

News from the Divisions

NORTH QUEENSLAND REGIONAL GROUP

The right to information

Do non-metropolitan people have a right to information? As citizens do they need less or more access to information than their city fellows? Will they benefit more from information on paper, on magnetic tape or in glorious technicolour transmitted by satellite? And, whichever is chosen, who should pay?

These and other areas will be discussed on September 4 and 5 in Townsville where the Nth Qld Regional Group has assembled an impressive array of talent to address the whole question of 'The right to information'.

Speakers will include Associate Professor John Hiller on the funding of information services, Senator Gareth Evans on the Freedom of Information Act, Derek Fielding on copyright and access, Paul McNally on audiovisual materials and information needs and Jim Dwyer on the policies of the LAA.

This two-day conference offers a line-up of speakers seldom seen outside capital cities and in addition the take-off point for a tropical holiday on reef or island. Climate and hospitality will be unsurpassed. Further details in 'Happenings'. *Alex Byrne*

ACT LIBRARY TECHNICIANS

Over 50 people attended a seminar entitled 'Libraries and children: their interaction' at Canberra College of TAFE on 7 July.

It was organised by the ACT Library Technician Sectional Group with support from the NSW Group.

Speakers covered a wide range of topics. Desma Swift, who spoke about developmental levels of learning language skills in early childhood, got the day started after an overview was provided by Belle Alderman.

A presentation on the services of Noah's Ark to the handicapped followed. After lunch Ann Young discussed storytelling and the techniques associated with storytelling to children and young people.

The day closed with Barbara Thompson, a Canberra primary school librarian, outlining the aims of that type of library. *Ian Gordon*

DISTANCE EDUCATION SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

THE first national workshop on Library Service in Distance Education was held at the Bardon Professional Development Centre in Brisbane on June 15-16.

Participants from SA, WA, NSW, Vic, ACT and Qld represented libraries and education departments, as well as defence, adult education and external studies units.

The guest speaker was Raymond Fisher, Librarian of the Extramural Department of the University of Birmingham in the UK. Mr Fisher's travel to Australia was sponsored by the British Council.

Other speakers were: Ron Store, Principal Librarian and Co-ordinator of External

Studies at the Townsville CAE, and Neil Radford, University of Sydney Librarian.

A panel offered different views on the library needs of, and services to, off-campus students and these views were presented by Darrell Walk, librarian at Kingaroy Shire Library; Stephanie Pidgeon, librarian at Gladstone Municipal Library; Desi Lyons from the State Library of Qld; Margaret Shapcott, External Students Liaison Officer at the University of Qld; Mary Bevis, librarian of the Mackay University Centre, and Professor John Chick, Director of External Studies at the University of Qld. Mr Noel Caberecht, from the Department of Education in Canberra, presented his perception of how satellite communications may assist in off-campus library services.

During the second day of the workshop, participants worked in small groups to produce summaries as draft guidelines in library services in eight suggested areas — finance, services, staffing, accommodation, AV materials, materials provision, co-operative study centres, and public library liaison.

During the plenary session, the audience supported the drafts produced and a formal motion was passed that the Convener approach the LAA for funding to establish a working party for finalising approved and published guidelines on library services to off-campus students.

For more information about the workshop, or the SIG, contact the Convener, at Thatcher Library, University of Qld, Qld 4067 (07) 377 2410.

Christine Crocker

VIC SPECIAL LIBRARIES

Owing to pressure of study commitments, the President of the Special Libraries Section, Victorian Group has been forced to resign. The new President is Pamela Tonkin, Bureau of Meteorology, Central Office Library, 12th Floor, 150 Lonsdale St, Melbourne. 3000, (03) 669 4472.

VICTORIAN BRANCH

State Library building

A submission concerning the need for a new State Library building was drawn up by the working group convened by the LAA at the public meeting about the State Library in early January. This was drawn up in co-operation with the Library Council of Victoria and presented as a joint submission to Cabinet through the Minister for the Arts, Mr Lacy.

The submission argued that planning for the construction of the new Library needs to start immediately and proposed a two-stage plan which would allow for the planned extension of the Museum and to the existing building and completion of the first stage of a new library building at the same time. The submission stated that the site should be appropriate to the needs of the Library but also acceptable to the community. A petition to this effect bearing 3600 signatures was also presented to State Parliament by the Leader of the Country Party, Mr Ross Edwards.

Although the government has announced that the Library will go ahead on the market site no date has been given for the commencement of work and it now appears that the plans for extension of the Museum are going ahead but that no action is being taken on the new Library building.

Meanwhile the opposition to the use of the market site for the Library continues. The Market Association now claims that construction of the Library will cause market

sheds to be demolished and the Labor Party has come out in opposition to use of the market site.

It is important that librarians continue to lobby parliamentarians for a new building and that the dispute for the site does not become a further excuse for government inaction. The government should be able to resolve the issue of the site so that the future of the market and the Library are ensured.

Restricted Publications Act

A delegation from Branch Council is seeking an appointment with the Attorney-General to discuss amendments proposed by the Victorian Government to the Restricted Publications Act.

State Librarian's position

The Branch farewelled Mr Ken Horn last month on the occasion of his retirement as State Librarian. Council has written to the Minister for the Arts noting that the advertisement and job specification for the State Librarian's position could allow the appointment of a non-librarian and expressing the view that a librarian should be appointed.

IYDP kit

The Branch IYDP Sub-Committee has now received \$4000 from the Victorian IYDP Committee and \$2000 from Esso. The kit, for use by librarians, will be produced in the near future.

Career display

The Branch intends organising a career display which can be made available to interested libraries, library schools and others for use.

State Government Budget

A submission concerning the State Government Budget to the State Library and municipal libraries for 1981-1982 has been sent to the Minister for the Arts and a delegation will meet with him shortly to discuss it. The submission recommends that the municipal libraries' subsidy be increased to \$4 per capita to account for the special nature of library inflation and requests an increase in the special projects grant and in the Technilib grant for country library service. It also repeats the request for funding for computerised information services for the State Library and for increased staff to carry out conservation and preservation work.

'Razor Gang'

The Branch has written to the Victorian Post-Secondary Education Commission concerning the status of librarianship courses and the possible introduction of fees.

VIBRA 1981

The Victorian Branch's recruitment leaflet giving details of state special interest groups, sections etc has been updated for 1981. Copies are available from the Branch Secretary, Ray Price, c/o Engineering Library, University of Melbourne. *Doreen Parker*

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NSW BRANCH

A new edition of the useful NSW Branch publication *So you want to work in libraries — education for librarianship in NSW and the ACT* is now available. Copies have been distributed to metropolitan public libraries, to all NSW CAE and university libraries, and to high schools (the latter through Library Service). Country public libraries will receive a copy via the Public Libraries Division in their August mailing.

Single copies are available from LAA office, and up to 20 copies from Diana Oliver, Sutherland Shire Library, Eton St, Sutherland (02) 521 0353. For large orders check cost with 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, Philomena Lapsley, Fisher Library, University of Sydney, 2006.

NSW SPECIAL LIBRARIES

On 30 June the NSW Specials held a joint meeting with the Australian Institute of Packaging at Unilever Australia Pty Ltd. The guest speakers were Elizabeth Swan, Manager, ACI Library Service and Jill Percival, Librarian, National Materials Handling Bureau.

The meeting was a tremendous success with over 45 members of the AIP in attendance. After listening to the guest speakers the Unilever Technical Information Department demonstrated online searching on DIALOG and their own in-house system using CAIRS software. The meeting then adjourned for light refreshments.

Of particular interest to librarians was the fact that the meeting attracted two members of the Trade Press and this will presumably lead to some publicity for the library world in non-library areas. It is hoped that further joint meetings will be held in the future.

Jenny Adams

CAN YOUR READ THIS?

THE LAA South Australian Branch, in conjunction with the Library Studies Unit of the South Australian Institute of Technology and the Adult Literacy Unit of the Department of Further Education, will present a half-day literacy seminar on Saturday, 12 September, from 1-7pm.

This is a continuing education activity of the SA Branch. The aim of the seminar is to make all types of librarians aware of the need to provide materials and programs for new readers, both young and old. Materials and equipment will be on display. A series of practical sessions will provide participants with the opportunity to discuss problems, find out about programs for libraries, get 'hands-on' experience with materials and equipment, and talk to literacy tutors.

Fee: \$10.00 (\$5.00 LAA members), (\$2.00 students of librarianship or unemployed). Cheques made payable to LAA, SA Branch and sent to Mrs Barbara Crompton, 5 Palmerston Road, Unley, SA 5061, (08) 44 1519.

Harry Bahlin

HAPPENINGS *continued*

Queensland

August 15 Qld Online Users Group SEMINAR "Discover ANB, APAIS & ASI" 9am-4pm BARDON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, BRISBANE. Speakers: Sandra Duffield (NLA), Ngaire Horrocks (CSIRO). Contact: Barbara Paton (07) 377 3803.

August 31 LAA Darling Downs Regional Group MEETING "Freedom of information" 3.30pm DDIAE. Panel discussions including: Jim Dwyer and Colin Cayless. Refreshments. No charge, all welcome. Contact: Phyllis Morton (076) 30 1300 ext 340.

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August 17 LAA NT Branch MEETING "Developments in copyright law" 7.45pm SUPREME COURT, DARWIN. Speakers: Gil Jennex and a member of the legal profession. Contact: Lauris Suiter (089) 89 7446.

September 6 LAA NT Branch MEETING "The LAA and isolation" ALICE SPRINGS. (In conjunction with 'Libraries in Isolation' conference). Contact: Lauris Suiter (089) 89 7446.

October 19 LAA NT Branch MEETING "Report of the 'Libraries in isolation' conference" 7.45pm DARWIN CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY. Contact: Lauris Suiter (089) 89 7446.

November 16 LAA NT Branch AGM 7.45pm CASUARINA PUBLIC LIBRARY. Contact: Lauris Suiter (089) 89 7446.

December 5 LAA NT Branch CHRISTMAS FUNCTION. Venue to be decided. Contact: Lauris Suiter (089) 89 7446.

Riverina

September 19 LAA NSW/Vic Branches JOINT MEETING. WAGGA WAGGA. Speaker: Harrison Bryan. Contact: Helena Hicks (069) 62 1700.

Library Association of Australia Divisional Elections 1981 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Members are reminded that nominations close on Tuesday, 1 September 1981 for Divisional Officers for 1982. Details of Divisional Elections were published in an insert in *Incite* no 11, 3 July 1981.

Nominations for National Sections

The information given in *Incite* no 11 for national sections was incomplete. The details given below replace the notice previously published.

Nominations are called for officers as listed for the following national sections:

Education for Librarianship Section: President; Secretary; Treasurer; Committee Members (3) — for 1982/3.

Information Science Section: President; Secretary; Treasurer — for 1982/3.

Library Technicians Section: President; Vice-President; Secretary; Treasurer — for 1982.

Literacy Section: President; Secretary; Treasurer; Committee Members (3) — for 1982.

School Libraries Section: President; Secretary; Treasurer — for 1982.

Special Libraries Section: President; Secretary; Treasurer; Committee Members (3) — for 1982.

The conditions for nominations and nomination forms, were published in *Incite* no 11.

Library Association of Australia

Election of Executive Officers to hold office in 1982 and 1983

Call for Nominations

Nominations are now called for the following positions:

**Vice-President 1982
(President Elect for 1983)**

**General Secretary 1982 and
1983**

The Association's Regulations allow two-year overlapping terms of office for the General Secretary and General Treasurer. The present General Treasurer was elected to hold office for 1981 and 1982. The incoming General Secretary will hold office for 1982 and 1983. Nominators and candidates should read carefully the F Regulations.

Please note that the nominations shall be

- in writing;
- signed by two financial members of the LAA;
- accompanied by the written consent of the nominee, who shall also supply a curriculum vitae and a statement of professional concerns (each of no more than 100 words).

Nominees must be financial members of the Association.

Nominations must read the Executive Director, LAA, 473 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills, NSW 2010, by **5pm on Tuesday, 1 September, 1981.**

Sue Phillips

Acting Executive Director

Library Association of Australia

Election of Two members of the General Council

Call for Nominations

The Association's By-laws provide for a General Council consisting of the Executive Officers, the Chairman of the Board of Education, one member appointed by each Branch and two members appointed by the membership of the Association.

Nominations are now called for the two positions of General Councillor appointed by the membership of the Association.

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