

NZ Census on CD-ROM

A software development company Space-Time Research, has donated the new *Supermap 2* computer software package to the Map library.

Developed for the New Zealand Census the software consists of two CD-ROM (Compact Disc-Read Only Memory) discs containing statistical data from the 1991 New Zealand Census. Each CD-ROM disc can hold the equivalent of up to 200,000 pages of printed text.

The two CD-ROMs contain data tables and geographical boundaries with extensive topographical information. The University Library pioneered CD-ROM technology in the maps and demographic area and assisted in the pro-

duction of the first *Experimental Australian Census* CD-ROM in 1986.

Since then the Map Library has offered access to some 15 geographical, demographic and mapping CD-ROMs.

More and more maps are becoming available in digital format, giving users flexibility to produce customised maps to suit their particular needs.

Nikkei Database Launched

The Library now has access to the Nikkei Telecom Japan News & Retrieval Service—or Nikkei Database Service in short. The Nikkei Database Service was officially launched on April 2nd by

Professor Malcolm Smith from the Asian Business Centre, Faculty of Law.

The Nikkei Database provides extensive current data on Japan's financial, business and media worlds in text, charts and tables. In some cases the database contains information dating back 20 years.

It is the largest on-line economic database in Japan, with over five million data series, and is a subsidiary of Japan's principal economic newspaper, the *Nihon Keizai Shimbun*. The newspaper has a daily circulation of over 2.8 million and publishes over 20 newspapers and periodicals for the business community in general. The information on Japan, and the Japanese economy in particular, is the most comprehensive, while the database coverage extends to most of East Asia. The major East Asian papers, such as *The Japan Times*, *The Japan Economic Journal*, and *The Far East Economic Review*, are stored on the database. Full text articles, translated into English, are provided of current news and periodical articles.

Numerical data is also drawn from NEEDS, the Nikkei Electronic Databank System. A particular strength is data on Japan and Japanese financial markets. It covers stocks, futures, government and corporate bonds, interest rates, foreign exchange, commodity market prices, macroeconomics, industry and comprehensive information on traded goods.

The Nikkei database is available for searching by University staff and research students.

For further information contact the Information Desk at the Baillieu Library on 344 5378.

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rowing card. Existing reciprocal borrowing arrangements remain unaffected, including the CAVAL reciprocal borrowing scheme.

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- Interlibrary loan and document delivery services are also available through Unicus.

Additional charges apply for reference services, interlibrary loans and document delivery.

For membership enquiries, contact The Manager, Public Programs on 344 4638.

Exhibition of Illuminated Medieval Manuscripts

The University Library will host an exhibition of Facsimiles of Illuminated Medieval Manuscripts, from 4 June to 30 July 1993.

The works shown are reproductions of manuscripts from the 5th to the 16th century, and many are faithfully reproduced in colour.

Merete Smith, the Rare Books Librarian and curator of the exhibition, commented, "We in Australia are at a disadvantage when studying Western European medieval manuscripts, which are mostly held on the other side of the globe. Facsimiles can make these books available to us, and also preserve the originals, as a manuscript inevitably deteriorates each time it is used."

The exhibition will be held on the First Floor of the Baillieu Library.

The exhibition is sponsored by Melbourne University Credit Cooperative.



Two examples of the works on display during the exhibition.

Library Publications

Publications and facsimile editions are a tradition in academic and research libraries.

The University of Melbourne Library has long been involved in publishing and produces a range of bibliographies on topics reflecting major strengths of its collections. The Library is a member of the Australian Library Publishers' Society.

Among the many prominent titles we publish are a number of excellent bibliographies compiled by the University Honorary Bibliographer, Ian F. McLaren. The most prominent of these are *Australian Explorers by Sea, Land and Air*, a nine volume bibliography which is among our best selling titles so far. Other publications include: the *Sadeler Catalogue* listing 1200 engravings held in the Baillieu Library Print Collection; an annotated bibliography of Books by Australian Women by Margaret C. Murphy; *Microform Collections in the University of Melbourne Library: a guide* by Elizabeth Wakefield; bibliographic tools prepared by Ted J. Strehlow, the Library's Research Bibliographer, such as *Australian Government Publications in the Baillieu Library and the Law Library*; and bibliographic publications prepared and published by the University Archives, for example *A guide to the University Archives* by Frank Strahan.

The Library has arranged with Melbourne University Press to make the full range of its publications available through the Melbourne University Bookroom.