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### The great debate

A collection of 'classic' papers, some articles specially written for the occasion and a number of case studies have been brought together in a valuable contribution to the user pays debate in Australia. Edited by Di Booker, *Twice paid: user pays and public libraries* provides ammunition, inspiration or background for the affirmative and the negative. Included are ALIA and ACLIS policy statements, a sample mission statement from a public library, references to relevant legislation, and a series of definitions: what is a 'basic' service, what is 'free'? There is also a valuable annotated bibliography.

This is vital reading for students and practitioners alike, especially chief librarians up against the revenue-raising ropes. *Twice paid*, edited by Di Booker, is another in a challenging series of publications from Auslib Press addressing issues of contemporary library concern. *Twice paid* costs \$34.00, plus \$6.00 postage. (ISBN 1 875145 22 2)

### Free info, sport

To help school librarians discover the most relevant works to support the Year 11/12 human movement and physical education curriculum, the National Sport Information Centre has produced a good, and free, booklist. This 26-page list provides notes and bibliographical information on 'readily available and reasonably priced' works. Works on biomechanics, coaching, drugs and nutrition in sport, officiating, women in sport, physical fitness and so on have been selected for their relevance to the Australian curriculum. There is also a list of suppliers of free resources.

Copies of *Sports resources for secondary schools: a guide for libraries and teachers* (Information Handbook No 1) are available gratis from the National Sport Information Centre, Australian Sports Commission, PO Box 176, Belconnen, ACT 2616, phone (06) 252 1369, fax (06) 252 1681. (ISSN 1037 8596)

### Haworth on technology

Information technology buzzes around the Haworth journals and monographs like bees and occasionally wasps around their nests, for Haworth, as my postal officer knows only too well, is a hive of library publishing activity. One recent bowl of nectar is *CD-ROM implementation and networking in health sciences libraries*, edited by M Sandra Wood (US\$24.95 hardback, ISBN 1 56024 381 3), which presents not only the basic concepts of this important subject, but also more advanced issues such as evaluation and selection of products, managing a CD-ROM searching area, and glimpses of possible future developments. A number of contributors share their joys and sorrows by describing specific installations or applications.

The related but somewhat broader issues of scholarly communication were traversed in the North American Serials Interest Group annual conference in 1992, and the proceedings have been published by Haworth under the title *If we build it: scholarly communications and networking technologies*, edited by Suzanne McMahon, Miriam Palm and Pam Dunn (US\$24.95, ISBN 1 56024 450 X). Who owns information, who pays for it, how will it be disseminated, how will scholarship be affected by the new possibilities, price studies, preservation, Z39.1, marketing, article delivery? All this plus reports of workshop sessions make this a very extensive excursion into this fertile field.

*Modern library technology and reference services*, edited by Samuel T Huang (US\$24.95, ISBN 1 56024 458 5, also published as *Reference librarian*, no. 39), provides some useful insights into the ways a number of reference librarians have adapted and adopted to make the best use of OPACs, CD-ROMs, Internet and online searching generally. *Impact of technology on resource sharing: experimentation and maturity*, edited by Thomas C Wilson (US\$32.95, ISBN 1 56024 391 0, published simultane-

...a new serial from Haworth Press which 'will endeavour to combat traditional biases against popular culture held by many academics as well as library users and students.'

ously as *Resource sharing and information networks*, 8:1), deals with a number of specific products and applications, from high school education and Internet to the OCLC/AMIGOS collection analysis CD. There are also chapters taking a wider view, looking backwards, forwards and sideways to put us into some kind of perspective in a subject area where breadth of vision can be difficult to achieve, such is the seductive power of some of the products described and forecast.

### Local memories

During Heritage Week in 1990 Warringah Shire invited its residents to record in writing their reminiscences of the locality. The competition entries provided some fascinating insights into the history of the area, and some contributions have now been brought together in book form. Entitled *Never step on the swan and other stories: glimpses of Warringah's past* is a nicely—produced and well—illustrated evocation, through many eyes, of the Warringah Shire of yore. A draper's shop at Dee Why in the 1930s; building an air-raid shelter in Narrabeen in 1942; escapades of an SP bookie; courting at Oxford Falls in the 1940s—there is a vivid variety of word images. The swan, by the way, was a pavement decoration on which the superstitious believed it was unlucky to tread. *Never step on the swan* was published in 1993 by Warringah Council, and costs \$14.95 including postage. Copies are available from Warringah Library Service, Pittwater Road, Dee Why, NSW 2099. (ISBN 1 875116 32 X)

### Clearing the decks

*Promoting excellence: personnel management and staff development in libraries* by Mary Casteleyn and Sylvia P Webb is a guide to 'best practices in personnel management worldwide.' The authors tackle the basic personnel functions, from hiring to firing, together with per-

▶ formance appraisal, and then launch into the management of staff training and development. There are a number of case studies (including one from CSIRO) which illustrate some of the practices in action. Published by Bowker Saur in 1993, and available through DW Thorpe. The Australian price is \$85.00. (ISBN 0 86291 606 2)

*Developing library staff for the 21st century*, edited by Maureen Sullivan, contains seven papers from the general ('The greening of librarianship: toward a human resource development ecology') to the specific: position classification at Yale. This monograph was also published as *Journal of library administration* 17:1, 1992. It was published by Haworth Press in 1992 and costs US\$24.95. (ISBN 1 56024 389 9)

*Managing the new organisation: a blueprint for networks and strategic alliances* by David Limerick and Bert Cunningham, two Australian academics specialising in this field, deals with the different style of organisation and management which will survive and flourish in these difficult times. Empathy, trust, multiskilling, broadbanding, negotiation, total quality management, and just in time are all explained and placed into an optimistic context. Published in Australia and our region by Business and Professional Publishing of Chatswood, NSW (and elsewhere by Jossey-Bass), it costs \$39.95. (ISBN 1 875680 03 9)

*Integrating total quality management in a library setting*, edited by Susan Jurrow and Susan B Barnard, while we're on the subject, introduces the concepts, discusses TQM in a number of library environments, and describes experiences in environments as varied as Harvard and the Defense Fuel Supply Center. Also published as *Journal of library administration* 18:1/2, 1993, this comes from Haworth Press, and costs US\$39.95 hardback (ISBN 1 56024

463 1) and US\$29.95 soft (ISBN 1 56024 464 X).

*New media technologies*, edited by Ross Harley, is a fascinating dip into computer graphics, artificial reality, interactive videodisc production, holography, desktop video and digital motion picture technology. There's a good glossary, thank goodness. Published by the Australian Film Television and Radio School in 1993 in its 'Taking Care of Business' series. \$18.00. (ISBN 0 642 19242 1)

*Sharing the challenges: library technicians in the 1990s*, edited by Jean Bailey, is a valuable collection of papers from a number of viewpoints on the roles and contributions of technicians. As Alison Crook notes in her foreword, library technicians have come a long way in a relatively short time—just how far, in special, public, academic and school libraries, and in professional associations, can be gauged from this eclectic and stimulating collection. Published by Auslib Press in 1993, and costing \$38.00 plus \$6.00 postage. (ISBN 1 875145 20 6)

*Managing the land* is one of those no-nonsense publications which Source readers will know are dear to my heart. It is an index to the Lands Department papers published in the Queensland *Votes and Proceedings* from 1880 to 1899. Prepared by W Ross Johnston, Helen Gregory and Jennifer Harrison, it is the first in the 'Accessing the Past' series from the Department of History, University of Queensland. It costs \$20.00 including postage (\$15.00 for students). (ISBN 0 86776 485 6)

*Young people's books in series: fiction and non-fiction 1975-1991*, by Judith K. Rosenberg, supplements several earlier works: *Young people's literature in series: fiction*; *Young people's literature in series: publishers' and non-fiction series*; and *Young people's literature in series: fic-*

*tion, non-fiction and publishers' series, 1973-1975*. Each series has a brief annotation, and there are detailed indexes. Published by Libraries Unlimited in 1992, my review copy was provided by James Bennett Library Services. US\$27.50. (ISBN 0 87287 882 1)

*A dream of passion: theatre activity in North Sydney* by Ailsa McPherson is a brief but fascinating account of this cradle of theatre, inevitably linked with the activities of the Ensemble and Independent Theatres, but also with sundry other theatrical ventures from the early days of white settlement. Published in 1993 by Stanton Library, North Sydney, in its 'Focus on Creativity' series. \$16.50. (ISBN 0 959 3663 9 3)

*Information literacy: the Australian agenda*, edited by Di Booker, contains the proceedings of a conference at the University of South Australia in December 1992. The keynote speaker was Patricia Senn Breivik who was foundation chairman of the American National Forum on Information Literacy. Included are papers from the conference, together with workshop reports and final recommendations for action. Published by the University of South Australia Library in 1993, and costing \$30.00. (ISBN 0 086803 069 4 [sic])

## The dogs bark, the caravans move on

This is the last drop of The Source which will flow from my pen. After seventeen years, first with the *Australian library journal*, and then in *inCite*, it is time to turn off the tap. Not because the flow of new and valuable reference publications, local and overseas, has dried up—far from it—but because other commitments are claiming increasingly large chunks of my time.

Thank you, publishers and authors, for writing and publishing, and for the courtesy of sending me your publications. Thank you to the Editor and other creators of *inCite*, for giving The Source both space and support. Thank you, readers, for reading, and reading, and reading. No writer could have asked for more. ■

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