

Australian Library Collections Task Force

The National Library of Australia is convening the Australian Library Collections Task Force. The establishment of the Task Force was recommended by the National Round Table on Access to Overseas Monographs through Australian Li-

braries. The task force will implement the recommendations of the round table (see <http://www.nla.gov.au/niac/meetings/rtresolutns.html>).

The task force comprises academic and representatives from na-

tional, state, university, and special libraries.

In consultation with the academic and research community, the task force will investigate and recommend strategies for improving access to overseas material, and is expected to:

- examine the use of overseas materials in particular subject areas, and access to foreign language material;
- identify base-line data to support collection development and access;
- develop mechanisms to extend the percentage of material held on the National Bibliographic Database (NBD);
- consider interlibrary loan and document delivery issues; and,
- promote user understanding of access mechanisms.

Comments and questions about the recommendations and the task force can be directed to: Paula Williams manager, National Initiatives and Collaboration Branch, National Library of Australia phone: 02 6262 1481, pwilliams@nla.gov.au

Music to your ears

Judith Foster, Australian Music Centre

The *Union catalogue of orchestral scores and performing parts in Australian music libraries and collections*, has recently been published.

The catalogue, now in its second edition, was edited by Mary O'Mara, the music librarian at the University of Queensland. It provides locations for scores and instrumental works for chamber to full orchestra, including vocal works with orchestra, held in twenty-six libraries and orchestral organisations in New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania, Western Australia, and the Australian Capital Territory.

The Catalogue is published by the International Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres, and is available from: The Treasurer IAML (Australian Branch) Sydney Conservatorium of Music Library Level 1, 109 Pitt Street, Sydney 2000. The cost is \$47.50, including postage.



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