

## ACHLIS is one . . .

ACHLIS – the Australian Clearing House for Library and Information Science, based at the Footscray Institute of Technology Library in Melbourne, has just completed its first year of operation.

ACHLIS Coordinator Janice Droogleever reports that the response to ACHLIS from the profession has been most encouraging. 'Although initially some people were concerned that ACHLIS would be duplicating the National Library's research register this has not occurred, and a high level of co-operation between the National Library and ACHLIS has been maintained,' said Ms Droogleever. 'The willingness of members of the profession and libraries to supply copies of their documents free of charge has enabled ACHLIS to develop very well. We are receiving an increasing number of enquiries.'

ACHLIS's comprehensive functions include:

- collecting, indexing and abstracting all Australian documentation for LISA and the Australian Education Index
- publishing items of interest to the profession that might not otherwise be published
- disseminating information within Australia about overseas publications and conferences.

Nearly 500 items were collected and abstracted by ACHLIS in 1982 and have been submitted to Library and Information Science Abstracts, U.K. (LISA) which is available online in Australia. ACHLIS citations are also included in hardcopy and AUSINET file of the Australian Education Index.

ACHLIS has also just produced ALISA – Australian Library and Information Science Abstracts 1982 which contains full abstracts and citations, (price \$20 from Bennett's).

ACHLIS would like to receive a single copy of all published and unpublished documents produced by Australian libraries and librarians in 1983. The address is ACHLIS Coordinator, FIT Library, PO Box 64, Footscray, VIC. 3011. Available at no charge from the same address is a comprehensive annual report of ACHLIS activities during 1982.

## . . . and Braille BYA is ten!

THIS YEAR sees the tenth anniversary of the Braille Book of the Year Award, and the Short List for the Award is as follows:

*Fly away Peter* by David Malouf (Fiction).

*An item from the late news* by Thea Astley (Fiction).

*John Monash* by Geoffrey Serle (Biography).

*Morocco is a lion* by Nancy Phelan (Travel).

*Robert J. Hawke* by Blanche d'Alpuget (Biography).

*Selected poems* by John Tranter (Poetry).

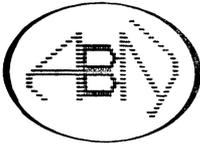
*The shearers* by Patsy Adam Smith (Australian history).

The primary aim of the Award is to expand the reading horizons of print handicapped users of the Braille and Talking Book Library's service, and to provide an occasion for library borrowers to meet and question the author of the winning title.

The Braille Book of the Year is chosen by a Selection Committee comprising representatives from the publishing and literary world. This year's Panel consists of Lloyd O'Neil, Joyce Nicholson and Barrett Reid.

All books on the Short List are produced in both cassette and braille formats and are available to readers well before the announcement of the winning title early in March.

Jan Smark  
Braille and Talking Book Library



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Enrolment is of interest and concern to administrators and librarians in

- participant member libraries for whom it is part of the ABN operation.
- all types of libraries whether ABN members or not.

Enter these dates in your diary now – this Conference will provide an excellent opportunity for librarians to inform themselves on the latest developments in ABN.

The detailed program and enrolment form will be available late March. For copies contact:

1st National Conference ABN  
Dulcie Stretton Associates  
70 Glenmore Road  
Paddington, NSW 2021  
Tel. (02) 357 6862 or (02) 331 5258

## Are you lonesome tonight?

A shizoid personality . . . a disorder that afflicts people who do not interact much with others, such as cowboys and librarians.

That is part of a statement made by American psychiatrist, Dr Park Elliott Dietz in the Hinckley case last August, and reported by Associated Press.

A quick response came from Nancy M. Lorenzi, President of the Medical Library Association:

. . . your image of librarians is an old stereotype . . . It appears that in your wholesale discrediting of librarians you relied on polemical rhetoric and unwarranted extrapolation of your beliefs.

Ironically, this same Dr Dietz is the author of a book about the social discrediting of psychiatrists, and Ms Lorenzi pointed out that he was pronouncing on the profession of librarianship the same social discrediting he had been saying that other professions were projecting on to psychiatrists.

She challenged him to produce data linking the 'schizoid personality disorder' specifically with librarians, saying that she had discussed the question with psychiatrists and clinical psychologists but none could identify any studies to back up what Dr Dietz said.

Will songwriters pick up the 'lonely librarian' theme? Perhaps not . . . somehow 'lonesome librarian' just doesn't span as well as 'lonesome cowboy' . . .

## CORRECTION

*InCite* No 1 for 1983 contained a report of the November 1982 meeting of General Council, and a new list on the formation of the Acquisitions Section.

The Council report incorrectly stated that William Cations is an LAA representative on the Joint Standing Committee for the Book Trade. The two LAA representatives are Denis Richardson and Pam Trier, as mentioned in the article on the Acquisitions Section.

Our apologies to Pam for this error.

Sue Phillips  
Acting Executive Director

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## STOP PRESS

**Library and Information Staff Union.** There will be a General Meeting on March 22 to advise of progress made towards registration.

Venue is Room 2, 2nd Floor, 73 Bathurst Street, Sydney, commencing at 6 pm.

Enquiries to Cheryl Grant (02) 807 4191 (a.h.).

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