

New library opens in the ACT

The eighth service point of the ACT Library Service, the Tuggeranong Town Centre Library, was officially opened by Trevor Kaine, Chief Minister for the ACT on 14 March 1990. The ceremony was attended by over 200 invited guests.

The Tuggeranong Town Centre Library is designed as a joint-use library. It will serve an estimated population of 60 000 residents in the Tuggeranong Valley as well as about 800 Year 11 and 12 students of Lake Tuggeranong College and Library.

14 March 1990 also marked another milestone in the development of the ACT Library Service. Craig Duby, Minister for Finance and Urban Services, launched the library's new automated system. The new BOOK Plus system uses an IBM AS400 to link all eight branches of the ACT Library Service and the mobile library.



ACT Librarian David Barron presents the Chief Minister for the ACT with an artists impression of Lake Tuggeranong College and Library.

The system is being implemented over a 5-year period and will cost \$1.3 million. The Minister congratulated the ACT Librarian, David Barron, on the ACT Library Service being presented with a Silver Award by the Australian Technology in Government Committee for increased productivity through the use of innovative technology.

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Chief Librarian
Tuggeranong Town Centre
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Cooperation

Higher education libraries form a major part of the vital national information resource which is invaluable to government departments and statutory authorities, business organisations, research bodies, schools and the general community. Their contribution to national information provision needs to be understood and supported by government.

There is a need for all the institutions offering distance education to accept responsibility for supporting their students wherever they may be by providing adequate library services. The funding of study centres should be expanded to improve this support. Failure to do this will impede students and place excessive pressure on the local public library system.

The establishment of a National Higher Education Library Card which would facilitate reciprocal access for staff and students between academic institutions across the nation would be beneficial to both distance students and intramural students. There are considerable difficulties in introducing such a national card but many could be overcome with goodwill.

The definition of dynamic collection development policies can assist in ensuring that collection development goes hand in hand with institutional research and teaching interests. Collections that are no longer appropriate for a particular institution may be of great value at another institution. Definition of collection development policies presents a possible opportunity for implementation of the Conspectus approach.

Storage options

To date, the preferred form of storage for both teaching and research library collections in Australian higher education libraries has been open access shelving with adjacent study areas. Remote closed access storage of library collections has been regarded as a poor alternative to open access storage because of the reduced accessibility. Nevertheless, open access library storage is extremely expensive to construct, as well as to stock, and viable storage and delivery systems for lesser used materials must be investigated. Funding should be made available for a study of the costs and feasibility of a remote storage and delivery service. With the concurrence of the Universities

Obituary

Patricia Bruce Ward AM, BA, Dip Ed, FLAA

Patricia Bruce Ward, a foundation Associate member of the Library Association of Australia died in the Hawkesbury train crash on Sunday 6 May 1990.

Patricia Ward's greatest strength has been the diversity of her involvement in the profession. Her professional development activities extended to librarians in school libraries, local government, and to library technicians. She served as ALIA NSW Branch President and General Councillor and was a founding member of the ALIA School Libraries Section, with terms as President and Secretary of this Section. In 1982 Patricia Ward was elected to the Publications Board of the Association, and provided a source of support and guidance for its many publications.

In 1988, the distinction of Fellow of the Australian Library and

Information Association was conferred on Patricia Ward in recognition of her outstanding commitment and contribution to librarianship and the library profession. In 1990 she was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for services to librarianship.

Mrs Ward's professional interests were shared by her husband John — who also died in the crash — recently-retired Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sydney. Professor Ward was a member of ALIA, and a former member of the Library Council of NSW, and actively supported his wife in her library science and publications activities.

Patricia Bruce Ward's vision, resourcefulness, humour and tireless commitment will be greatly missed by her many colleagues and friends in the library and information industry throughout Australia.

In consideration of Pat's family, ALIA members can direct all written tributes to the ALIA national office.