

Seminar on Archives of Science and Technology

Vegemite's first market research reports, Hargrave's box kites, the first gold assays from Kalgoorlie, Mawson's negatives of Antarctica, original drawings of the stump-jump plough, designs *not* selected for the Sydney Opera House. These are among the archives important to Australia's achievements in science and technology. Where are they now? Rotting? Lost? Lying neglected in a laboratory storage room? Or safe in an archival repository? Who are the people qualified and interested in caring for them?

If you are concerned about these matters and whether the archives of science and technology are included in the efforts to conserve our national heritage you will want to attend the Seminar on the Archives of Science and Technology in Australia, to be held on 19-21 September, in the John Clark Gallery of the University of New South Wales Union.

The goals of the seminar are to give an overview of existing efforts to preserve and utilize the archives of science and technology in Australia and to foster a sense of common purpose among the scientists and technologists who create these materials in the course of their work and the archivists and researchers who, respectively, will preserve and use them in the future.

Further information is available from the School of Librarianship, University of New South Wales, PO Box 1, Kensington, NSW 2033. (Telephone: 02 697 3438.)

New films

The Sydney Filmmakers' Co-op, PO Box 229, Pyrmont NSW 2009 has a number of new films available for sale or rental.

Subjects dealt with include sexual harassment, collectives, and homosexuality.

For more information ring (02) 660 8999.

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OBITUARY

Geoffrey Thomas Roscoe (1900-85)

Geoffrey Roscoe died suddenly in June. Almost until his death he was still working full time as an honorary librarian at St Francis' College, Milton, Queensland. Colleagues at the library consider that he may well have been the oldest practising librarian in charge of a library in Australia. He had been working at the College library since 1976.

He was born in Brisbane and educated at the Central Technical College, Brisbane and the University of Queensland, gaining further qualifications in London.

From 1920-47 he was employed by the Queensland Department of Education and worked in the Papua New Guinea Education Department as chief inspector from 1947-58, and as Director of Education from 1958-62, when he retired. Returning to Queensland he worked as a teacher for a number of years; retired again, then in 1975 enrolled in the first course in librarianship in the Queensland Institute of Technology. He then took up the post with St Francis' College, ensuring that the library was run along modern lines.

Geoffrey Roscoe's classical scholarship, his friendliness and concern will be greatly missed by staff and students.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS — ROBT. D. WILLIAMSON AWARD

Nominations are now invited for the 1985 Robt. D. Williamson Award. The Award recognises positive contributions to the development of information science in Australia and is intended to encourage further achievement. It takes the form of a commemorative certificate to be presented at the 1985 VALA Conference, and includes a cash component financed from sales of the *Recipe Book Service of Online Searching*.

If you know of a deserving recipient, please forward the nomination to:

Enid Williamson
Chairman, Awards Committee
2 Kenny Street
North Balwyn, Vic. 3104,
by 30 September 1985.

Churchill Fellowship study tour

Val Moon, Community Services Librarian with the State Library of New South Wales, has been awarded a Churchill Fellowship to study library provisions for visually and hearing impaired people in the United States and Canada.

The Churchill Fellowship will enable Val to visit several Public Libraries, Special Needs Centres and associated centres early in 1986.

She is particularly interested in the application of technology, staff training provisions and promotion/outreach activities associated with the establishment of Special Needs Centres and specific services in Public Libraries. She will also be gathering information about special format materials, captioned film/video resources and other appropriate areas of interest.

She hopes to include a brief visit to Great Britain to gather information about the publication of materials specifically designed for use by people with intellectual impairment.

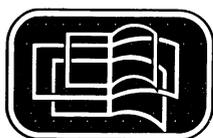
Children's Book Conference

The ACT Branch of the Children's Book Council is holding the 21st annual Writing and Illustrating for Children Conference, from 28-29 September 1985.

The speakers include Jeannie Baker, Jill Gamble, Pat Hutchins, Anne Bower Ingram, Ann James and Jenny Wagner. The conference will be held at Canberra Grammar School, Red Hill, and further details are available from Belle Alderman (062) 52 2062.

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