

Study grant award winners



Derek Whitehead and Anne Holmes (left) at the launching of *Buying Books in Other Languages*. With them is Mr Al Grassby who launched the book and Mr W.D. Thorn, Assistant Director General (Reference) of the National Library.

THE FIRST winners of LAA Study Grant Awards have been announced. They are Chris Hone of the Barr Smith Library, University of Adelaide, and Anne Holmes and Derek Whitehead of Hawthorn City Library and the State Library of Victoria.

Chris is to undertake a study tour to the United States to further her knowledge of staff development and personnel practices in librarianship. She will be visiting institutions and academic libraries which have formal programs or specialist staff in these areas.

Anne and Derek are to compile a practical guide to buying non-book materials in other languages, for Australian school and public libraries. They are the authors of *Buying books in other languages*, published by the National Library of Australia in 1983. This will be updated as part of the new project.

The LAA Study Grant Awards were introduced in 1983 to support practising librarians in supervisory or middle management positions wishing to undertake a study program on an issue relevant to the development and improvement of library and information services in Australia. The awards are made annually from the Association's Education Trust Fund. The value of each of the 1983 awards is \$2,500.

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Project Mind column

As insufficient material was in hand by the deadline date, this column is being held over until the next issue of *InCite*.

THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF TASMANIA

Applications are invited from persons aged 21 years and over, regardless of sex, marital status, ethnic origin or disability for the following position:

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P.S. List No. 650182

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Applications are to be made on Form 1, which is obtainable from Tasmanian Government Tourist Bureaux in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide and Canberra city or upon application to the Public Service Board Department, Hobart.

Applications close at 5.00 p.m. on Friday 9 March 1984 and are to be addressed to the State Librarian, 91 Murray Street, Hobart, 7000.

PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS REVISION PROJECT

The penultimate draft of the *Public Library Policy and Planning Guidelines* was considered by General Council in November, 1983. Council approved the general tenor of the document and commended the Public Libraries Standards Revision Committee for its work in producing the *Guidelines*. A final document will go before General Council in March, 1984 (after consultation with the Publications Board) with a view to publication in April, 1984.

The *Guidelines* are the result of a process of consultation with public librarians throughout Australia. They include sections on policy, planning and evaluation, users, services, resources, facilities, staff and publicity.

This document is rather general and is intended as the first stage in a three-stage project which would also result in the compilation of input (quantitative) standards and output (performance) measures. As there are considerable differences in the pattern of public library provision between the states, it was considered desirable for consultations to be held with the various state library authorities to determine the best way of proceeding. It may be that each state develops its own input standards while output measures could be trialled over time to develop norms.

Accordingly, General Council approved funds for a further meeting of the Public Library Standards Revision Committee with representatives of state library authorities to be held early in 1984.