

Report from the Board of Education

THE BOARD of Education met in Sydney on 29, 30 and 31 October 1980. On the afternoon of 31 October a joint meeting of the Board and the Committee of Australian Library Schools was held. Some common problems were discussed at this first meeting between the Board and CALS. It is hoped that meetings in the future will serve as an arena for both bodies to exchange views.

LAA education statements/criteria for course recognition

The Board's revision of the education statements in the *Handbook*, including the course recognition criteria, is continuing. At the October meeting a series of revised statements was considered, and a discussion document is now to be prepared. It will be circulated to library schools, divisions of the

Association, the membership-at-large, and other interested parties for comment.

Course recognition — 1981 assessment visits

Courses offered by nine library schools are due for assessment in 1981, and panels have been appointed for those visits.

Issues in education for librarianship

The Board believes that one of its roles is to look at issues in education and related areas, and to give further consideration to those which it feels are important to the profession. At its October meeting, it discussed a number of issues which had been raised initially by John Levett at a June seminar conducted by the Education for Librarianship Section.

Several of the major issues are to be examined further at future meetings of the Board.

Assessment of foreign qualifications

The Board is continuing its investigation of means of assessing foreign qualifications once the Registration Examination standard disappears. It has sought a position paper to canvass the issues involved, and will review the list of precedents which has been developed.

Continuing education

(a) Richard De Gennaro will be in Australia during the week following the Christchurch conference, and will be available for four days of continuing education activities. A two- or perhaps three-city tour is being planned by the Continuing Education Committee in conjunction with Branch CE liaison officers.

(b) Tender documents for a national young adult librarianship program have been sent to all library schools. Tender statements for modules of a middle-level management program are being prepared for distribution.

Recognition of courses

The Board has assessed a number of courses. Recommendations will be made to Council at its next meeting.

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WHAT'S IN . . .

Contents of Australian Journals of Librarianship

AUSTRALIAN ACADEMIC & RESEARCH LIBRARIES (AARL) v11, no3, September 1980. Edited by D.H. Borchardt, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Vic 3083.

Anyone for statistics? Confessions of a devotee by Jeff Hazell;

National collection building by Allan Horton;

Funding of modern information services by H.J. Zwillenberg;

The Pedagogics of bibliography by J.L. Winter;

Provenance of 16th century books now in New South Wales by John Fletcher;

The O'Flaherty Collection by Leena Siegelbaum;

The National Union Catalogue of Audiovisual Materials (NUCAV) by W. Linklater and Deborah Whithear;

Library services and their relevance to education objectives by Ed Parr.

AUSTRALIAN SPECIAL LIBRARIES

NEWS (ASLN) v13, no3, September 1980. Edited by Eve Ahearn, PO Box 184, North Ryde, NSW 2113.

Health and safety problems with the use of VDU's by Del Cseti;

CSIRO update: an evolutionary story by Yvonne Esplin;

The Library Technician in today's special library by Joan Parker;

Queensland Parliamentary Library by R.J.N. Bannenberg and H.M.E. Alemson.

READING TIME (The Journal of the Children's Book Council of Australia) no77, October 1980. Edited by Eleanor Stodart, PO Box 159, Curtin, ACT 2605.

The Bars on the Nursery Window: an Essay on Children's Literature and Literary Theory by Felicity A. Hughes;

Happy Ever After by Joan Aitken.

REVIEW v8, no3, September 1980. Edited by School Libraries Branch, Education Department of SA, GPO Box 1152, Adelaide, SA 5000.

Children's Book of the Year Award, 1980; Undertaking research: an instance by Maureen Nimon;

Australian children's illustrators — Deborah and Kilmeny Niland by Diana Harris;

Index of books reviewed — September 1980.

Acquisitions seminar

THE seminar *Acquisition of Materials in the Pacific Basin Region* organised by the LAA Acquisitions Special Interest Group will be held on the Friday of Conference Week in Christchurch.

Among the speakers expected are: Mr H. O. Roth (University of Auckland) *Official Publications of the South Pacific*; Mr David Hamilton (University of the South Pacific) *The situation in Fiji*; Sir John Yocklunn (National Librarian, PNG) *The situation in Papua New Guinea*; Professor Miles Jackson (University of Hawaii at Manoa) *Pacific Publishing, Bibliography and Hawaii* and Miss Carol Mills (CCAE) *The Micronesian situation in brief*.

ANU Librarian

MR COLIN STEELE, formerly Deputy Librarian, has been appointed Librarian of the Australian National University. Mr Steele, 36, succeeds Mr M.G. Simms who retired in September.



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