

Letter of Recognition for Robert Barnes

Mr Robert Barnes was awarded a LAA Letter of Recognition by a resolution passed by General Council on 4 April this year. It will be presented at a combined LAA/Friends of ANU Library function (see ACT 'Happenings' for details) on 28 July.

The Association may present a Letter of Recognition to a person who has rendered a significant, special and specific service to a library. The Association considers Mr Barnes' contribution to the ANU Library to be exceptional, and of lasting benefit to the library and its users.

Part of the citation of the Letter of Recognition reads as follows:

'Mr Barnes has been a major donor to the Australian National University Library for almost 20 years. During this period he has presented thousands of books and many serials in the fields of philosophy, classics, religion, history, bibliography and fine art which have significantly facilitated the development of collections required for both teaching and research.

At the same time he has suggested numerous items for purchase by the library, notably of second-hand materials which have always been checked meticulously against the library catalogues. He has prepared a number of bibliographic checklists of holdings of material in ACT libraries for the use of both libraries and researchers.

Since 1978 Mr Barnes has contributed generously of his time as Secretary to the Friends of the ANU Library, and on various Faculty Library Committees, to ensure continuing strong financial support for the Library and for the development of research collections relevant to the needs of the University'.

INSIGHT

Put it down in your diary

Preparations for the LAA's '88 Diary began in March so that they will be available to members earlier than the '87 diary. The 'new and improved' diary for '88 features a week to an opening, allowing plenty of room for all the things that will be happening next year. The diary will also contain special LAA events, major events such as Children's Book Week, Library Week etc. An order form will appear in the next issue. Get in step for '88 by filling in the order coupon. You can look forward to receiving your diary in the next 4-6 weeks.

Commotion about promotion

Over the last few months the Tasmanian Branch has been working hard on the publicity front. Press releases about library services in the state have been sent out and a number of interviews with local librarians have been commissioned and run in local papers.

An interesting article on Lyn Calitz appeared in *The Mercury* (21 April p23). Lyn is the Librarian at the Children's Library, State Library of Tasmania. The article details her experiences of growing up in South Africa and growing consciousness of apartheid. She also talks about the children's library scene in Tasmania. The article will be reproduced in the special Children's Book Week issue of *InCite* but for now congratulations to the Branch for getting the following into print 'In spite of the frustrations Lyn Calitz projects an unshakeable enthusiasm for her work. Scrapbooks full of letters and drawings from satisfied children attest the popularity and success of the Children's Library.'

Don't forget to send copies of press re-

leases you generate to *InCite*. I'm looking forward to receiving details of Children's Book Week activities. Come on do it now! Share your good ideas around — send in a few brief points about past events that have worked, or just good ideas, or photos of library displays.

One over the knuckles

Retribution was sharp and swift from the Australian Suburban Newspapers Association for *InCite*'s comment about the lack of coverage of libraries in local newspapers (front page story No 9). They also objected to the term 'local rag'. A quick poll of Head Office staff supported the editor's view that the term was not derogatory (definitely colloquial, and a good case could even be put up for slang). Peter Bunworth, the ASNA's Executive Director even went to the trouble of sending up a copy of his local 'community newspaper' pointing out that it contained three items on local libraries. Sometimes it's nice to be wrong.

It wasn't quite so nice to be wrong in Katie Blake's 'Undercurrents' article. A gremlin produced a nasty pun in the subheading which read 'Wither the book'. Of course this should have read 'Whither the book' — as most readers would have realised, especially as part of the thrust of Katie's article was that no matter what electronic gee-whizzery is produced the printed book will be with us for some time to come.

Kathy Husselbee

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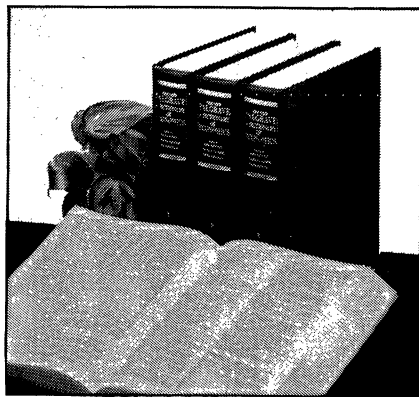
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