

Letters

Kid's books needed

We are desperate! We, a small Christian primary and secondary school in Queensland, badly need new children's books! The library is positively archaic. The children are all avid readers, but books are not on the budget for two years at least. Can anyone out there help?

Kath Fenby

(Send donations to The Principal, Christian Life College, PO Box 3246, Loganholme QLD 4129)

Paralibrarians

I make no claim to speak for library technicians, but I do have a problem with the term *paralibrarian* (Alan Bundy, *inCite* 8, p24). I once bushwalked with a hospital based physiotherapist who took strong exception to being a *paramedic* or especially a *paraprofessional*. He disliked any term that essentially

described any health care professional only in terms of its relationship to another group.

A quick check in my *Shorter Oxford English Dictionary* (and to keep the ABN Standards Committee happy, in the *Macquarie Dictionary*) leads me to support this view. If I were a technician I would be unhappy with a new name that described me only in terms of *alongside of, by, past, beyond, to one side, amiss, faulty, irregular, disordered, improper, wrong, expressing subsidiary relation, alteration, perversion, simulation etc.* I am also unhappy with *Library Technician* because of the subordinate connotations of the word *technician*, but at least the name refers to *library* and not to *librarian*.

I think this group deserves a name that stands on its own. What do Australian library technicians and paratechnicians think?

Glenn Sanders

Sanders Information Management

Get their names right

A request. Would you please do all you can to ensure that whoever prepares copy for *inCite* is very careful about the accuracy of proper names?

I was disturbed and shocked to see in *inCite* 6, the wrong spelling of the names of two former member. On page 5 appears 'Lesley Symes', instead of 'Lesle Symes'. 'Molly Thompson' appears on page 18 and twice on page 25. This should be 'Mollie Thomson'. All names in ALIA's publications should be correct. Some people may think there is added point when people are deceased and also when people have been honoured.

This letter is not seeking published corrections, it is directed to the future.

Wilma Radford

(Apologies from the Editor, nevertheless. But we rely heavily on our contributors to provide correct information, and often there is no reason to query a spelling, a date, a phone number or other details.)

Who's Where

Janine Schmidt, formerly Director, Collection Services at the State Library of NSW, took up her appointment as University Librarian at the University of Queensland on 27 September, succeeding Mr Derek Fielding, now Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Services).

Janine has extensive experience as a librarian and administrator, including head cataloguer at CSIRO Melbourne and reader assistance librarian, cataloguer of Russian and physical sciences librarian at the State Library of NSW. Before her appointment to SLNSW she taught at the Sydney University of Technology.

Margaret Broadhead retired as Deputy University Librarian on 2 July after more than 20 years service to Deakin Universi-

ty and its predecessors.

Her career began in the NSW State Library, the National Library and special libraries. After four years in a school library, she joined the then Monash Teachers College in 1969, working in the library and lecturing, and also teaching at Toorak State College and Rusden. Margaret rose to be Chief Librarian at Rusden in 1981, and then, by a series of mergers came to Deakin as Deputy University Librarian.

Margaret's professional activities in SLAV, ASLA and the LAA set a fine example. Staff development has been one of her particular interests, and in 1987 she initiated a co-operative library staff development committee, which grew to involve the Librarians of TAFE and University libraries. Her career epitomises a commitment to top quality and respon-

sive services to users of libraries of all kinds, and to the teamwork and professional development of her library staff on which excellent library service is built.

Neil Grant has been appointed part-time Executive Assistant to the Council of Australian University Librarians. He continues to undertake research support duties at the University of Wollongong where he has held several positions including Loans Librarian and Faculty of Engineering Librarian. Prior to his appointment at Wollongong, Neil was Reference Librarian at the Gippsland College of Advanced Education.

Christine Mackenzie has been appointed to the position of Regional Librarian of the Peninsula Library Service. Christine was previously the Deputy Librarian for the Mordialloc-Chelsea Regional Library.

RMIT's Department Information Management & Library Studies, Melbourne will present the following subject in the MB(IT) program in November 1993 with limited places available for single subject students:

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