Library Moves and Additions

The Kew campus of the Department of Early Childhood Studies closed in July and the department moved to Carlton. Its library was also closed and the collection was packed, transported and interfiled with the collections on level five of the ERC at the Parkville campus.

Also in July the libraries of the Victorian College of Agriculture and Horticulture joined the University Library following the amalgamation of the College with the University (now part of the Institute of Land and Food Resources). The libraries are now part of the Agriculture and Veterinary Science sub-Division of the Library Sciences Division.

A Safer Library Environment

The University of Melbourne Library is the first library in Victoria to receive recognition for the quality of its health and safety procedures.

The Victorian Workcover Authority recently awarded initial level Safety-MAP accreditation to the Library, the second University department to be recognised for the quality provision of services and a safe environment for staff, users and contractors. The Property and Buildings Department have also been accredited.

The Safety Management Achievement Program (SafetyMAP) has been developed by the Victorian Workcover Authority to improve workplace health and safety.

Information Literacy

In 1997 the scope of reader education has been broadened to "information literacy". The newly named Information Literacy Committee (which was the Reader Education Group) not only wants to foster interest in finding information, it also wants library customers to know when information is needed, be able to use appropriate tools to get it and evaluate it, be able to find their own way through available information regardless of the context in which they are working, be able to use a variety of print and electronic sources and to organise the Information they find. For a full report on this broader focus, see Issue No. 50 of Ex Libris.

Discovery Day 1997

Sunday 16th August was this year's Discovery Day. Staff welcomed prospective students at the Architecture and Planning Library, the Baillieu Library, the Brownless Biomedical Library, the Engineering Library, the ERC, the Grainger Museum, the Law Library and at the Library booth in Wilson Hall.

Overall, numbers of visitors to the University were down on last year, but library visitors enthusiastically took part in Buddy demonstrations, library tours and discussions with the librarians.