



Heading for the fifth Roundup

Bookmobile Roundup: 5 is the title of a two-day seminar offered by the Consultancy and Public Libraries Services to all concerned with the operation and administration of library service from bookmobiles of all types.

The comprehensive programme will include practical workshop sessions on the long term planning of bookmobile services, a report on the online computer system on the Peninsula Regional Library Service Mobile, guided tours of particular libraries, an open day display, among many other interesting items.

The closing date for bookings is May 3 and enquiries should be directed to Susan Robertson (03) 669 9936, at Consultancy and Public Libraries Services, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne 3000.

Videotex Popular

The Videotex organised by RMIT's Department of Librarianship have proved so popular that additional courses have been scheduled. The introductory course *Videotex Information Services — How to be an Informed User* was first held on March 27. Additional courses are now scheduled for April 24 and May 13. There are still some places available in the May 13 courses (See Happenings for details).

During the first introductory course, Telecom's VIATEL public service and Elders Pastoral private service (which has a keyword searching facility) were demonstrated. Participants were then given the opportunity to search on both on Australia's VIATEL and the UK PRESTEL service.

The second course, on creating useful videotex databases, is also being repeated twice. The repeat course on June 19 has some places available at this stage.

Marianne Boradent
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Books and Computers — Getting books to people

You can learn the lot in Melbourne in August at a major three day seminar at the University of Melbourne on 26 to 28 August 1985.

The theme of the seminar is the use of computer based systems by libraries and the book trade. Particular attention will be paid to potential inter-relationships between these systems. Speakers from overseas include Sally Whitaker, Managing Director of J. Whitaker & Sons, and Sandra K. Paul, who operates the Booksellers Order Service which is the North American equivalent of the British teleordering system.

Workshop session topics include ABN and the booktrade, electronic publishing, and computer based library acquisitions systems. There will also be a trade display of relevant computer systems.

The seminar has been arranged by the Australian Book Trade Committee under the auspices of the Australian Booksellers Association, the Australian Book Publishers Association and the Library Association of Australia.

Registration details will be available shortly. Further information is available from Bill Cations, Convenor, Book Trade Seminar Committee, on (03) 350 4222 extension 334.

Communications change

The library of the Department of Communications, formerly located at Marland House, 570 Bourke Street, Melbourne has been closed.

A substantial amount of the library's holdings has been transferred to the Department of Communications Library in Canberra. Enquiries and requests for inter-library loans should be directed to the Department of Communications, PO Box 34, Belconnen 2616, ACT. Telephone: (062) 64 4613.

The Information Centre of Australian Anglo American Limited, 581 Little Collins Street, Melbourne is being closed down, as the company is ceasing all exploration in Australia.

The Information Centre will provide limited services from 1 April 1985 and will cease operations on 1 August 1985.

Please do not send inter-library loans requests unless there is no other location in Australia.

The play's the thing

Currency Press have just added a whole lot of new titles to the already impressive list of plays on their list.

Big River and *The Marginal Farm* by Alexander Buzo are in one volume, there are two books containing the plays recently produced as Shorts at the Wharf and there is also a book of Popular Short Plays, selected and edited by Ron Blair. Completing the new titles are Louis Nowra's *The Golden Age*, which recently premiered at Melbourne's Playbox Theatre, and *Cheapside* by David Allen.

Enquiries about these titles should be directed to the Currency Press, 87 Jersey Road, Woollahra NSW 2025.

New approach to Australian writing

With the support of the Literature Board of the Australia Council a company called Verbal Graphics Productions has produced a set of tapes on which six Melbourne writers talk about their work.

The writers Ania Walwicz, Chris Barnett, Kris Hemensley, Robert Kenny, Valerie Kirwan, and Julie Clark-Powell, were each given 20 minutes in which to describe the concerns of their work and to read examples.

There are 3 x 45 minute cassettes available for \$18.00, including postage. Each of the writers fills one side of each of the cassettes. To obtain them send payment with order to Verbal Graphics Productions, PO Box 355, Fitzroy, Victoria 3065.

Librarianship course material available

In setting up the courses in librarianship at Canberra CAE, John Balnaves collected course brochures and handbooks from library schools in the UK, US, and other places worldwide. Many of these institutions continue to send materials to us.

The collection is housed in my office, and I am running out of space. Could any institution which would like to take over this collection please contact me, and I will forward the materials (about two filing cabinet drawers worth) on to them. Nancy D. Lane, Head, Centre for Library & Information Studies, Canberra CAE, PO Box 1, Belconnen, ACT 2616. Phone: (062) 52 2647

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