



## IN THE NEWS

### Awards for library design

Entries for the Library Design Awards 1984 close on 15 June.

The Award programme, conducted by the Australian Library Promotion Council and the Royal Australian Institute of Architects, aims to recognise and encourage excellence in the architectural design and planning of libraries. It is open to all libraries in Australia and New Zealand.

The Awards are sponsored by Raeco Pty Ltd., Australia's largest school and library suppliers. The president of the ALPC, Mrs Dulcie Stretton, CBE, and the acting president of the RAIA, Mr Richard Young, said in a joint statement: 'Libraries play a crucial role in our society's educational and cultural development. It is essential that they are designed in such a way that people are encouraged to use them and benefit from the resources they contain. The Awards are an important element in our efforts to bring this perspective to library design.'

A bronze medallion will be awarded to the most outstanding library entered. In addition, up to five citations will be given for outstanding libraries entered. Submissions for awards must be received in the office of the ALPC by 5.00 pm on Friday 15 June.

The Awards announcement and presentation will take place at 5.30 pm on Tuesday 28 August during the LAA/NZLA conference in Brisbane.

For more information contact Mrs Deborah Baker, Australian Library Promotion Council, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000. Telephone: (03) 63 5994.

### It's literary with an 'r' not literacy with a 'c'

The organisers of the LAA/NZLA Conference have asked *InCite* to publish a correction to an error in the title of a paper, published in the Conference Brochure.

Mr Lawrie Ryan, State Librarian of Queensland will be presenting a paper entitled 'The Myth and the Reality: Libraries and Literary Standards' — not *literacy* standards as appeared on the Conference Registration Brochure.

### Eyespy

Ashton Scholastic are the publishers of *Eyespy*, 'the discovery magazine for kids'.

An apt description, because it covers all the kinds of subjects that interest and appeal to young people from about the age of nine upwards. It's bright and appealing, packed full of information, photographs, drawings. The Olympics, monsters, dinosaurs, black holes, scuba diving, superstition, animals, lot of ideas for activities — these are just a few of the subjects covered in the issues I have seen.

*Eyespy* is published six times a year, by Ashton Scholastic, PO Box 579, Gosford NSW 2250. (043) 28 3555.

### Rudolph Ackermann, 1764–1834

The 150th anniversary of the death of Rudolph Ackermann — fine art printer, publisher, inventor and philanthropist — is commemorated in an exhibition now at the State Library of NSW.

A superb collection of 18th and early 19th century books, beautifully illustrated with hand-coloured aquatint engravings depicts English life of the period from tranquil scenes of the Lakes district to the rush and bustle of London.

Book productions like *The Microcosm of London*, *The World of Miniature* and the three volumes illustrating the misadventures of the elderly pedant, Dr Syntax, demonstrate the lasting beauty of Ackermann's publishing achievements.

His finest publications are his illustrated topographical works, especially the histories of Westminster Abbey, the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge and the Public Schools, described in his obituary in *The Gentleman's Magazine* 30 March, 1834, as 'monuments of his spirit and taste'.

A man of many parts, Rudolph Ackermann also designed Lord Nelson's funeral car in 1805, pioneered the use of gas lighting and developed a moveable axle, forerunner of that used in motor cars today.

*Rudolph Ackermann, 1764–1834 'A Man of Spirit and Taste'* is on display in the Galleries, 1st floor State Library of NSW until 8 July, 1984.

### Australian standards on microfiche

A new service now available provides the complete file of Australian Standards, Codes of Practice, Manuals and Handbooks on microfiche.

It is available to clients by annual subscription and includes monthly updating and provision of a fiche reader and workstation with integrated panel stand.

The service has been introduced to assist organisations who need to maintain complete sets of standards but are deterred by a lack of storage space, the constant problem of inserting updates and the initial cost of buying hardcopy standards.

For further information contact ACEL Libraries Pty Ltd, 271 Alfred Street, North Sydney 2060.

### Starting school

The first day at school can be very traumatic, both for child and parent.

The Inner City Education Centre has produced a booklet full of ideas and practical information about how to make starting school easier and more enjoyable.

It covers all the points that parents and teachers regarded as essential, such as enrolment, the first day, clothes, food, health, discipline, what the children will actually do, and so on.

It stresses the importance that parents play in making school a rewarding experience for their children. It is hoped that sufficient funds will shortly be available to produce the booklet in other languages, because it would be particularly helpful for the children of immigrant families.

To obtain a copy send \$2.50 to the Inner City Education Centre, 37 Cavendish Street, Stanmore 2048.

### Loss to the library world

The Australian library world lost two well-known figures at the end of May.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* for May 21 carried notices of the deaths of Frederick Harold Bolt and Thelma Constance Metcalfe MBE.

Mr Bolt, who died on May 19, was Extension Services Librarian at the State Library of NSW for many years. Mrs Metcalfe, who died on May 18, was the widow of John Wallace Metcalfe, founder of the LAA.

Obituaries will be published shortly in *InCite*.

### In brief

Karl G. Schmude, 36, who was formerly Deputy Librarian at the University of New England in Armidale, NSW, has been appointed to the position of University Librarian.

The new chairman of AACOBs, succeeding the late Sir Peter Crisp is Mr Alexander Thomas Dix, who will take the chair at the National Council meeting at Brisbane in September.

Carol Mills, currently Development and Special Collections Librarian, Canberra, has been appointed College Librarian, Riverina CAE. She will be taking up her new appointment around mid-July 1984.

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