

Children's Book Council's 1986 Book Fair

The Children's Book Council Book Fair Committee needs interested people to assist with preparations for the 1986 Book Fair. A meeting will be held at the Conference Room 1, Library Services, 35 Mitchell St, Nth Sydney at 7.00 pm on Monday, 10 February.

Amanda Field will be co-ordinating this year's Book Fair and even at this early stage the Book Fair looks like a very exciting project, with a very definite emphasis on children's participation and involvement. All types of skills are required and any contribution is welcomed, no matter how large or small.

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ARTSDOC

With a backdrop of bagels and the popping of champagne corks, followed by a few pithy words from Thomas Keneally, the ARTSDOC database was declared officially up and running by the Federal Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment, the Honourable Barry Cohen on 18 December 1985.

ARTSDOC, available on AUSINET, was created to solve the problem of retrieving information from the extensive press clippings files in the Australia Council Library. It joins two other cultural databases currently available, MAARTI at the National Library and ARCH at Stanton Library.

ARTSDOC covers articles in major Australian newspapers and periodicals, predominantly about Australian artists. It indexes newspaper clippings in Australia on arts personalities from 1974 to the present and contains about 26,000 citations in total — about 300 citations are expected to be added per month. Theatre, visual arts, architecture and design are covered as well as areas such as copyright, business support for the arts, com-

petitions and scholarships, arts administration and cultural policy.

A set of 414 microfiche containing about 26,000 original clippings indexed alphabetically is likely to be available by subscription. Hard copies of nominated fiche frames will also be made available for a fee from the Council.

For further information contact the Australia Council Library, PO Box 302 North Sydney 2060. Tel: (02) 923 3311 or (008) 22 6912.

Win a trip to Europe

As part of their 35th Birthday Celebrations DA Book (Aust.) Pty Ltd have organised a competition for Australian librarians. The LAA Darwin Conference is the venue for the competition that will give the winning librarian a three-week return trip to Europe, flying courtesy of QANTAS Airways.

Included in the trip is a visit to the Frankfurt Book Fair as well as visiting the well known publishers of Science, Technology and Medicine, Elsevier, Kluwer, Springer and VCH.

Mr Nick Krins, Managing Director of DA says that after 35 years of supplying libraries in Australasia, he was delighted to provide this opportunity for a librarian to visit the Frankfurt Book Fair. 'I've always said that every librarian should make it their business to get to Frankfurt at least once. Our competition will make that a reality for one librarian anyway. We hope to make this opportunity available every two years in conjunction with each LAA Biennial Conference.

As details of the competition were not given, make sure you're at the Darwin Conference.

RMIT news

RMIT's Department of Information Services begins 1986 with the introduction of the new Graduate Diploma in Information Services, the third year of the revised Undergraduate course and a new staff member.

Gail Hindsley comes to RMIT from the Brisbane law firm of Feez Ruthning & Co. She will be teaching in the areas of online searching and database design and evaluation to the Department's students and coordinating the Department's 'Information Context' subject teaching to RMIT students in the Journalism, Public Relations and Social Environment and Assessment Policy undergraduate courses.

Barry McIntyre returns to the Department after a year's secondment as Information

Manager to the large advertising agency, Ogilvy and Mather. Kerry Grosser, who took responsibility for Barry's classes in 1985 is now a tenured staff member. During 1986, John Adams will be on study leave in the first half of the year working on his *History of Australian libraries* Bicentennial project, while Anton Stavik will be working with CSIRO while on study leave in the second half of the year.

Marianne Broadbent will continue her present position as Acting Head of the Department during the early part of 1986, while Michael Ramsden acts as Dean of the Faculty of Humanities of Social Sciences.

A Big Year for Library Locums

Library Locums has just celebrated over twelve months of full-time operations as a library personnel service. The demand for its specialist services has grown enormously, not only from existing libraries but also from businesses and research organisations now recognising the need for information skills.

Marion Nicolson, manager of Library Locums welcomed this development saying that their vigorous marketing of library and information skills to new areas is obviously getting results.

To find the right person for each job, Library Locums has created its own Database of registered candidates; with more than 200 listings on the Database, employers' requirements can quickly be satisfied.

Library Locums is looking forward to another successful year in 1986 placing more people in more jobs and helping to achieve wider recognition of librarians' valuable skills.

Good start for 1986 for Ausinet

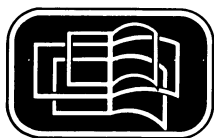
As well as their ARTS database, Ausinet has another starter for 1986 — the REEF Database.

Produced by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, REEF attempts to index all published materials about the Great Barrier Reef. It includes relevant references in zoology, botany, economics, tourism and politics, among others. It includes scholarly and popular materials and is not limited by format, including journal and magazine articles, monographs, maps and audio-visual material.

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