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included compiling books, establishing a local history collection, arranging walking tours, helping clients with research, and assisting with projects to record the sites of old schools. This year the Librarian, Pauline Jolly, will be working with a group of secondary students to research the history of the shops in Ceduna. These ongoing local history activities provide a fine example of a program which fosters links between the library and its users and extends library services to support the local history interests of the community.

The South Australian Branch will be calling for submissions for the second Val Gauld School Community Library Award in September.

Jan Heath
President

WHO'S WHERE

Brian Howes, formerly of the Public Library of South Australia, has moved to Angaston, in the heart of the wine area of the Barossa Valley in South Australia, from where he will continue to operate as Magpie Books, publishing guides and directories for the antiquarian book-trade. He also offers a collection development service to libraries and would be pleased to have contact with libraries or individuals interested in hearing more about this service. Address is 111 Murray Street, Angaston, SA 5353.

Nora Hinchin, formerly Library Director, Stanton Library, North Sydney has been appointed City Librarian, City of Sydney Public Library. Nora took up her position on 5 March 1990. She becomes the fifth City Librarian, following Charles Bertie, Frank Bell, John Lyons and Sarah Walters.

A member of the City Library's staff from 1962 to 1969, Nora brings an awareness of the library's history and traditions to her new role. Added to which are the drive and determination to launch the library into the new decade and the 21st century. The relocation of the Haymarket Branch to a heritage building on the corner of George and Hay Streets, Sydney is high on her agenda, and plans for a new Central Library are already underway.

IN THE NEWS

Libraries and expert systems at Wagga

Two leading international figures in information management with computer expert systems will be the keynote speakers at a conference at Charles Sturt University — Riverina, Wagga, in July. The conference, from 22-24 July, will bring together librarians, information managers and expert systems developers to explore current Australian and overseas research in this field.

The special speakers are Forbes Gibb from the University of Strathclyde in the United Kingdom and Dr John Richardson, Professor at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, UCLA in the United States.

Papers will explore the technology of the expert system, its various applications in information management, the implications of expert systems for the librarian and the managerial-social issues.

For registration forms see page 14 of this issue. Further information is available from the conference convenor, Craig McDonald, at Charles Sturt University — Riverina, telephone (069) 22 2594, fax (069) 22 2733, or write to PO Box 588, Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650.

Eusidic forms 'future' group

Eusidic, the European Association of Information Services, has formed a group of ten membership representatives to look at scenarios for Eusidic's future. The group will be meeting during the first part of 1990 and will present various options to Eusidic's Council and membership in the Autumn of this year. Chairman of the group will be Arnold de Kemp of Springer-Verlag, current Chairman of Eusidic.

For further information contact Eusidic's Secretariat at 9A High Street, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 0BS, England, telephone +44 (0) 249 814 584, fax +44 (0) 249 813 656.

IBM be-Stowes award

Stowe Computing Australia has won the prestigious IBM Marketing Contractor of the Year award for South Australia.

A director of Stowe and the company's General Manager — Local Government, Steve Howe, said the award particularly recognised the company's Local Government, Library, and Application Solutions divisions.

Extel cards

Ferntree Information has introduced an online version of Extel Cards, in-depth financial and corporate summaries of leading British and international companies, to its profile service from the *Financial Times*.

Extel Cards have established a 70-year track record for accurate facts, figures, background, news and analysis on more than 7000 companies. The cards are compiled by financial specialists to a standard format. For more information contact Steve Cartland, telephone (02) 437 6322.

New book base

Tait Bookshop has moved. After having been in the Melbourne CBD for all its life (from about 1908!) the big change was effected in March. The inner suburb location at 687 Nicholson Street, North Carlton, VIC 3054 has plenty of parking or alternatively is only a 20 minute tram ride from the city.

Manager Joy Sheehan hopes that this convenience will prompt Victorian and interstate librarians to visit Tait's new base — where they will be made most welcome. Joy can be contacted on (03) 322 1533.

Research Project

Expressions of interest are invited for a research project concerning the provision of library services in Tasmania for people with disabilities.

The research project, for which funds are currently being sought from the Sir John Morris Memorial Trust Fund, will be supervised by the State Advisory Committee on library services to people with disabilities in association with the State Library of Tasmania.



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It is expected that the project will commence during late 1990 and be completed within a period of about 9 months. A grant of approximately \$18 000, payable in two instalments — the first in 1990-91 and the second in 1991-92 — will be awarded to the successful applicant.

Further information about the project and application details can be obtained from Ray Bartle, Chairman, State Advisory Committee on library services to people with disabilities, c/- State Library of Tasmania, 91 Murray Street, Hobart, TAS 7000. Applications should be received by 30 June 1990.

Music anthology

The first release of the 'Anthology of Australian Music on Disc' begins a collection of Australian music which will become the standard work of reference for Australian composition. In the fifteen compact discs of the first set, the music of 44 of Australia's foremost composers of Chamber Music and solo works is performed. The set also includes an extensive collection of electroacoustic music.

The Canberra School of Music is committed to releasing on a regular basis additional recordings for the anthology, developing a collection of Australian music which is as completely balanced and representative as possible. For further information contact Margaret Ziersch, Canberra Institute of the Arts, telephone (06) 249 5734.

Maybe ...

if you ask very nicely your kids might take you to see a very special exhibition. The Society of Book Illustrators in New South Wales has put together a collection of their most wonderful original artworks, selected from some of Australia's best known and award winning children's books. It's on show at the State Library of NSW until 30 June 1990.

Online reports on European markets

A broad range of in-depth reports on European markets is now available in Australia via Ferntree Information's online Profile business information service from the Financial Times.

The DataMonitor market research reports on consumer and service markets including sectors such as con-

fectionery, dairy products, consumer electronics, DIY, retailing, finance and pharmaceuticals. They cover the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the United States.

In addition to about 400 market research reports, more than 100 DataMonitor company profiles will be available soon on the Profile service.

Updated annually, the DataMonitor reports contain an overall review of each market and a detailed analysis of its different sectors. The files have been designed so that users can gain easy access to specific relevant sections of a report.

White House conference

Linda Resnik, former Executive Director of the American Society for Information Science (ASIS) and an experienced designer and marketer of information and educational services has been designated Executive Director of the White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

The White House Conference on Library and Information Services will be held in Washington, DC in July 1991. Authorised by Public Law 100-382, its purpose is 'to develop recommendations for the further improvement of the library and information services of the Nation and their use by the public...'

Budget increase

Colin Taylor, Chief Librarian, South Australian Institute of Technology Library, is pleased to report that, contrary to the trend of most budget announcements in recent years, the Library has had a 60 per cent increase in its non-salary budget. The Institute has allocated 7.4 per cent of its 1990 recurrent budget to the Library, a figure achieved by few Institutes (or Universities) of Technology, but more in line with the longer established Universities. The Library has also been guaranteed at least 10 per cent of any research infrastructure funding received by the Institute.

There have been particular factors which have made this large increase possible in 1990 which cannot, in total, be guaranteed for future years. However, the Institute has signalled its intention to use budget flexibility to maintain a higher level of funding for the Library as a top priority.

He adds that the merger negotiations between the SA Institute of Technology and Flinders University in

1989 provided consciousness raising among Institute financial decision makers about appropriate funding for academic libraries. This has now been exploited with positive results. Even though the merger was aborted, the Institute Library and its users are thankful to the Flinders University Librarian, Bill Cations, and the Flinders University community for their assistance.

Training aids in Zimbabwe

The Training Aids Development Group (TADG) in Zimbabwe is producing excellent adult print materials for literacy programs, for worker development programs and for health education. Its booklets and magazines are aimed particularly at the freedom fighters, now adult, who took up arms in the struggle for independence, and so missed out even on the second class secondary education that was offered to blacks in Rhodesia. The content is correspondingly sophisticated in terms of economics and social theory, but the syntax is appropriately simple.

TADG is funded by a variety of non-government development agencies, with the core costs for its third year being met by the Australian Freedom From Hunger Campaign. Samples of the materials are available for inspection at the Australian Freedom From Hunger Campaign Office in the Griffin Centre, Canberra, telephone (06) 247 2305, or could be obtained direct from TADG, PO Box 8516, Causeway, Harare, Zimbabwe.

Arminel Ryan

Australian Freedom from Hunger Campaign, ACT Committee
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New poetry award

The National Book Council (NBC) has announced the NBC Turnbull Fox Phillips Poetry Prize valued at \$5000. This new prize will be provided by a leading Australian owned public relations firm Turnbull Fox Phillips for a guaranteed period of 3 years. It will be judged as an integral part of the Banjo Awards for Australian Literature and presented on 3 September with the Banjo Awards for fiction and non-fiction.

The NBC Turnbull Fox Phillips Poetry Prize has been created in recognition of the literary strength of Australia's contemporary poets and their published work. For further information telephone (03) 663 8655.