

News from the Divisions

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Lectures

Western Australia wishes to provide the Executive for 1981 and feels that this would be in the best interests of the Section.

Leila Hoffman is re-nominating as President, Shirley Campbell as Secretary, and Sue Mather is nominating for Treasurer.

However, if anyone wishes to oppose these nominations, please fill in the Divisional Lectures Call for Nominations form which was inserted in *Incite* no 11, July 4. Nominations close 1 September 1980.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES

Conference

The Special Libraries Conference will be held 5-15 September 1980 at Hawker College, Canberra. The first three days concentrate on user education in special libraries, and on the fourth day there will be sessions on standards and salaries for special libraries and librarians; after lunch, the Annual General Meeting. Visits to special libraries in Canberra are a feature on the fifth day's program. There will also be opportunities for on-line demonstrations of AUSINET, MEDLINE and JALOG.

Conference fee is \$55 (LAA members), \$75 (non-members) and \$50 (students). The fee to attend a single session or day is: \$20 (LAA members), \$30 (non-members), and \$10 (students).

A registration form and program has been sent to subscribers of *Australian Special Libraries News*. Further forms may be obtained from: Jean Geue (062) 72 5432, Kay Croft (062) 41 6857 or by writing to 'conference', PO Box 408, Civic Square, ACT 2608.

Helping yourself

The user education segment of the Conference is structured into lectures, syndicate groups and panels. The topics covered are planning a user education program, implementing it and then evaluating it. The keynote speaker is Mr Jackie Huie, an advertising executive, formerly of Monahan, Dayman and Adams.

Standards and salaries

Mr Brian Henderson, LAA Industrial Officer, will talk to Conference delegates about salaries for special librarians. The session on standards for special libraries will be led by Ms Penny Gleeson, Librarian, Department of Aboriginal Affairs.

Annual General Meeting

The LAA Special Libraries Section AGM will be held at 3 pm on Thursday, 4 September 1980, at Hawker College, Canberra (the venue for the Special Libraries Conference). All positions on the Special Libraries Section National Executive will become vacant on 1 January 1981. The LAA Head Office is co-ordinating the elections. Nominations must be received by 1 September 1980.

Standards for Special Libraries

Ms Sascha Giles-Peters has been convening a committee to develop standards for special libraries. Each state group of the Special Libraries Section has been asked to appoint a representative to correspond with Sascha on stan-

dards. All enquiries and contributions for standards are to be forwarded to: Ms Sascha Giles-Peters, Australian Wool Corporation, 369 Royal Parade, Parkville, Vic 3052. Phone (03) 341 9111.

Directory

Plans are under way for the fifth edition of the *Directory of Special Libraries in Australia*. The editors are Jean Geue, Gay Watt and Heather Howard. Each state committee of the Special Libraries Section is asked to nominate a state compiler, who will compile a list of special libraries in their state. This will distribute the massive task of collecting and compiling directory entries for the volunteer editors. Enquiries and contributions for the *Directory* should be forwarded to: Ms Jean Geue, 13 Juwlin St, Aranda, ACT 2614. Phone (062) 72 5432 (bus).

Constitution

There has been concern for some time that the Constitution of the Special Libraries Section needs revising. The committee has prepared a draft revised constitution which will be circulated to state committees before being finalised.

Linda Beveridge

NSW SPECIALS

A ONE-DAY word processing seminar attracted approximately 100 librarians on 17 June at the University of Sydney Union. A Remington NBI 3000 was available for demonstration purposes.

The first speaker, Don James, Principal Consultant, Word Management Pty Ltd, pointed out that WPs were fast being overtaken by mini computers which could be made capable of talking to each other, despite initial incompatibility.

Mike Middleton from University of NSW School of Librarianship, then tempered the interest generated by the first speaker, when suggesting cost-benefit analysis might indicate that libraries manual systems were cheaper than conversion to machine-readable systems. An audience query raised the question: if card catalogues were abandoned, how was NUCOM to be economically informed of additions to a library's collection, when there is no 'card' by-product from the Com-fiche catalogue?

Three librarians described how they used WPs: Meryl McCracken (PTC) for library cards and accession list; Beverly Caska (Stephen Jaques and Stephen) for a one-line per entry printed catalogue; Rosemary McLauchlan (Commonwealth Bank) for tabulated data retrieval.

The last question from the audience related to the occupational hazards of VDT's. Further information on this subject will be published in a future edition of *ASLN*. S.K. Bevan

NSW PUBLIC LIBRARIES

At a recent activity organised by the NSW Public Libraries Group speakers described current developments and emerging problems in the computerisation of library services and operations.

The speakers were Allen Hall, Kuring-gai CAE; Barry Price, Chief Librarian at Hornsby Shire Library; Richard Nichols from the State Library's Public Library Division, and Ms M. Beamish, Ryde Public Library's Deputy Chief Librarian.

The speakers appeared to agree that although computerisation does not lead to a loss of jobs, the increase in the rate of creation of new jobs, however, is lowered.

Ms Beamish addressed herself to this problem and provided statistics to back the proposition.

Mr Price spoke in favour of automation. He told how his staff had developed a greater unity and service had improved after computerisation.

In his talk Mr Hall stressed the need for library workers to be acquainted, at least theoretically, with computers. Mr Nichols made various significant points in his talk.

The activity was held at the Belrose Branch of Warringah Library. The Branch Librarian there, Ms June Cunningham, gave a talk describing the library and its history.

SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S LIBRARIES

School and Children's Libraries Seminar

The seminar *Selecting Resources for Children and Adolescents*, to be held on 23 January 1981, was not included in the LAA/NZLA Conference Brochure.

The seminar is being organised by the School Libraries Section in conjunction with the Children's Libraries Section. Would members attending the Conference, please add this seminar to their registration form and indicate that they will be attending.

THE following changes in the Canning Library Services, WA, have occurred: Ms J.E. Wynne-Houchin: City Librarian, Riverton Library; Mrs J.M. Beed: Branch Librarian, Riverton Library; Ms I. Kalnins: Professional Assistant, Riverton Library; Mrs A. Cullen: Children's Librarian, Riverton Library; Mr C. Pepper: Branch Librarian, Bentley Library; Mr R. Breen: Professional Assistant, Queens Park Library.

City of Moorabbin Library

Applications from librarians with suitable experience are invited for the following position:

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

The City of Moorabbin Library serves a population of 105,000 from a central library, five branches and a mobile unit.

The Children's Librarian is responsible for oversight of services to young people at all service points; for liaison with other organisations; for extension activities with young people; for staff in-service training in work with children; for selection of junior books for the Central Library.

Salary: In the range, Librarian 2C-2G — \$12,908-\$14,570.

Conditions: 35 hour week including shift work two night per week and Saturday mornings, one in three. Four weeks' annual leave, long service leave and superannuation benefits. Salaries are subject to the addition of service and incentive margins after one year.

Applications in writing to John E. Simkin, City Librarian, 161 Jasper Road, Bentleigh, Vic 3204. Telephone (03) 557 2815.

Closing date: 11 August 1980.

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

'For sale' *Australian Library Journal* v2 no3, v3, v5, no3, v6-28, 1953-79. Missing 7 issues. Unbound \$200 + post on. LAA Conference, 13th, 1965. Papers 2v \$20. Contact: M. Freiberg, 9 Gould St. Turner, ACT 2601.

Freelance Library Services (Division of Muriel Mathers and Associates) provides a complete range of library staff for full-time, part-time, permanent and temporary jobs. Contact: Muriel Mathers, BA, DipEd, ALAA, 11 Harrison Cres., Hawthorn, Vic 3122. Phone (03) 861 8602.