

ents needs. LISWA Theatre. Cost: \$5, 5.30-7pm. Light refreshments provided. Contact: Denise Barker, ph 08 9478 0261. RSVP by 10/9.

18/9 New Norcia Library Lecture. Speaker: Barry Jones MHR. Topic: *The information revolution, threats to the book culture and libraries.* Time: 10-3.30pm. Venue: St Ildephonsus College, New Norcia. Cost: \$40 adult, \$20 student. RSVP: Sue Johnson, ph 08 9654 8060 (Wed-Fri), New Norcia Library, New Norcia.

• **22/9-27/10 WA Special Libraries section committee meeting.** 5.30-6.30pm, venue to be advised. (22/9; 27/10). Contact: Tracy Gerritsen, ph (08) 9366 4737, fx (08) 9366 4779, gerritsent@eec.com.au.

• **End Sept WA Branch Certificate of Recognition — nominations close.** Award for outstanding contribution to the library and information profession in WA. Call for nominations in August issue of *Biblio*. Further details available from Ruth McIntyre, ph 08 9478 3343, fx 08 9479 7509.

• **10/10 WA Special Libraries Award — nominations close.** Nominations forms are available from Tracy Gerritsen, ph 08 9366 4737, fx 08 9366 4799, gerritsent@eec.com.au. Send completed forms marked personal and confidential to: Tracy Gerritsen, Energy Equity Corporation Ltd, 220 St Georges Terrace, Perth 6000.

Conference

• **11-12/9 12th National Cataloguing conference.** *New opportunities for cataloguers.* Paper sessions and workshops. Contact: Prue Deacon, ph 02 6289 7062, prue.deacon@health.gov.au. Conference information is now at <http://www.alia.org.au/~actbran/catconf.html>.

• **19-20/9 ALIA Local Studies conference.** *Timekeepers: forging links in local studies.* Venue: South Perth Heritage House. Contact: Alison Gregg, Education Department WA, 151 Royal Street, East Perth, ph 08 9264 4952.

• **24-26/9 9th National Library Technicians conference.** *InterACTION: the Client, the Profession, the Technology.* Venue: National Convention Centre, Canberra. Convenor: Marion Boyd, fx 02 6273 2110, mboyd@hcourt.gov.au. Contact: Brigitte Gunn, Conference Solutions, PO Box 238, Deakin West 2600, ph 02 6285 3000, fx 02 6285 3001, office@consol.com.

• **12-16/10 7th Asian Pacific Specials, Health and Law Librarian's conference and exhibition — Perth.** *On the Edge.* Venue: Duxton Hotel, Perth. Contact: Motive Conventions, GPO Box Z5327, St Georges Terrace, Perth 6831, ph 08 9322 2666, fx 08 9322 1417, edge97@portia.murdoch.edu.au.

• **9-12/11 Public Libraries section and Reference and Information Service section conference.** *Creating tomorrow today: can you imagine...* Venue: Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Contact: Kelly Flynn, Conference Secretariat, PO Box 1280, Milton 4064, ph 07 3369 0477, fx 07 3369 1512, pub97@sunray.im.com.au.

• **13-14/11 WA Public Libraries sec-**

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Who's where...

EBSCO Australia has a new regional sales manager, based in Melbourne. **Vicki Nicholson** joined EBSCO in May and her primary responsibility is to manage business in the special, public, school and TAFE library markets in Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia. Vicki began her library career in 1979 in a one-person library. Since then she has worked in a medical library, as well as with the Rural Water Corporation. She has also worked with James Bennett Pty Ltd in Melbourne.

Carolyn Cherrett has joined EBSCO as client services manager and is responsible for looking after academic and research institutions in New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, Queensland and the Northern Territory. Carolyn is also working with clients to assure smooth transitions to full electronic communications with EBSCO through their integrated library systems.

Alasdair Wardle has been named manager of the Casey-Cardinia Library Corporation. Alasdair has been acting in the position for eight months. Alasdair will oversee operations and development of the service at the corporation's branches in Cranbourne, Doveton, Endeavour Hills, Narre Warren, Pakenham and on the Cardinia Mobile Library. Alasdair sees his main challenge as the continued development of electronic resources for the service as it positions itself to meet the challenges of the information age.

Datafile has appointed a new consultant to deal exclusively with architects, designers, building specifiers and property fitout and refurbishment companies. **Mark Rosser** has fifteen years experience in managerial positions involving commercial contracting and specification and image presentation.

Professor W Boyd Rayward has been offered the position of George A Miller Visiting Professor in the University of Illinois at Urbana — Champaign. This Professorship brings scholars in a variety of fields from time-to-

time to the University of Illinois. Its responsibilities involve a public lecture and discussions across various departments of the University on the subject of the occupant's research.

During his stay at the University of Illinois, Professor Rayward will be continuing his research into the development of formal information infrastructure as an aspect of social organisation in early modern England and Europe. He is examining the differentiation and institutionalisation of information functions in the Republic of Letters and the emergence of museums, archives and the prototype of modern library in the 17th and early 18th century.

Professor Rayward will also take a doctoral seminar in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science in which he will be located during the period of his professorship. He begins his period of leave by giving a paper at the Joint World Conference on Educational Multimedia and Educational Telecommunication in Calgary in Canada on 'The idea of the world brain: some millenarian schemes for knowledge organisation in the 17th and 20th centuries'. Boyd will be returning to the University of New South Wales at the end of 1998.

Dr Connie Wilson has taken the position of Visiting Professor in the College of Information Science and Technology at Drexel University in session two this year. She will be participating in on-going research activities of the School and working with Dr Howard White and Dr Katherine McCain in the area of citation analysis. She will be consulting with Dr Henry Small and associates at the Institute for Scientific Information and participating in the general research activities of the Institute. Connie will also be presenting a paper at the Sixth International Conference of the International Society for Scientometrics (ISSI): 'Defining subject collections for informetric analyses: the effect of varying the subject aboutness level'. ■

What are you doing for Australia's Breast Cancer Day?

Monday 27 October marks Australia's Breast Cancer Day, a day for raising community awareness of breast cancer. One in fourteen Australian women will develop breast cancer over a lifetime of seventy-four years. Public libraries play a key role in providing information for the community about breast cancer. In recognition of this, the National Health and Medical Research Council's National Breast Cancer Centre is offering a free poster to libraries on the theme of 'Want to know more about breast cancer? Ask your librarian'.

These posters can be displayed year round, or used in conjunction with a promotion for Australia's Breast Cancer Day. Public libraries have been sent all the National Breast Cancer Centre's publications for women diagnosed with breast cancer. The Centre's librarian can assist with supplies of these publications, and lists of recommended books and web sites. Please contact Claire Pillar, librarian, NHMRC National Breast Cancer Centre, PO Box 572, Kings Cross 2011, phone: (02) 9334 1716, fax: (02) 9326 9329, claire.pillar@nbcc.org.au. ■