

# Putting the human face to information

Why do we need information services when so much is available through databases and the internet? As society focuses more and more on the use of technology we pause to consider the value added to information through direct

communication with clients. How do we meet the challenge of providing accurate, relevant and personalised information to people? The 1998 National Community Information Conference, being held in Adelaide from 28-30 October, seeks to answer this question.

This conference will consider the needs of information seekers in a technology rich society; report on developments in the provision of community information in Australia; and offer opportunities to meet with information providers from other locations.

Speakers include Margaret Portelli, Telstra; Fiona Macdonald, Brotherhood of St Laurence; Dr Carol Irazarry and Professor Andrew Downing, Flinders University; Amanda Bow, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology; and Vanessa Little, State Library of South Australia.

Registration information is available from the Conference Organiser, GPO Box 1105, Adelaide SA 5001.

Conference costs are — registration \$160, early registration \$145, day registration \$95, student registration \$95.


For more information view the website at <http://www.cisa.asn.au/conf.htm> or contact Wendy Golder, Seniors Information Service, phone 08 8232 1441, fax 08 8232 3700, e-mail [mmanning@dove.mtx.net.au](mailto:mmanning@dove.mtx.net.au)

## Calling Western Australian writers

The Library and Information Service of Western Australia (LISWA) is calling for entries to the 1998 Western Australian Premier's Book Awards. To be eligible, works must have been published, or in the case of scripts, have had their first professional production, between 1 October 1997 and 30 September 1998. Entry is open to writers who were born in Western Australia, whose usual place of residence is Western Australia, who were resident in the state for a minimum of ten years at some stage although not currently a resident, or whose work has Western Australia as its primary focus. Closing date for entries is 30 September 1998.

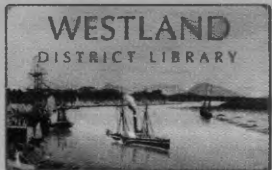
There are six categories in the awards being fiction; poetry; historical and critical studies; children's and young adults; special; and script.

Short-listed entries will be announced in January 1999 with the awards being presented in February 1999. Writers or publishers wanting to enter their work should contact LISWA on 08 9427 3330, or fax 08 9427 3336 for the official guidelines and entry form.



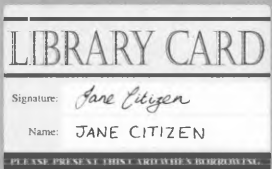
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