

# News from the Divisions

## NSW SCHOOL LIBRARIES

OVER 70 people participated in a recent one-day seminar of the LAA School Libraries Section NSW Group on the theme 'Resource co-ordination and librarians' groups'. Participants from 10 of the 11 NSW regions, included school librarians, consultants and educational administrators.

Under the general title 'Sharing the range of experiences', five people gave short talks and answered questions on some locally-based initiatives in which they are involved. These included local area KWOC lists of periodicals and audiovisual materials, Western Region's Resources Directory, a group of schools sharing personal development materials, the long term effects of the North Sydney Region Task Force and current developments in the NICS scheme on the North Coast.

Participants then had an opportunity to discuss problems faced by local area librarians' groups together with possible solutions. The six workshop groups for this session came up with a variety of helpful suggestions. Several of the administrators asked if they could have copies of these as soon as possible.

Three regional administrators then presented their thoughts on resource co-ordination and librarians' groups. Les Davis (South Coast) described the newly formed South Coast Regional Learning Resources Co-ordinating Committee and stressed the importance of regional representation on such committees. Bill Gregory outlined draft guidelines for resource sharing in Metropolitan West Region.

From Liverpool Region Frank Meaney emphasised the importance of gaining the support of principals, the need for librarians to understand how decisions are made at regional and local levels, and avenues open to schools librarians, such as Principals' conferences for presenting their views and gaining further support.

In the second workshop session participants broke into regional groups to discuss district and regional co-operation and priorities for future action. These were then communicated to the total group in the final plenary session.

The seminar program was a very full one and participants seemed to find it a very informative day. The proceedings of the day, together with extensive material about current regional developments collected prior to the day will be published later in the year. Details of that publication will be publicised in *Incite* when it is available.

Marianne Broadbent

## IBBY

### Conference

THE Australian Section of IBBY is planning to hold a conference in 1981, the Year of the Disabled.

The conference will be aimed at all types of people who come into contact with young disabled persons, ie teachers, librarians, parents, writers, booksellers.

Because IBBY is a voluntary, non-profit

making organisation with an office in Sydney, it is practical to hold the conference in that city. However, the conference committee is prepared to take the conference to another state if such an undertaking can be organised on a viable financial basis.

### Research project

The President of the Aust Section of IBBY, Ena Noel, is currently compiling a list of books and non-book materials relating to disabled people. It is believed that this is the first time that research on this topic has been carried out on such a large scale. The results of the research will be co-ordinated by Prof Tordis Orjasaeter of Norway and will be made available to Australia and other countries on completion.

If anyone can assist in any way with this project, please get in touch with Ena Noel, PO Box 194, Edgecliff, NSW 2070, phone (02) 32 5075.

### International conference

On September 28-October 3 the 17th IBBY Biennial Conference will be held in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Secretariat, 17th IBBY Congress, NA Perstyn 1, 110-00 Prague 1, Czechoslovakia.

## UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE LIBRARIES SECTION

### LAA/NZLA Conference: UCLS seminar

The seminar on the effectiveness of tertiary libraries will be held on Friday, 23 January 1981, 9am-3pm at the University of Canterbury. Papers will cover the theoretical aspects of effectiveness, and techniques for assessing effectiveness in the areas of staff utilisation, collection adequacy, user success and the helping services.

Speakers will include Professor Melvin Weinstock (School of Librarianship, University of New South Wales), Ken Rhodes (Department of Business Studies, North Brisbane CAE) and Dick Stainer (School of Librarianship, Monash University). A full program for the seminar will be published in a later issue.

Don't forget to indicate on your conference registration form if you intend to participate in the seminar.

### Meeting in Brisbane

A meeting to be jointly sponsored by UCLS and the LAA Queensland Branch will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 17 September at Kelvin Grove CAE Library. Janice Rickards (Reference Librarian, QIT) will present a paper on 'Online Information Retrieval - the Queensland Scene'.

The second half of the meeting will be an open discussion on the formation of a Queensland branch of UCLS. It is hoped that it will be decided at the meeting whether or not the matter should be pursued. All those interested are earnestly encouraged to attend. We appreciate that some of you who reside outside the Brisbane area will be unable to attend the meeting. However, we will be grateful for your comments and/or support. Contact Susan Acutt (07) 377 3247 for further details. Wine and supper will be provided.

### Open night at TAFE College RMC's in Brisbane

During Training for Industry Week, September 14-20, visitors will be welcome at TAFE College Resource Materials Centres, 6pm-9pm as follows:

**Tuesday, 16 September** Ithaca College of TAFE, Fulcher Road, Red Hill. Contact: Sue Chilman. Phone: 36 1401. Eagle Farm College of TAFE, 776 Kingsford Smith Drive, Eagle Farm. Contact: Rita Leslie. Phone: 268 3352. Mount Gravatt College of TAFE, 1030

Cavendish Road, Mount Gravatt. Contact: Deborah Williamson. Phone: 343 5988.

**Wednesday, 17 September** Yeronga College of TAFE, Cnr Park Road and Villa Street, Yeronga. Contact: Jan Ferguson. Phone: 48 8588. Kangaroo Point College of TAFE, 417 Main Street, Kangaroo Point. Contact: Phillip McDonald. Phone: 371 3781. South Brisbane College of TAFE, 91 Merivale Street, South Brisbane. Contact: Karen Zavattaro. Phone: 44 2991.

### TAFE it from here

The proceedings of the seminar held in Newcastle in August 1978 have now been published. Copies available from LAA headquarters at \$12.00 per copy (\$9.50 LAA members).

### Victorian Group

The UCLS (Vic Group) successfully held a one day seminar on *Time Management* at the Carringbush Library, Richmond on 25 June 1980.

Michael Faris, Lecturer in the Dept of Administrative Studies at RMIT conducted the seminar, covering principles of effective time management, and their application to the individual's work.

Although the participants came principally from university and college libraries of the state, it was pleasing to note that several members of other sections were present.

Please send contributions to this column to Barbara Paton, Reference Dept, Central Library, University of Queensland, St Lucia, Qld 4067.

## Librarians stage stopwork meeting

OVER 600 library workers from municipal and shire libraries throughout NSW attended a stopwork meeting at Ashfield Town Hall on 2 July.

The meeting was called by the Municipal Employees Union as a result of protests by shiftworkers to alterations to shiftwork allowances granted by Commissioner Glynn in a recent award variation which granted overall increases to library staff.

In the past shiftworkers were paid shift allowances on a weekly basis of \$30.40 per week. This was amended in the new variation to provide a payment of \$7.50 per shift with a minimum payment of \$22.50 (three shifts) per week.

The meeting, heated at times, voted overwhelmingly to ask the Municipal Employees Union to lodge an appeal on behalf of library staff against this decision. An appeal has been lodged with a date yet to be set.

Further information may be obtained from 'News on the Local Govt Salaried Officers' Award' nos 1-4, issued this year and sent to all public libraries in NSW by Michelle Rai and Diana Oliver (representatives on the Committee of Management, Local Govt Officers' Branch, MEU).

## Librarian in Residence at Kuring-gai

PETER DUREY, Librarian, University of Auckland, will be the next Librarian in Residence at Kuring-gai CAE. He will give a public lecture on 23 September at 6pm in the Music Room when his topic will be 'Some current problems facing academic libraries - a look at what is happening in New Zealand, Britain and Sweden'. For more information contact (02) 467 9250.