

## ACT

• **9/8–13/12 ACT Branch.** *Council meeting.* NLA, 4th Floor, Conference Room, 5:30pm, unless otherwise announced. 9/8, 13/9, 11/10, 15/11, 13/12. Contact: Sally-Anne Leigh, Branch secretary, ph 02 6249 3681, fx 02 679 9655, sally-anne.leigh@anu.edu.au

• **16/8 ACT Health Libraries section.** *Marie Murphy and Sharon Greenshields from ALIA will come along to tell us about Continuing Professional Development, and answer your questions.* Canberra Hospital, Library, 12:30pm. Sandra Henderson, ph 02 6262 1481, shenders@nla.gov.au

• **6/9 ACT Library Technicians section.** *General meeting.* CIT, Reid Campus Building D (room n° on door) at 5:30pm. Contact: Beth Clary, president, ph 02 6234 2225, beth.clary@radford.com.au

• **13/12 ACT Branch.** *Christmas drinks/celebration.* Details: to be advised. Contact: Sally-Anne Leigh, Branch secretary, ph 02 6249 3681, fx 02 679 9655, sally-anne.leigh@anu.edu.au

## NSW

• **12/8 NSW Library Technician section.** *Grafton workshops:* Job application & interview skills, 9:30–12:30pm. Children's storytime & activities, 1:30–4:30pm. Venue: to be advised. Contact: Kerry Darnell for costs and payment advice, ph 02 9715 8316, kerry.darnell@tafensw.edu.au

• **18/8 Riverina Regional Group meeting.** *Round table forum on libraries and the GST.* 6:30pm, Wagga TAFE Library, Macleay Street, Wagga. Contact: Chris Griffiths 02 6933 2346, cgriffiths@csu.edu.au

• **25/8 NSW School Libraries section.** *Book week celebrations.* Venue: to be advised. Contact: Ian McLean, ph 02 9886 7501 (w), ian.mclean@det.nsw.edu.au

• **28/8–30/10 NSW School Libraries section.** *General meeting,* all ALIA members are warmly welcomed. Joint Council Meeting Rooms, Corner Marion and Norton Streets, Leichhardt, 5:30–7:30pm, often concluding with an Italian meal in one of the suburb's restaurants. 28/8, 30/10. Contact: Ian McLean, ph 02 9886 7501 (w), ian.mclean@det.nsw.edu.au

• **31/8 Hunter Valley Regional Group.** *Seminar: Directing the digital library.* Guest speakers: Charmian Eckersley, Jay Glaisyer, Marion Wilson. Audio-visual Theatre, Auchmuty Library, Uni Newcastle, 1–4pm. Cost (incl. GST): \$27 ALIA members, \$32 non-members, refreshments provided. *RSVP with money by 20/8 to:* Gary Jones, ph 02 4921 8881, Gary.Jones@newcastle.edu.au

• **27/10 NSW Children & Youth Services section.** *Management Seminar.* Burwood Council Chambers. For further information, please contact: Sa-

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# Queensland Library Technician of the Year

On 6 June, Queensland Day, the Queensland Library Technicians Section celebrated their annual dinner and presentation night. A mixed group of official guests, members and librarians had a delightful evening of merriment, wine and dining. Guests included Vicki McDonald, ALIA Queensland Branch Council president; Arthur Marham, general manager of Queensland Library Supplies; Derride Gibbs from Library Locums; and Merve Murray, the national sales manager from RAECO, who presented an excellent and most entertaining insight on the value of library technicians in the changing world of libraries.

The 2000 ALIA Queensland Library Technician of the Year (recent graduate) Award was presented to Annie Wall from the Maroochy Shire Library. This year we had several very high standard nominations, and the selection committee decided to present a second award — an 'Award of recognition' — which was presented to Jennifer Parker from SouthBank TAFE.

Annie graduated in 1997 through Edith Cowan University. Her role as corporate library officer in the Corporate Library and interlibrary loans area of the Maroochy Shire Council Library is regarded as a high pressured position, and in many cases her clients (the Maroochy Shire Council and staff) require the information yesterday. She has played a major role in the development of the Corporate Library, and has created a corporate web-site for the council intranet. Before the implementation of an interlibrary

loan module, Annie developed a unique and innovative technique for recording required data for interlibrary loans.

As a member of ALIA Queensland Library Technician Section Annie's commitment has been outstanding. On a regular basis we have seen her driving from Maroochy to Brisbane to attend general meetings and other activities. Towards the end of last year Annie approached me with the idea of forming an ALIA LibTec Regional section. A position for the regional representative was created on the section's executive board, and I suggested to Annie that she nominate for the position. This she did. Even more commitment was required to the section and, more trips south. For those readers who are not familiar with Queensland's geography, Maroochy to Brisbane is approximately a 90 minute drive. For the first four months of this year Annie has dedicated all her spare time to organising and hosting the first of many regional meetings at Maroochy Shire Library (see the report, p27 June *inCite*).

Annie's aim is to continue to build the regional section reaching out to all libraries on the Sunshine Coast. The selection committee felt that Annie has truly demonstrated a very strong commitment to both ALIA and her chosen profession. She has and is continually promoting the role of library technicians. Annie's prize consisted of a \$200 cheque sponsored by Branch Council, and a \$150 cheque and perpetual trophy sponsored by Queensland Library Supplies.

*Yvonne Brock, ALIA Library Technicians Section*

## Hans Christian Andersen award winners announced

### Ena Noel, Australian IBBY national section

The International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), of which ALIA is a member, presents awards to outstanding authors and illustrators every two years. The Hans Christian Andersen Author Award for 2000 has been won by Ana Maria Machado (Brazil) and the illustrator award has gone to Anthony Browne (United Kingdom).

Queen Margrethe II of Denmark is the patron of the Hans Christian Andersen Awards, which are regarded as the highest international distinction given to an author and to an illustrator of children's books. The awards will be presented to the winners at the 27th IBBY congress in September 2000. The awards are presented to an author and an illustrator whose complete works have

made an important and lasting contribution to children's literature.

Ana Maria Machado has written 105 books for children and adults which have sold over six million copies. She has covered many political and social themes in a wide range of stories. Anthony Browne is an artist of unusual talent, exceptional technical skill and unrivalled imagination who has taken picture book illustration into new dimensions.

It is worth noting that in 1986 both of these awards came to Australia — to Patricia Wrightson for writing and to Robert Ingpen for illustration. It is the only time in the history of the awards that both awards have gone to the same country in the same year. ■