

News from the Divisions

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE LIBRARIES

NZLA/LAA Conference/UCLS seminar
PLANNING for the seminar, 'Are tertiary libraries effective?', is well advanced. The program has been finalised but speakers have yet to be approached.

The seminar has been designed to allow for as much participative discussion in a workshop environment as possible. In the morning, a general session conducted by a panel of three will cover introductory material including what 'effectiveness' means, if it can be measured, the role of standards and objectives, and the concept of cost-effectiveness. In the latter part of the morning, there will be four concurrent sessions in each of which a speaker will deliver a short paper and the rest of the time will be conducted as a workshop. The topics of the concurrent sessions will be: Assessing effective utilisation of staff and internal barriers to organisational effectiveness; Ways of measuring and improving collection adequacy; Techniques for assessing user perceptions and user success in the library; Barriers to individual effectiveness in the helping services.

In the afternoon session, all participants will come together to hear summaries of each of the four papers and workshop sessions, and for discussion. In all, we predict that the seminar will be interesting enough to delay UCLS members' departure for scenic tours of New Zealand by one day.

Voluntary workers in libraries

The UCLS Committee has discussed the paper prepared by Brian Henderson and forwarded its views to the Executive Director. The Committee considers that the paper raises all the relevant issues. However, it feels that this issue is too complex for there to be a general legislation. Any policy adopted should be

flexible, but should not be seen to give positive support to volunteer workers. The right of a person to volunteer his or her services should be recognised, as should the right of the individual institution to choose to use volunteers or not.

The Committee feels that students of librarianship required to undertake work experience programs should not be covered in the policy, as they are not truly 'volunteers'.

Draft statement on non-discrimination in the employment of library staff

The Committee has notified the Executive Director that it strongly supports the statement and would like to see the policy implemented.

Statement of policy on free library service to all

The statement has been a topic for discussion at several meetings. The committee has resolved that the statement be raised for re-appraisal at the next meeting of the General Council. A letter outlining the Committee's views on the policy will be sent to all State branches of UCLS and to the Executive Director.

Please send contributions to this column to Barbara Paton, c/o Reference Department, General Library, University of Queensland, St Lucia, Qld 4067.

NT BRANCH

New Directory launched

A VERY pleasant function was held in the Darwin bookshop, Bookworld, on 19 June to launch the new *Directory of Northern Territory Libraries and Resource Centres*.

Compilers/editors, Frieda Evans and Julii Tyson, hosted a gathering of over 50 booksellers, librarians, members of the Darwin Theatre Company and other interested persons. Over 50 copies of the *Directory* were sold at the function.

The actual 'christening' was performed by Tony Brown, Acting President of the SA Branch of the LAA and Superintendent of Library Services of the SA Department of Further Education.

Tony complimented the compilers/editors on their very useful publication and all the hard work that had gone into it. Tony wound up his remarks with a suggestion that the SA and NT Branches consider the possibility of a joint Branch conference in Alice Springs in 1981. It is understood this suggestion will be discussed at future Branch meetings in Darwin and Adelaide.

Copies of the *Directory* are available from Frieda Evans, PO Box 1837, Darwin, NT 5794. Price is \$4 (\$2.50 to LAA members) includes postage. *Bruce Turner*

NSW BRANCH

Careers market at Sydney Showground

MEMBERS of the Promotion Sub-Committee organised the LAA 'stall' at the Central Metropolitan Careers Market held in mid-June at Sydney Showground. During the three-day period year 10 and 12 students from 47 high schools visited the Careers Market. Inquiries averaged 82 per day – not as many as the Computer Science stall on one side and Locksmithing on the other!

The display of posters, photos, tape-slide presentations, and other material showed some of the variety of activities in different types of libraries. Thanks to all those who assisted and loaned material.

So you want to work in libraries

The 1980 edition of *So you want to work in libraries* is now available and has been distributed to many libraries throughout NSW.

Single copies are available from LAA office, and up to 20 copies from Diana Oliver, Sutherland Shire Library, Eton St, Sutherland, (02) 521 0353. Large orders should go direct to Denis Moore, Waverley Municipal Library, Ebley St, Waverley, (02) 389 1111.

The publication aims at being a useful and practical supplement, particularly for school leavers, to information given in the LAA *Handbook* and in the two pamphlets 'What in the world does a librarian do?' and 'What in the world does a library technician do?'

Please send comments and amendments to Hon Sec, Marea Terry, Fisher Library, University of Sydney, 2006.

ACT CATALOGUERS

THE ACT Cataloguers Section is interested in receiving any comments and ideas on the subject of the implications of AACR2 for authority files, especially in small libraries. This topic will be discussed at the Section's half-day seminar on implementing AACR2 on June 18. On the basis of this discussion and any comments received by the section, a forum on this subject will be held in late September. Please send any contributions to: Phillip Keane, c/o Menzies Library, ANU, PO Box 4, Canberra City, 2600. Phone (062) 49 3417.

Please send all contributions of ACT news to Janet Gibbs, Tertiary Education Commission, PO Box 18, Belconnen, 2616, Phone (062) 64 3812.

VIC CATALOGUERS

National Cataloguing Seminar

THE program for the National Cataloguing Seminar to be held at Palm Lake Motel, Melbourne, on 28-30 August has been updated as follows:

Friday, 29 August: Allan Horton will speak on *Cataloguing is too important to be left to cataloguers*; Paul Bentley on *DDC and music*; and John McKinlay on *Subject headings for Australia*.

In the afternoon there will be an ABACUS panel featuring Joel Downing and Peter Lewis from the British Library, Lucia Rather from the Library of Congress and Edwin Buchinski from the National Library of Canada, as well as Henriette Avram from the Library of Congress. This afternoon session is sponsored by the National Library of Australia and is open to all, and will be followed by the Cataloguers' Section Annual General Meeting.

Saturday, 30 August: Dorothy Prescott will speak on *AACR 2 and maps*; an open session on AACR 2 and serials will be chaired by Enid Roberts, and there will be a panel session on authority control with Warwick Cathro on *WLN*, Stan Bastow on *ORACLE*, Dan Eaves on *CAVAL* and Jan Gatenby on *Libramatics*. This will be followed in the afternoon by a State of the Art session, and AGMs of the DDC Liaison Committee and Committee on International Cataloguing.

The social events will include supper on Thursday, 28, wine tasting on Friday, 29 and a Chinese banquet on Saturday, 30 August.

Registration forms are available from Helen Hoffman, La Trobe University Library, Bundoora, Vic 3083.



**Footscray
Institute of
Technology
Library
Seminar**

*Information for Sport
and Recreation in
Australia:
Problems and solutions*

Friday 21 November 1980

This national seminar is supported by the Department of Home Affairs and follows the development of the AUSIRC proposal. It will be of interest to coaches, recreation personnel, librarians, academics and anyone else concerned with the problems of access to information in sport and recreation in Australia.

Gilles Chiasson, Manager of the Canadian Sport Information Resource Centre (SIRC) will be the keynote speaker.

Participation limited to 60 people. Cost: \$30 – includes lunch and copy of the proceedings.

Enrolment forms available from: Gerard Peguero, Seminar Co-ordinator, Footscray Institute of Technology Library, PO Box 64, Footscray, Vic 3011. Phone: (03) 688 4274. Telex: FITLEX 36596.

Small miscellaneous advertisements are accepted at the rate of \$2.50 per line, \$10 minimum.

Wanted to buy One single sided 30 drawer catalogue cabinet with stand. For further information contact Jane Turner, Central Library, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, (03) 341 2065.