

Numbering public information

New guide released by AusInfo

AusInfo, the agency responsible for Commonwealth government publishing, has issued a guide to the allocation of ISBNs, ISSN and bar coding of Commonwealth publications.

The guide is called *Universal numbering (ISBN and ISSN) and bar coding of Commonwealth public information* and is available through Australian government bookshops and from AusInfo at GPO Box 1920, Canberra 2001. It is news sheet N^o 5 in the series *Commonwealth publications production guidelines*.

The guide explains the numbering and bar coding systems and defines what materials should be given a number, in an easy to follow, step-by-step format and gives various web site addresses and telephone numbers.

Thorpe Bibliographic Services which has

responsibility for Australian international standard book numbers has allocated a block of numbers to AusInfo for self-allocation. The benefits to Commonwealth Departments and agencies of AusInfo being a self-allocator include:

- no charges;
- advice on position and use of ISBNs; and
- professional cataloguing resources to maintain bibliographic records.

The National Library of Australia continues to supervise the issuing of international standard serial numbers. This system is also described.

Bar code formats and placement are also described in detail, and the guide contains a short bibliography of documentation standards publications. ■

Partners in crime...

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has issued a booklet which explains its partnership with libraries to provide access to ABS data throughout Australia.

Called the Library Extension Partnership (LEP), the eight-page booklet explains the accord between ABS and libraries in terms of responsibilities of the partners.

The partnership, which was started in 1991, has

been embraced by the library community with more than 500 libraries taking part and receiving more than 350 000 ABS publications.

The booklet says: 'The LEP is a core strategy through which the ABS addresses its community service obligation. In this way every Australian has the opportunity to access, at no charge, publications and products that contain important statistical information.'

The booklet has been distributed to public libraries. More information is available on the ABS Statsite at <http://www.abs.gov.au>, or phone your state co-ordinator: NSW 02 9268 4569; Victoria 03 9615 7535; Queensland 07 322 6364; Western Australia 08 9360 5205; South Australia 08 8237 7588; Tasmania 03 6222 5815; Northern Territory 08 8943 2122; or the ACT 02 6252 5570. ■



shop: *Towards new horizons*. Program: presentation techniques; public speaking techniques; teamwork; panel discussion on library issues. Clare Country Club. Registration fee: \$160 ALIA members; \$180 non-members. Contact: Marion Fielke, ph 08 8384 0772, fx 08 8382 1232, marfie@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au RSVP by 29/1/99.

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• **1/12 Ballarat Regional group.** AGM, guest speaker: Craig Anderson, Yarra Valley Public Library. Gills Boatshed Restaurant, Lake Wendouree Foreshore, Ballarat. 6:30 for 7pm, \$25 members, \$30 non-members. Contact: Kerry Matheson, ph 03 5327 9588, fx 03 5327 9595, k.matheson@ballarat.edu.au. RSVP by 27/11.

• **3/12 Vic Health Libraries section.** AGM and Xmas party. Guest speaker: to be announced. Venue: William Angliss College. Time: 6:30pm, cost \$25 (sit-down 3 course meal). Contact: Kerry Johannes, ph 03 9684 4403, fx 03 9682 7353, library@vitp.monash.edu.au

• **4/12 Vic UCRLS/RAISS sections.** Joint christmas celebration. University College, College Crescent, Parkville (Melway map 2B, ref C4), 5-8pm. \$15 ALIA members, \$20 non-members. Contact: Karen Sydow (UCRLS), ph 03 9347 3533, karens@ariel.unimelb.edu.au or Jay Glaisyer (RAISS) ph 03 9326 5366, jay@swets.com.au RSVPs and cheques payable to: ALIA UCRLS Vic, Bag 65, Bundoora, 3083, ph 03 9408 7888, ypmail@yp1.yprl.vic.gov.au

• **11/12 VICLIS Forum (ACLIS/ALIA Victoria).** Xmas party. Further details available soon! Members \$28, non-members \$40. Contact: Jo Marshall, marshallj@wehi.edu.au

• **14/12 Vic Special Libraries section.** Committee meeting. Venue: Heart Foundation, 411 King Street, West Melbourne at 5:30pm (unless advised otherwise). Contact: June Hooper, ph 03 9329 8511, fx 03 9321 1574, heartvic@vicnet.net.au

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