

time a Donors' Exhibition was mounted displaying a representative collection of gifts of books, manuscripts, pictures, maps and photographs made by 566 donors over a period of fifteen months prior to the exhibition. Donors were invited to a preview the day before the official opening. The Library is grateful to the Friends of the Turnbull Library who provided funds for the catalogue and the two social gatherings. The 1976 Turnbull Library prints, launched in September at a special reception, were backed by a special exhibition of paintings by General Gold and his contemporaries among military artists with relevant manuscripts and other material. The Caxton quincentenary was celebrated by an exhibition of examples of English printing. The final exhibition, entitled 'Aotearoa Takes Shape', traced the emergence of New Zealand on world maps.

During the year the Library lent items for the Auckland City Art Gallery's touring Van der Velden exhibition and for 'Painting in Taranaki' at the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, New Plymouth; the Howard Malitte Antarctic paintings and drawings were sent on long-term loan to the Canterbury Museum for its new Antarctic Wing; and a range of Piranesi etchings was lent to the Auckland City Art Gallery for an exhibition.

Publications included two issues of the *Turnbull Library Record* published by the Friends of the Turnbull Library, the 1976 Print series of four watercolours by General C. E. Gold published by the Endowment Trust, the regular monthly issues of the *New Zealand National Bibliography* and its 1975 cumulation, and the retrospective *New Zealand National Bibliography 1890-1960*, volume IV, P-Z. Work on the National Register of Archives and Manuscripts in New Zealand (the successor to the Union Catalogue of New Zealand and Pacific Manuscripts) has continued. A new service was provided to academic research workers by the publication of a list of manuscript collections available for research which was distributed to university departments of history, geography and political studies.

Detailed accounts of the Library's acquisitions and of other activities are recorded regularly in the *Turnbull Library Record*.

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