

News from the Divisions

WA INFORMATION SCIENCE

Interest was the keynote of this year's demonstration of online information retrieval for Information Technology Week.

The Group organised a demonstration and display in a centrally-located building society. Having pursued their financial interests, clients of the building society had new interests awakened in them by the clicking of the keyboard and the flickering of the big screen. Interest was also generated by the promotional literature sent in advance to special interest groups and schools.

Wide publicity of the ITW program created interest in the general public, and of course, the curious passerby could not resist the arresting display in the large inviting foyer along one of Perth's main thoroughfares. At a rough estimate, some 1000 people showed interest in the demonstration, with questions varying from the simple and homely to the technical and involved.

One metropolitan public library also held an online demonstration on three evenings, with the assistance of the Group.

The results justified the effort put in by many members and the generous assistance provided by the many benefactors.

Louise Jones

TALKING BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD

TWO WOMEN authors will share the Royal Blind Society's second annual Talking Book of the Year Award. They are Jean Bailey for her book *Antarctica* and Robyn Davidson for *Tracks*.

The awards will be presented at a special dinner to be held at the Royal Blind Society's Enfield headquarters on Wednesday, 14 October.

At an age when most people forget all thought of adventure, Jean Bailey set out to fulfil a dream and explore one of the least accessible and most beautiful places on earth - Antarctica.

Although only in her 20s, Robyn Davidson showed similar courage and determination when she set out from Alice Springs, accompanied by a dog and three camels, to walk across the desert to Western Australia.

'Both did the unusual and the unexpected and both did it in their own way', a spokesman for the Talking Book of the Year Award selection committee said. 'Both books are well written and, perhaps most important when one is considering talking books, they come across very appealingly on tape'.

It is hoped the authors will be present to accept their awards personally at the dinner on 14 October. On this night guests (invited for 6.30pm) also will have the opportunity of inspecting the RBS Library and other facilities. Tickets for the dinner are \$7.50 per head and inquiries should be directed to RBS Librarian, Jennifer Pitt, on (02) 747 6622.

SA BRANCH

Heartened by a successful weekend, including a winery tour, at Clare in the mid-north of SA in 1980, the SA Branch will continue its efforts to bring the LAA to members in country areas.

We shall spend 25-26 October in the south-east of SA, visiting local libraries and librarians and a winery—at Coonawarra this time.

LAA President, Jim Dwyer, will open proceedings at the new Mt Gambier Civic Centre (recently opened amid much fanfare by Prince Charles). There will be two workshops: 'Co-operation and Resource Sharing' (panellists from Education Department, Public Libraries Division and Department of Further Education) and 'Storytelling' (Sue Robinson, PLD and other children's librarians). Other treats include a gala dinner and library tours to Millicent, Penola and Naracoorte.

Contact M. Sandstrom at Public Libraries Division, 121 Parade, Norwood 5067, Tel (08) 332 8266 for information and registration form.

Margaret Sandstrom

FREE SPORT INFO

FOOTSCRAY INSTITUTE of Technology Library has a number of brochures available in the area of sport and recreation information. Free brochures are available on:

The Canadian Sport Information Resource Centre. This centre has the major data base for sport and physical recreation. It is available for online access in Australia.

The Sport Bibliography. The most comprehensive printed subject index on sport and physical education.

SIRLS - the world's major data base on the sociology of leisure and sport, also available for online access in Australia.

Sociology of leisure and sport abstracts. A new journal derived from the SIRLS data base.

The University of Oregon microform collection in Health, Physical Education and Recreation. The world's major collection of theses and dissertations in these areas.

Leisure, Recreation and Tourism Abstracts. The printed version of the leisure, recreation and tourism of the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau in London.

For no-charge brochure package write to Library Secretary, FIT, PO Box 64, Footscray, Vic 3011. Telephone (03) 688 4267. Telex FITLEX 36596.



Library Association of Australia

COPYRIGHT IN PERSPECTIVE

Continuing Education Program

The commencement of the Copyright Amendment Act 1980 has made copyright one of the most talked about issues of 1981. In order to give librarians the chance to learn more about the operation of this Act and all other relevant legislation, the Association will offer a series of one-day workshops.

Topics include:

- Copyright protection and Copyright legislation in Australia.
- Copyright Amendment Act 1980 - the library experience. A discussion of procedures followed in public, school, special and university libraries when photocopying.

- The extent of permissible copying. A chance to question legal experts about individual problems of interpretation.

The workshops will be held in Sydney, Adelaide, Melbourne and Hobart during November 1981. A second round of workshops may be offered in other locations if sufficient interest is expressed.

Fees: \$75.00 (approx), (LAA members \$50.00, approx).

Enquiries and application forms from Merilyn Bryce, LAA Continuing Officer, or post the coupon below.

Yes! Send me an application form for 'Copyright in Perspective'

Name

Address

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Mail to: Merilyn Bryce, Continuing Education Officer, Library Association of Australia, 473 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills, NSW 2010. Telephone (02) 698 4100.

HAPPENINGS Continued

Queensland

October 5 Qld Online Users Group MEETING 'Online information services at the State Library of Queensland' 5.30 for 6pm QIT LIBRARY. Speaker: Dianne Saunders. Contact: Barbara Paton (07) 377 3803.

October 7 Darling Downs Regional Group AGM 4pm followed by 'Copyright and non-book materials' 4.15pm. Speaker: Paul McNally (Deputy Director, Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education). RESOURCE MATERIALS CENTRE COMMONROOM, DDIAE, TOOWOOMBA. Contact: Phyllis Morton (076) 30 1300 ext 340.

October 24 LAA Special Libraries Section Qld Group SEMINAR 'The management of information' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, BARDON. Ray Walsh (07) 224 3362.

November 9 Qld Online Users Group AGM 5.30 for 6pm QIT LIBRARY. Wine and cheese. Contact: Barbara Paton (07) 377 3803.

November 11 Darling Downs Regional Group. Meet author Keith Garvey of Glen Innes 'Uncle Harry'. 8pm Pre-meeting dinner and venue to be advised later. Co-sponsored by Toowoomba Municipal Library, Darling Downs Literary Society and Australia Council. Contact Don Duncan-Kemp (076) 30 1300 ext 340.

December 3-4 ORBIT NEW AND ADVANCED SEMINARS. BRISBANE. For details contact: Paul Watmough (07) 44 5232.

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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.

Western Australia

October 14 LAA Special Libraries Section WA Group MEETING. CSIRO, UNDERWOOD AVE, FLOREAT PARK. Contact: Judy Morrissey (09) 328 7466.

October 14-16 Insearch Ltd/DIALOG Information Retrieval Service DIALOG INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR, system refresher and advanced seminar in chemistry. PERTH. Contact: Jennifer Affleck (008) 22 2077 (toll-free).

November 4 LAA School Libraries Section WA Group WEST AUSTRALIAN YOUNG READERS' BOOK AWARD 7pm UPPER LECTURE THEATRE, MT LAWLEY CAE, CNR BRADFORD ST & ALEXANDER DRIVE. Contact: WA Young Readers' Book Award, PO Box 259, Claremont 6010.

December LAA Special Libraries Section WA Group AGM. Venue to be advised. Contact: Judy Morrissey (09) 328 7466.