

## IN THE NEWS

### Ergonomics interest group formed

An interest group has been formed in Melbourne on the library applications of ergonomics: 'fitting the task to the worker'. Ergonomics examines all aspects of the person-task relationship: physical, psychological, social.

The group's objectives include collection and circulation of information on the ergonomics of library work. Introduction of on-line computer systems has focused attention on the importance of fitting work systems to human requirements; areas of interest of the new group include:

- Occupational health and safety guidelines;
- Workstation design;
- Design of catalogue content and layout;
- Application of ergonomic principles to the design of library software;
- Legislative provisions.

The group meets informally in Melbourne to exchange information. Library authorities, managers and staff are invited to contact the group. Further information may be obtained from Anne Newall, c/- Library, Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, G.P.O. Box 4342, Melbourne, 3001. Tel: 615 4335 (till end 1983), or

Megan Lilly, c/- Library, Caulfield Campus, Chisholm Institute of Technology, 900 Danenong Road, Caulfield East, 3145. Tel: 73 2149.

### New library appointment

Mrs Ho Chooi-Hon has been appointed to the position of Humanities and Social Sciences Librarian recently vacated by Moira McKinnon.

Mrs Ho was previously Caulfield Campus Librarian of the Chisholm Institute of Technology. An honours graduate of the University of Malaya, she worked in that university's library, then was appointed first head of the new National University of Malaysia Library. She was chief librarian of the Lincoln Cultural Centre, the US information centre in Kuala Lumpur, before coming to Australia.

Mrs Ho took up her appointment on September 19.

### Loughborough '85 at WAIT

In response to Barbara Crompton's report on Loughborough '83 (*InCite*, 14 October 1983) WAIT is planning to host Loughborough '85 in Perth in August or September 1985. This initiative has the support of local professional groups.

Anyone who would like to be placed on the mailing list for further details should contact: Department of Library & Information Studies, WAIT, Kent Street, Bentley, WA 6102. Telephone: (09) 350 7215.

### First Australian Film Fair

The First Australian Film Fair will be opened by Mr Barry Cohen, Minister for Home Affairs and Environment on November 28 at the Carslaw Building at Sydney University.

There has been very considerable local and international interest in this event, serving non-theatrical video and film.

Many overseas buyers have indicated their intention to attend the Film Fair, as well as a large number of film librarians, acquisitions officers and distributors from around Australia.

The Australian Film Commission has underwritten eight lunchtime seminars, four of them on aspects of marketing.

To find out more about this exciting event contact John Baxter or Jim Dale (692 3135).

### Toy libraries listing

The second edition of *List of Toy Libraries in NSW & ACT*, published by the Toy Library Association of NSW, is now available.

It costs \$3.50 from the Hon. Secretary, Pat Frater, 16 Summit Avenue, Dee Why NSW 2099.

### Exchange opportunities

A recent visitor to the *InCite* office was Ann Savage from Information Services in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Over the past few years Ann has been the intermediary in arranging a number of job exchanges between Canadian and British librarians, and she feels that there would be considerable interest in similar exchanges between Canada and Australia.

Librarians working in universities, business and industry are those she feels would be particularly interested. She would be very glad if someone here could act as co-ordinator to communicate with her in the initial organising.

Could interested people, either in exchanging or acting as co-ordinator, or both, first write to the Publications Officer at LAA head office (so that it is possible to gain an idea of the amount of interest in the project). All letters will be forwarded to Ann Savage.

### Who has the major share in Australia's peanut butter industry?

What's the market for chewing gum? List the coal loaders in Australia.

What are the model numbers, manufacturers' names and owners of the flying boats operating in the South Pacific? Track down a report about Shell expanding its restaurants published about 1980 . . .

These are the kinds of questions dealt with daily by staff members at Australian Financial Review Infoline, an information service with the accent on speed, according to AFRIS staff member, Michelle Levay, formerly a researcher at the Australia Japan Economic Institute.

A subscription to Infoline is the key to a 15 million media reports information bank. This is updated from Australia's major papers and magazines, its major reference and business sources. Papers such as the *Australian Financial Review*, the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Business Review Weekly* are analysed daily by a team of trained librarians.

To find out more about this service, write to AFRIS, Box 506 GPO, Sydney 2001 or call (02) 2 0944.

### Marketing of information services workshop

A workshop will be held at University House, Canberra, on 5-7 December, to examine efficient ways of marketing programmes for information services.

A marketing specialist from W.D. Scott & Co. and other speakers from public and private sectors will address the workshop. Syndicate discussions will aim to identify the principles of successful marketing of information services.

The workshop has LAA support and UNESCO is funding the attendance of some overseas participants. The registration fee is \$90.00.

A brochure with registration form is available from Bryan Yates, National Library of Australia, Parkes, ACT 2600 (062 621377) or Peter Judge, CSIRO, Limestone Avenue, Campbell, ACT 2601 (062 484527).

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## In the News Continued

### U. of Q. PERCAT.

The University of Queensland has completed retrospective conversion of its machine readable serials database. The file holds full cataloguing data in accordance with AACR2 for the Library's 30,000 serial titles. A microfiche author, title and subject catalogue (known as PERCAT) has been produced and the data is available on-line via terminals connected to the Library's On-line lending system (ACHILLES).

A cataloguing module, to be called ULYSSES (University LibrarY System for the Satisfaction of EnquirieS) is linked to the ACHILLES software. It provides for catalogue record creation and on-line enquiry. Present efforts will lead to the provision of software for on-line public access by the end of 1984. Until then catalogue information for monographs and serials will be available on-line for Technical Services staff and to library staff in Central and most branch libraries. Griffith University, which is a joint user of ACHILLES, also has on-line access to the database.

The PERCAT database is available for sale and could be of interest to any library or co-operative facility which wishes to convert its serial records to AACR2. The 30,000 titles include most core journals in arts (including music), social sciences, science, engineering, architecture, medicine, dentistry, veterinary science and law. Enquiries should be addressed to the University Librarian, University Librarian's office, Central Library, University of Queensland, St. Lucia, Q. 4067.

### Environment statements

The Environment Centre of NSW has produced a second list of environment impact statements held in the Library. The first list covered holdings up to January 1981 and was distributed gratis. The current list, an 11-page supplement, covers holdings from February 1981 to August 1983. To help defray expenses a charge of \$1.00 (\$1.50 including postage) is now made. Copies of the earlier list can also be made available on the same terms. The address is The Environment Centre (NSW) Pty Ltd, 399 Pitt St, Sydney, 2000.

### New James Bennett appointment

Joy Sheehan will be joining Bennetts on November 21 as Library Services Manager at their Melbourne office.

Joy comes to Bennetts from RMIT where she lectured at the Department of Librarianship. Her considerable knowledge of librarianship will also be a great asset to Bennett's future planning.

Joy is looking forward to meeting Bennett's Victorian and Tasmanian customers in the near future.

### Conservation and contemporary art

The Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Material (ICCM Inc) is to hold a conference on Conservation and Contemporary Art in Sydney, from 17-19 April 1984.

The conference has been planned to coincide with the Biennale of Sydney and will cover a broad range of topics, with speakers including international and local artists, curators and custodians, manufacturers and conservators.

Enquiries should be addressed to Ms Gillian McMillan, 1984 Conference Co-ordinator, c/- Art Gallery of NSW, Art Gallery Road, Sydney NSW 2000.

### New course at WAIT

A graduate diploma in advanced library and information studies, specialising in work with young people, will be offered at WAIT next year.

In response to a need identified at a meeting convened by the Library Board of Western Australia to discuss the provision of library services to young people, WAIT will be offering this two-year, part-time course commencing in February 1984. On successful completion of the course, students may enrol for a Master's degree. Applicants should have a degree or postgraduate diploma in librarianship and several years experience of work in public, school or TAFE libraries.

Further details and an application form are available from: Department of Library & Information Studies, WAIT, Kent Street, Bentley, WA 6102. Telephone: (09) 350 7215.

### Commonwealth to support ACHPIRST

The Commonwealth Minister for Recreation, Sport and Tourism Mr John Brown has announced the first Commonwealth funding support for the Australian Clearing House for Publications in Recreation, Sport and Tourism (ACHPIRST).

For 1983-84, \$7,500 has been allocated to supplement existing funding support from the States and Territories of Australia. ACHPIRST which is based at Melbourne's Footscray Institute of Technology Library was established in 1982 at the initiative of FIT Chief Librarian Alan Bundy to systematically collect and record all Australian documentation in recreation, sport and tourism. It has been producing the *Australian Leisure Index* since the beginning of this year, and in November its records will be available through the online equivalent Ausinet's *LeisureLine*.

Alan says that although it has taken a long time to have the Commonwealth recognise ACHPIRST's national value in a tangible way they're very pleased a breakthrough has been achieved and welcome Mr Brown's personal interest in the development.

Further information about ACHPIRST is available from the Achpirst Coordinator (Ms Fran Hegarty) PO Box 64, Footscray, Victoria 3011.

### Public libraries and ABN

A contact point has been established for Public Library liaison with ABN. Diminishing budgets and increasing demands on service create a need for consultation and co-operation. A re-think needs to happen concerning Public Library-ABN relationship.

Public Library input to the Standard Committee is welcomed. Reporting of Subject Heading anomalies is one such area.

An Interim Working Party on ABN has been established by the NSW Public Libraries Automation Group. Contributions are invited from Public Libraries concerning their possible/desired use of ABN, especially from those in country areas. One of the aims of the Interim Working Party is to produce models of Public Library participation; a wide range of views will ensure effective representation. Further details and enquiries to the Convenor, Marilyn Beamish Ryde Municipal Library, Civic Centre Centre, Devlin Street, Ryde - Phone 800 0575.


### New publication from Kuring-gai

The Centre for Library Systems (CLS), Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education, has completed a study evaluating the use of the KWOC system managed by the CLS in twelve secondary school libraries in NSW. The libraries included in the evaluation have been using the system for more than twelve months at the time of the study and applications include using KWOC as a single-purpose index to a special collection, as a catalog to the entire library collection or as a catalog to the school's total resources irrespective of where these resources are housed.

*KWOC indexing in secondary school libraries. An evaluation.* Lois Jennings and Dagmar Schmidmaier. CLS, KCAE, 1983. 104pp. Price \$12.00, includes postage.


Enquiries to Dagmar Schmidmaier Centre for Library Systems, Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education, Eton Road Lindfield 2070.

Dagmar Schmidmaier



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