

This and That

Kinetica Duplicate ISBNs

Readers who subscribe to ANZTLA-forum will already have seen this communication circulated in January this year by Philip Harvey. Others may also be interested!

Australian ISBNs were once allocated at an office of the National Library but are now the responsibility of D. W. Thorpe. As a result the national database (Kinetica) is bound to accept the pre-publication information from Thorpe, otherwise that information becomes Thorpe's private property. There would be a serious loss of information about small publishing in Australia if this was not done.

In recent times these pre-publication records have started showing up more frequently. They are often nothing more than an ISBN, author, a title that doesn't always correlate to the book in front of you, and maybe some pagination that can be described as a guesstimate. (Such records are familiar to those who had to revise British Whitaker's pre-publication records back on ABN. In fact there are plenty of British records still being loaded onto Kinetica that fit the above description.) None of these records are of even level one description AACR2 Rev.

The problem is compounded when you make an ISBN search and find two records, one the full description made by an expert cataloguer, the other the thin straw known as a pre-publication record.

The cataloguers at Joint Theological Library are determined to eradicate these weeds wherever they show up. Other member libraries of ANZTLA who use Kinetica are encouraged to do likewise, as they are useless bibliographically, are oftentimes erroneous, and they invite the creation of two sets of holdings.

Where a full and correct record of the work is available it is possible to transfer any holdings from the pre-publication record and this ought to be done, before deleting the record. If, on the other hand, the pre-publication record is clearly the only record on Kinetica for that title, the onus is on us to make it fully presentable according to the Rules.

Theological cataloguers need to be alert to this difficulty on the national databases and are actively encouraged to do what they can to solve it. Full and proper records benefit everyone, wisps of words are sweet nothings.



Personal notice

The sincere sympathies of all ANZTLA members are extended to our dear colleague and friend, Lawrence McIntosh and his family. Pamela McIntosh died in Bendigo on Thursday 4th May 2000, after a long illness. Herself a librarian, Pam always took a keen interest in ANZTLA activities and often attended our annual conferences with Lawrence. We shall miss her friendship and gentleness. May God's peace and love sustain Lawrence and the whole family through their time of loss.



Staff changes and other happenings

Victoria

A few staff changes in some of our Melbourne theological libraries at the end of 1999. In November **Jillian Forwood** and **Janet Bell** both at Trinity College, Parkville announced their retirements, as did also **Ann Close** who has been at Whitley College for the past six plus years. At our Christmas luncheon we farewelled all three wishing them much fulfilment as they pursue new dreams!

Nina Waters commenced as Librarian at Trinity in January. **Kerrie Hunter** who has been job-sharing with Ann for the past few years was appointed full time Librarian at Whitley.

Also in Melbourne the **relocation** of two Catholic libraries:

The library staff of **Mannix Library, Catholic Theological College**, Tony McCumstie, Rosalie Cotter and Lisa Gerber have been preparing for many months for the big move from Clayton into their new premises at East Melbourne (278 Victoria Parade). They can now be contacted by telephone on (61 03) 9412 3350, and by email at library@ctcmelb.vic.edu.au. Their website is found at : www.ctcmelb.vic.edu.au/mannix

Marianne Kuypers reported at the last ANZTLA Victoria meeting that the **ACU - Christ Campus** has also moved to East Melbourne, just across the street from their CTC colleagues!



Queensland

Recently **Susan Lockeridge** resigned in March from her position as Librarian of St Francis' College in Brisbane and is now taking some R&R for a few months.

Christine Brunton, who has been Librarian at Trinity Theological College, Brisbane has begun her new appointment as Librarian at St Francis' College on May 8. The position at Trinity was advertised before Easter.

Some members will remember **Liz Jordan**, formerly Librarian at Trinity Theological College. Liz is now working as Special Projects Librarian at the University of Queensland.



South Australia

Changes at Lohe Memorial Library, Luther Seminary : **Natalie Schwarz** has resigned, and **Lyndall Simonsen** has returned after living in Perpignan for nine months.

From **Adelaide Theological Library** news of a recent very successful booksale, which raised over \$2000! Nearly all the books had been donated to the library, from retired pastors and deceased estates, and some college lecturers, and most were sold for \$1 each. The sale ran over three days and was staffed by volunteers. The proceeds will be used to buy electronic and hard copy reference works and other items which are too expensive or outside the scope of the normal acquisitions budget.

The Diocesan Resource Centre, Adelaide, which faced closure two years ago, has now relocated. From 1st May, DRC services are available at 112 Kintore Street, Thebarton, 5031. Telephone: 08 8301 6869; fax: 08 8301 6870; email: drc@ceo.adl.catholic.edu.au. Opening hours remain the same : Mon – Fri 10.00am – 4.30pm.



Canberra

Anne Morris-Bannerman, Library Manager at St Mark's National Theological Centre, reports on a seminar on Electronic Journals versus Hardcopy, held on 18th April. Speakers represented Australian Catholic University libraries, Charles Sturt University libraries, the National Library of Australia, St Mark's Library, both post- and undergraduate students of St Mark's, and other St Mark's personnel.

The introductory speaker, Dr Anna Corbo Crehan, lecturer in Ethics with the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics at Charles Sturt University, gave a most useful view of the ethical issues around the question of whether electronic journals provide increased or restricted access to journal contents.

This was an informative and useful seminar in which we discussed the complex and conflicting situation of electronic journals.