

## LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA 18th Biennial Conference

The 18th Biennial Conference, to be held at Melbourne University, does not have a singular theme as many previous conferences have had. It has, instead, three major sessions which are:

- i. Pre-conference sessions
  - ii. Conference sessions
  - iii. Workshop sessions
- i. Pre-conference sessions will be organized for Saturday, 23rd August. These sessions will cover areas not normally included in conference proceedings. Some possible topics are:
- (a) Publishers, booksellers and acquisitions librarians.
  - (b) Library Boards and Authorities.
  - (c) Architects and libraries.
  - (d) The Literature Board and the promotion of Australian literature.

Sunday is set aside for meetings, the official opening and the official welcome.

- ii. Conference sessions will occupy Monday, 25th August, through to Wednesday, 27th August. In addition to the four plenary sessions, there will be approximately 60 papers.

Plenary session speakers for the 18th Conference are —

Dr Preben Kierkegaard, Director of the Royal Danish Library School, Copenhagen. Dr Kierkegaard's main interests lie in the role of the librarian in society and in librarian education.

Mrs Margaret Beckman, Chief Librarian, Guelph University, Ontario. Mrs Beckman is one of North America's foremost practitioners in library design and systems.

Mr John Taylor, Assistant Director of Leisure (Libraries), Nottingham, U.K. Mr Taylor is a specialist in community library development and in small community library design location and services.

Mrs Margaret Fisher, Editor and publisher of *Growing Point* (U.K.) and eminent critic and author in childrens' literature.

Conference papers have been arranged to give equal time to each of the three streams of interest.

- (a) Administration
- (b) Technical Services
- (c) Reader Services.

Within each of these streams, papers representing the interests of School libraries, Public libraries, Special libraries and University and College libraries (incorporating Archives) have been arranged. By organizing the conference programme in this manner, the Conference Committee feels it will reduce conflicts of interest in the programme layout.

- iii. Workshops have been organized to enable participation in discussions of significant current topics in librarianship. Workshops (each 2 days in length) are planned for Thursday and Friday and cover a wide range of topics, such as —

- (a) Microforms
  - (b) The Management of the Cataloguing functions and its place in the library structure
  - (c) Publication work relating to libraries
  - (d) Library services to migrants
  - (e) Government publications
  - (f) Latest developments in theory and development of reader education
  - (g) On-line circulation systems
  - (h) Aims of library education
  - (i) Management of school libraries and resource centres.
- In all, there will be approximately 20 workshops to choose from.