

News from the Divisions

VIC SPECIAL LIBRARIES

The *Directory of Special Libraries in Victoria 1980*, compiled by Sasha Giles Peters, has been published by the Executive Committee of the Victorian Special Libraries Group. It is produced in a looseleaf format to facilitate the continuing process of keeping it up-to-date.

Copies of the Directory are available at \$15, inclusive of postage and packaging and the amendments for 1981.

Amendments to the entries and new libraries for inclusion should be sent to the Secretary, Special Libraries - Victoria, GPO Box 2669X, Melbourne 3001.

GEELONG REGIONAL GROUP

LEONARD WERTHEIMER, formerly Languages Co-ordinator, Metropolitan Toronto Library Board, Canada, was the keynote speaker at a national conference on 'Multiculturalism and Libraries' held at Monash University on 7-11 November 1980.

After the conference, Mr Wertheimer visited Deakin University where he was the guest speaker at an informal meeting of the Geelong Regional Group. A lively and stimulating discussion resulted from this meeting. The Group are grateful for the assistance given to them from the Vic Branch.

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GILES CHIASSON, Director, Sport Information Resource Centre, Canada, was the keynote speaker at a national seminar on 'Information in Sport and Recreation: problems and solutions' held at Footscray Institute of Technology on 21 November 1980.

Mr Chiasson's address, 'Information Systems in Sport and Physical Recreation', traced the history of SIRC from its inception and gave details of other information systems relating to sport currently operating in Europe and North America.

His comments were particularly pertinent at a time when submissions are before Australian and New Zealand governments for the establishment of sport documentation centres in both countries.

A few days before the seminar, Mr Chiasson was guest speaker at a meeting of the Vic Branch held at Rusden State College.

Automation conference

Meeting the Challenge of Technology is the title of a national conference on library automation to be held on 16-18 November 1981 at the University of Melbourne.

The organising committee are now calling for papers. State-of-the-art reports as well as the results of research are required in the areas of housekeeping networks and information retrieval systems.

For more information contact Geoff Payne, Conference Secretary, VALA, La Trobe University Library, Bundoora, Vic 3083, (03) 478 3122.

NSW UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE LIBRARIES

The Group is organising a series of talks related to the theme 'Information - dissemination and restriction'.

The first talk will be given by Mr Keith Jackson, Manager of 2SER-FM the education radio station owned by Macquarie University and the Institute of Technology. He will be speaking on 16 March 1981 on aspects of Freedom of Information.

In co-operation with Mr Jackson, the Group is also undertaking during March and April a series of radio interviews on 2SER-FM with the title 'The Information Game'. More details later.

M. Simpson

There are two vacancies on the Committee of the NSW UCLS Group. Anyone who would like to be a member of the committee should contact Margaret Penson (02) 662 3661.

NSW INFORMATION SCIENCE SECTION

Reports services on microfiche

THE first two reports in this new series are now available.

The first contains papers presented at the seminar on 'Australian data bases - creation and management' held in October 1979.

The second contains papers presented at the 'Numeric and knowledge data bases' seminar held in November 1980.

Each report, including postage, costs \$3.00 (\$2.00 LAA members); overseas postage add \$1.00.

Cheques or postal orders should be made out to LAA Information Science Section, NSW Group. Forward to 'ISS Microfiche', Library Association of Australia, 35 Clarence Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

AACOBS inquiry into indexing early Aust journals

The following letter has been sent to major libraries in Australia. It is published here for your attention.

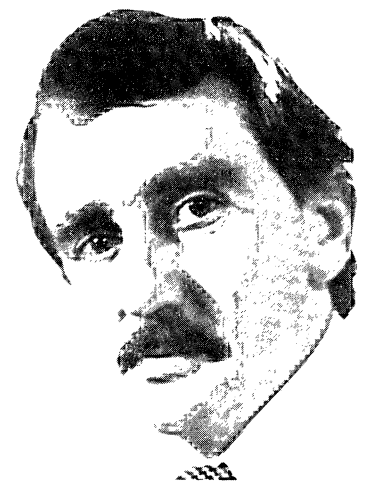
AT ITS last meeting, on 31 October 1980, the Working Party on Bibliography discussed at length the feasibility of compiling a retrospective index to Australian periodicals. The WPB envisaged such an index to be complementary, as it were, to *APAIS* but the possibility of a wider subject base was not entirely disregarded.

Before committing itself to a detailed examination of the size of the task and indeed to the cost of a feasibility study, the WPB has asked me to enquire whether your library has prepared or is preparing an index or indexes to Australian journals published before 1945. If you are not involved in such indexing, do you know of institutions or individual scholars who are so involved?

The WPB would appreciate an early reply to this enquiry. Its next meeting is scheduled to be held towards the middle of March and it would help us with the preliminary sifting of data if your reply were in the hands of the Secretary of AACOBs by the end of February.

D. H. Borchardt, Convener

AACOBs Working Party on Bibliography
c/o National Library of Australia
Canberra



As the first stage of the reorganisation of the National Library, ANSTEL, is now part of the Reference Division, headed by Mr. W. THORN, Assistant Director-General, Reference Services.

Until his impending retirement, Mr. H. J. ZWILLENBERG, Director (Technology) will continue to direct ANSTEL and the scientific and technical computer-based search services including the life sciences network.

Mr. B. YATES, formerly Assistant Director-General, Science and Technology, has become Assistant Director-General, Technical Services Division.

ANDY EXON has been appointed Research Officer in the WAIT Library. This new post is shared with the Department of Library Studies, where he will teach mainly in the areas of Research Skills and Library Management. In the Library he will develop a program of research into management-related areas, as well as act as a consultant to other members of the library staff working on specific projects. Initially he will be associated with a survey of disabled student use (or non-use!) of the Library.

RICHARD STONE, Chief Selection Librarian of the National Library of Australia, has returned to Canberra from a Middle East tour on which he became the first National Library officer to pay official visits to the principal libraries of Jordan, Israel and Egypt.

Although his tour was basically a private holiday, Mr Stone 'came back on duty' on three occasions to pay the official calls. He visited the University of Jordan Library in Amman and the Jewish National and University Library in Jerusalem in December and spent most of the first week of January at the National Library of Egypt in Cairo.

CATHY WHERRY has been appointed Information Officer of the Technology Transfer Council, based in South Melbourne. Ms Wherry was formerly Librarian in Charge, Country Roads Board (Victoria).