IN THE NEWS

BLS joins Blackwell

B.H. Blackwell and James Bennett Library Services (JBLS) report that acquisition formalities are complete and JBLS is now a member of the Blackwell group of library supply companies.

Although JBLS will continue to operate independently of the existing Blackwell organisation in Australia, it will now have available all the resources of an international group of companies.

Chris von Hinckeldey, who became General Manager of Mannings Library Services in September 1988, has been appointed Managing Director of JBLS, taking over from Patrick Gleeson, who has resigned.

The operations of Mannings will be consolidated with those of JBLS in Collaroy over the next few weeks and the two companies merged.

Investment not extravagance

The South Australian College of Advanced Education Library is hosting a seminar entitled 'Library staff development—investment not extravagance?' in Adelaide on Thursday 16 and Friday 17 November, 1989.

Topics to be covered will include objectives, progress and evaluation of staff development in Australian Academic Libraries.

If you are interested in giving a paper, please send a copy to the convener, Jane Hiscock, by 30 June. A program and registration form will be available after June. Jane's address is c/- SACAE Library, Holbrooks Road, Underdale, SA 5032; telephone (08) 354 6357; facsimile (08) 354 6699; telex AA 88420 SACLIB.

New book prize

The Order of Australia Association, in conjunction with the National Book Council, is calling for nominations for the first Order of Australia Association Book Prize, worth $15 000 to the winning author.

Eligible titles will highlight the importance of the development and maintenance of a constructive sense of national unity, and will foster love of, and pride in, Australia.

Nominations close on 31 August 1989, and may be made by authors, publishers, literary organisations and members of the public. The titles for consideration must have a publication date between 1 October 1986 and 30 September 1989. The winner will be announced on the Australia Day weekend, 1990.

Entry forms and further information are available from Frances H. Awcock, National Book Council, Suite 3, 21 Drummond Place, Carlton, Vic. 3053; telephone (03) 663 8655.

ALIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The first Annual General Meeting of the Australian Library and Information Association will be held on Thursday, 20 July 1989, at the College Arms Training Company, Restaurant Training Room, 114 Currie Street, Adelaide, at 6 for 6.30 pm.

The venue is adjacent to the Adelaide College of TAFE.

The Notices of Motion and Rules of the Meeting appeared as an insert in the last issue of InCite.

Members are reminded that proxy forms must reach the General Secretary, c/- ALIA, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo, NSW 2007, by 17 July 1989.
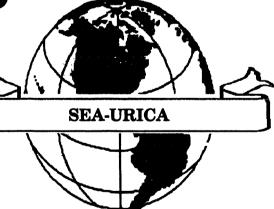
Only 17 days to go ...

ost will probably not need reminding that the 5th National Library Technicians' Conference will be held at the Conrad International Hotel at Broadbeach, on Queensland's Gold Coast, on Thursday and Friday 27 and 28 July. The Conference is an opportunity for library technicians to contemplate their achievements and consider their future in the library and information profession.

Conference program

The Conference program, which will be preceded by a cocktail party and opening of the trade exhibition on Wednesday evening, will cover a wide range of topics of interest to members of the library and information industry.

Highlights include Thursday's opening address by Dr Josf Trace (Chairman, Library Board of Queensland) and the keynote address by Eric Wainwright (Chairman of the ALIA Board of Education and Deputy Director of the National Library of Australia).

As the Conference falls during National Book Week, print materials will be the focus of papers presented by Elizabeth Carvosso (Bennett-EBSCO), Ian Tucker (Australian Manager, Ulverscroft Large Print Books) and Susan Bridge (Lawyer for the Australian Copyright Council). Susan's paper will provide information on, and explanation of, current copyright legislation.

On Friday morning, attention will turn to industrial affairs, beginning with a paper by Allan Ebert (Queensland Department of Industrial Affairs) on the Library Technicians' Award in the Queensland Public Service. The morning will conclude with a panel discussion by State representatives, who will outline recent industrial developments in their respective States. Their presentations will be followed by an open forum in which participation by delegates will be encouraged.

Registration

It is not too late to register and become part of this significant Conference. One-day registration is available at a cost of $105 per person per day for Thursday and Friday. This includes entry to all Conference sessions for the day plus morning and afternoon teas, lunch, conference materials and entry to the trade exhibition.

Intending 1-day delegates may register at the conference desk from 8 am on the day.

Trade exhibition

The Conference Convener reports that Australian and overseas library suppliers and library equipment and storage companies will be contributing to set up a quality trade exhibition. Do take time to say hello to the exhibitors and, of course, to ALIA staff at the exhibition.

Social program

For people arriving and registering on Wednesday night, there is a welcome cocktail party and the opening of the trade exhibition. On Thursday evening, delegates can join a Seaworld tour, including dinner, or take advantage of the Hotel facilities.

The highlight of the social program will be the Gala Dinner on Friday evening, at which Averill Edwards, 1989 President of ALIA, will be Guest Speaker. Major events of the evening will be a reunion of Past Presidents of the Library Technicians' Section; the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the National Library Technicians' Section; and the presentation of the inaugural Library Technician of the Year Award — sponsored by Auslib Press — by Alan Bundy.

Left to Right — Sue Kosse, ALIA Executive Director, receiving a cheque for $1 000 from Val Hemingway, Managing Director, Bennett-EBSCO Subscription Services, for the 5th National Library Technicians' Conference, 27 and 28 July, 1989.

CSIRO transfer lists

A number of Australian libraries are currently receiving CSIRO transfer (formerly duplicates) lists. These record titles no longer required by the CSIRO Library Network, either because of changing research interests or because they duplicate Network holdings. CSIRO will not be discarding any unique material without wide consultation.

While such material is available free to the requesting library, recipients are requested to pay freight charges. Any libraries that wish to receive transfer lists should contact: The Collection Management Librarian, CSIRO, Information Services Unit, 314 Albert Street, East Melbourne, Vic. 3002; facsimile (03) 419 0459.

Australian Library & Information Association

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Election of two members by the membership of the Association

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Membership of the Board of Education is as follows:
- three professional members elected by the Professional Committee of General Council;
- seven members, of whom at least four must be professional members, elected by the membership-at-large of the Association;
- the President of the Association *ex officio*;
- the Executive Director as a non-voting executive member.
(By-law 24)

The terms of office of three members of the Board end on 30 April 1990. Two members are now to be elected by the membership of the Association to hold office until 30 April 1993. The Professional Committee of General Council will elect the third member.

Nominations are hereby called for the two positions. Nominees must be personal financial members of the Association, however they need not be professional members.

Nominations shall be:
- in writing;
- signed by two personal financial members of the Association;
- countersigned by the nominee;
- accompanied by a curriculum vitae (giving full details of academic and professional qualifications) and a statement of concerns, each to be not more than 100 words.

Nominations close with the Executive Director, Australian Library & Information Association, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007 at **5 pm on 1 September 1989.**

Board members retiring on 30 April 1990 are Janette Wright, Mairedd Browne and Edward Parr.

The retiring members have all completed two terms with the Board and are **not** therefore eligible for re-election.

Continuing members of the Board are Anne Hazell, Christine Henderson, David Jones, Fay Nicholson, Twila Herr, Eric Wainwright and Angela Bridgland.