

Learning at a distance

Library Services in Distance Education is the theme for the SACAE Library/UCLS (SA) Conference to be held in Adelaide on 22-23 August 1985.

An interesting range of speakers will take part, including Christine Crocker, who is at present in England on a James Cook Bicentenary Fund Scholarship. Professor Richard Johnson will give the opening address and other speakers include Margaret Cameron, Dr Keith Harry, Janet Martin, Dr Denys Meakin, Margaret Maticka and Craig Grimison.

For more information contact Mr J. L. Gray, Library Services in Distance Education Seminar, SACAE Library, Holbrooks Road, Underdale SA 5032.

Children writing

During the January school holidays the publishers of Corgi and Bantam Books held a writing competition for children under the age of 15. To link it with the 'Choose Your Own Adventure' series they called the competition 'Write Your Own Adventure'.

The competition was very well received with thousands of entries from all over Australia. Eventually six winners and 150 runners up were selected. The six winners will receive \$5.00 pocket money a week each for a year and their stories will be published in the May edition of 'Choose Your Own Adventure', *Search for the Mountain Gorillas*.

It's time

Don't delay, time is getting short. Not for the end of the world, but to book to attend the Ninth Biennial Conference of the Australian School Library Association (ASLA). To be held in Brisbane from 26-30 September, it looks like an event not to be missed with some interesting speakers including Kath Walker, Aidan Chambers, Maurice Saxby, Dr Keith Suter and Ken Haycock.

The theme of the conference is Knowledge Networks: People, Resources, Technology, and these will be further developed with a number of sub-themes including that of peace as a hope for human survival, echoing the International Youth Year message.

To find out more contact Conference Secretary Mrs B. Powell, PO Box 1726, Southport, Qld 4215. Phone (075) 32 1187, or after hours (07) 209 9929.

Raeco moves out of books

After only a year of operation, Raeco's book supply division has been closed. Raeco is Australia's largest library equipment supplier, and went into book supply after acquiring the L & S school supply from the David Syme Group last year.

Raeco's managing director said that unrealistic discounts offered by other suppliers and pressure from publishers to reduce terms led to Raeco's decision. The company has retained the audio-visual and software materials from the original transaction and these will be integrated into Raeco's library resource business. Last year's sales for Raeco in this area of operation were reported to have been more than \$6 million.

Mountain enthusiasm

A weekend in the Blue Mountains in springtime - what could be more pleasant? And at the same time you can attend a conference that sounds full of interest.

Creating Books - The Marketing Viewpoint is the conference theme, and it is being organised by the Galley Club from 25-27 October. People concerned with all aspects of publishing will find much to interest them in the varied programme planned. Speakers include Thomas Keneally, Kevin Weldon, Sylvia Hale, to name just three from a group representing all facets of the publishing industry.

More information from Diana Gardner, Galley Club Treasurer, c/- Ashton Scholastic, PO Box 579, Gosford NSW 2250.

1985 Membership cards

A fault in our membership system has resulted in duplicate membership cards being sent to a number of members. In rectifying this matter, there may be some delay in sending out further cards. We apologise to all those who have been affected, and cards for those who are now renewing membership will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Jenny Adams
Executive Director



THE METCALFE MEDALLION

JOHN METCALFE was responsible for establishing the basis of the profession of librarianship in Australia and was the dominating influence in the profession in this country until his retirement in the 1960s. John Metcalfe the man and his contribution to librarianship and library education are commemorated by the Library Association of Australia through the Metcalfe Medallion, an award created in 1982.

The award is for the most outstanding essay or other piece of work on any topic in the areas of librarianship, information science or archives administration, submitted by a student undertaking a first award course in librarianship or archives administration.

Students are invited to submit entries for the 1986 award. These should be pieces of work of publishable standard - there is no specified length.

A panel of several distinguished members of the profession will select the winning entry, which it is anticipated will be published in the *Australian Library Journal* or another suitable publication by the Association. The Association reserves the right not to make an award in any year.

Entries should be placed in a sealed envelope, marked only with the title of the work. This envelope, together with a covering letter indicating the title and the identity of the writer, should be sent to the LAA office. The outer envelope should be marked 'Metcalf Medallion'.

There must be no identification on the entries themselves, and only one may be submitted by each entrant.

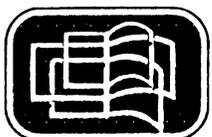
Send entries to:
Assistant Executive Director,
Library Association of Australia,
376 Jones Street,
Ultimo NSW 2007

Entries close 31 December 1985

For further information contact Sue Phillips, Assistant Executive Director, at the LAA Head Office (02) 692 9233.

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