blunsden, at (02) 413 3322. □