



Toy updates

A revised edition of *First Steps in Setting up a Toy Library* will be available shortly.

Both this publication and the *Directory of Toy Libraries in New South Wales* can be obtained from Noah's Ark Toy Library, 2 Elizabeth Street, Artarmon 2064. Enquiries to Pat Frater, Information officer (98 0735).

Focus on youth

The first Sydney Youth Theatre Festival will be held at the Seymour Theatre Centre from 6-11 May 1985 as part of the Sydney Youth Festival '85.

Twenty-three groups from all over Australia will be participating in the Festival, including groups from Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, Canberra, Newcastle, Wagga Wagga, Lismore, and all other major Sydney Youth Theatre groups.

The festival will celebrate the enormous range of Youth Theatre work in Australia, highlighting the work created by people aged 8-25. It aims to increase public awareness of the benefits and achievements of Youth Theatre through a program of performances, workshops and discussions.

A committee consisting of 14 people aged 13-25 has been set up to help plan the festival. They will be selecting the topics for workshops and discussions which include workshops with leading theatre professionals. On the final day there will be an Open Forum hosted by young people followed by a Massive Showcase Piece consisting of short pieces from all the participating groups.

The Festival has the support of the NSW Office of the Minister for the Arts, and is being organised by members of the Association of Youth Theatres in NSW and ACT. For more information contact The Organising Committee, Sydney Youth Theatre Festival, c/o 88 Carlton Parade, Carlton, NSW 2218. (02) 588 3948 (Cathy Henkel).

In brief

Liz Oley succeeded Margaret Findlay as Head, Library and Information Service, Australian Council for Education Research.

Alex Byrne has left James Cook University to become Deputy Librarian at Bridges Memorial Library, Duntroon.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with great regret that I announce my resignation as General Manager of Mannings Library Services, to take effect from 22 March 1985.

During my term of service there have been many changes at Mannings, which led to the growth and development of a new and fast-growing company. Each change made has been with the express intent to provide the best service possible in the supply of books to Australian libraries.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking Australian libraries for the support we have received from them, and assure them that Mannings will continue to provide library services which are second to none.

Ian G. Tucker
15.2.85

The Board of Directors and staff of Mannings Library Services congratulate Ian Tucker on his appointment as the Australian agent for Ulverscroft Large Print Books.

Ian has contributed enormously to the success of Mannings and has left a challenging record for his successor to match.

For and on behalf of the Board
Mannings Library Services
D. H. Borchardt
Director
15.2.85

IFLA CONFERENCE

CHICAGO

AUGUST 1985

The 1985 IFLA General Conference is being held in Chicago from 18 to 24 August 1985. The theme for the conference is 'Libraries and the Universal Availability of Information'.

World Travel Headquarters will arrange a group package for the conference if there is sufficient interest. Group bookings can be fairly flexible to allow participants to arrange individual itineraries.

If you are considering attending the conference, and would like further information, please contact Sue Phillips at LAA House (02) 692 9233 or Group Development Division, World Travel Headquarters (02) 237 0300.

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Prizewinning film available

Danny's Egg, an Australian children's film, won first prize in the story telling category at the Munich Prix Jeunesse in 1984, and also received the 1984 ATOM Award for the Best Australian Children's Film.

Copies of this film are now available for \$60.00 per VHS unit, which includes the non-theatrical rights, so that there is no restriction on screening in public places such as libraries.

For more information contact the Australian Council for Children's Films and Television, 17 St Andrew's Place, East Melbourne 3002. (03) 651 1805.

A tradition revived

Mythos is a newsletter about storytelling which has just commenced publication. At present two issues per year are planned; subscriptions cost \$1.50 per year and orders should be sent to Mythos, 17 Clearview Street, Bowral, NSW 2576.

The first issue is mainly concerned with the background of storytelling, with perhaps the most useful item being a calendar listing some storytelling events taking place during the first half of 1985.

Val Crew (1942-84)

The November/December 1984 issue of the Newsletter of the Library Service of WA contains the sad news of the death of Val Crew. She died on September 5 in hospital after a short illness.

Val was Shire Librarian of Wanneroo. Her early experience was gained in special libraries but she became Assistant Librarian at Duncraig Library in 1975 and became a keen and dedicated public librarian.

Jean Ryding writes warmly in the Newsletter of Val Crew's many abilities and of the high regard in which she was held by her colleagues. Perhaps one of nicest tributes paid is that libraries under Val Crew's direction were always 'user friendly'.

Tell me a story

Children in Indiana can now 'dial a story' for themselves 24 hours a day. This service in which the stories change three times a week is run by Hammond (Indiana) Public Library.

Dial-A-Story is sold by Winsor Enterprises of Canton, Illinois, as a complete one-package service for libraries. The 8-track tapes and the black box that plays them costs approximately US\$900.

College libraries co-operate

In what is believed to be a unique example of research co-operation between two academic libraries, the libraries of the SA Institute of Technology and the SA College of Advanced Education have joined forces to develop computer-aided learning courseware for use in library user education and staff development programs.

The first consequence of this co-operation is a grant from the Tertiary Education Authority of SA of \$22,000 to commence the development of software. Further details are available from the Project Leader Julia Mitchell, C/- SAIT Library, PO Box 1, Ingle Farm SA 5098 (08) 260 2055.