

Literacy Section

Literacy resource kit launched

THE FINAL STAGE of the International Literacy Year Project was the launching in each state and territory of the *Literacy Resource Kit* which will be available through public libraries. South Australia was the first to launch the kit at a function during a literacy workshop for public librarians organised by the ALIA Literacy Section and hosted by Chief Librarian Ann Short at the Prospect Public Library on 14 May.

The ILY Project was the result of a grant received by ALIA's national Literacy and Public Libraries Sections in conjunction with the Victorian Ministry for the Arts and the Ministry of Education to undertake a survey of literacy provision in public libraries and produce a resource kit for national distribution. The survey, *Adult Literacy: the role of Australian public libraries* and the resource kit booklet, *Libraries and Literacy: how*

libraries can get involved in adult literacy have been published and distributed. Approximately 60 titles make up the kit and are listed in the booklet, the collection covers theory and research, workplace literacy, teacher references, mathematics, specific needs students, policy, workbooks and annotated bibliographies. All titles have been catalogued onto ABN as part of the project.

The Minister for the Department for Arts and Cultural Heritage, the Hon. Anne Levy, officially launched the kit. Judy Peppard, from the Victorian Ministry for the Arts and organiser of the national distribution of the kit, spoke about the development of the project. The *Literacy Resource Kit* is now circulating around public libraries in South Australia.

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APSIG workshops on preservation management

Marie Sexton describes some practical help to libraries in our region

THE ASIA-PACIFIC Special Interest Group (APSIG) of ALIA has obtained funding from the Australian International Development Assistance Bureau (AIDAB) to run two workshops on preservation management. The first was held at the national Library of Thailand 20–24 April, coordinated by Wendy Smith (Preservation Services, NLA). Dr Ross Harvey, Monash University, was a joint leader of the workshop. It was attended by twenty one delegates, representing twelve institutions in five Southeast Asian countries—Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia,

Indonesia and Brunei.

Both Monash University and the national Library of Australia have also contributed significantly to the running costs of this activity. A grant from the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions Preservation and Conservation Core program (IFLA-PAC) is being used to produce training materials based on the materials developed for the workshop.

A second workshop is to be held later this year from Monday 30 November to 4 December in Fiji and will precede the Fiji Library Association Conference. ■

Research Register

Still time to get your entries in

HERE HAS BEEN an encouraging response to the initial request by the Australian Clearing House for Library and Information Science for data on Library research projects. Major libraries and schools of library and information science have been asked to report research activities for inclusion in Australian Library and Information Research, which was

formerly published by the National Library.

The first issue of ALIR will be free for contributors of data. The deadline for contributions is 31 October. Data report forms are available from: Australian Clearing House for Library and Information Science, University of South Australia Library, Lorne Avenue, Magill, SA 5072. (FAX (08) 302 4695) ■

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