

News from the Divisions

ADULT LITERACY

THE first meeting for 1981 of the Section Executive was held in Melbourne on 14 February.

Most of the Section's public meetings will be held in Melbourne this year, as the Executive consists mainly of Melbourne librarians. However, the section intends to approach all Divisions of the Association with a view to encouraging much wider attention to the issue of literacy and basic education. It is anticipated that at least one of the Melbourne meetings will be a joint venture with the Community Information and Multicultural Interest Groups.

As advised towards the end of last year, work is proceeding on a Literacy Kit to be distributed free to members. We hope that this work will be finished in March and the package mailed.

We would like to thank all those members who responded to our questionnaire last year. You will be hearing from the Section Secretary, Linda Stevenson, before long.

Several Section members were present at the Christchurch LAA/NZLA Conference. Literacy was well and truly on the agenda, with papers read by Rosalie Somerville (NZ) and myself, and a half-day workshop involving literacy workers and librarians. NZLA has an active Literacy Committee and it was very good to meet NZ colleagues involved in literacy work. A resolution went forward from the session asking our Associations to urge our respective Governments to accept the vital importance of literacy and to ensure that literacy activities are adequately funded.

Some very exciting news for all of us who are interested in education is the proposed visit to Australia in August this year of the distinguished American educator John Holt. Those of us who are assisting in the formulation of his itinerary are tremendously enthusiastic about this brief visit and are doing all we can to ensure its success. More news will be provided as soon as possible.

It is proposed to conduct a weekend seminar on 'Libraries and Literacy' at the Riverina CAE, Wagga Wagga, 4-6 September this year. The aim of the seminar, which will be conducted in association with research staff of RCAE Reading Language Centre, is to afford to librarians currently involved in literacy work an opportunity for up-dating their knowledge about literacy and sharing with other colleagues their experience in library-based literacy work, and planning for the development and improvement of this work. We do not see this as a basic workshop, but rather as a problem-posing exercise to people already in the field. Enrolment will be limited so all those interested are urged to contact me at the RCAE Department of Librarianship, PO Box 588, Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650, (069) 23 2222. Wagga is just great in spring — so do come along and join us.

Finally, two books which are well worth buying. One is the ALA's new *Directory of Outreach Services in Public Libraries* (1980) (available in Australia from the James Bennett Group, NSW). The second work is Jonathan Kozol's *Prisoners of Silence: Breaking the bonds of adult illiteracy in the United States* (NY: Continuum Publishing Corp, 1980).

Helen Modra

QUEENSLAND BRANCH

IYDP

At the first Branch Council meeting this year, Judith Matthews, QIT Library, was appointed Branch representative on the appropriate sub-committee/committees of the IYDP State Planning Committee.

In response to a request, towards the end of last year, from the LAA Executive Director, for details of planned activities for IYDP, John Goodell, President 1980, wrote to a number of libraries in the State seeking information about their plans.

The following is a summary of activities planned by those libraries from whom replies were received:

The State Library of Queensland is represented on the Working Party on Library and Information Services to the Print Handicapped established by the Minister for Culture in 1980. The Working Party expects to finalise its report early this year in time for consideration for the 1981/82 estimates.

SLQ has increased threefold funds available for purchase of material for print handicapped in 1980/81. The Library is intending to conduct an orientation and mobility study of the Reference Library to determine the feasibility of improvements to the William Street building. A seminar on 'Library services for the disabled' was held in Brisbane on 4 March. A second seminar on the same theme is to be held in Mackay towards the end of May.

North Brisbane CAE issues ID cards to disabled users which entitles them to additional services, eg use of telephones to contact lecturers, use of library staff to locate and photocopy material, interlibrary loan service, access to the library before normal opening hours. They have also formed a MIND Committee.

University of Queensland — Since 1978, the library has had a sub-committee of interested library staff investigating and working to improve library services for the disabled. A MIND panel has been formed.

Specific improvements towards which the library is working include the provision of special audiovisual equipment for blind and low-vision students, the dissemination of more detailed information on library services using student and community radio and press, the encouragement of student assistants in reading and taping lectures and spreading general awareness of the needs of the disabled.

Grants

The Qld State Planning Committee for IYDP has called for applications for grants for projects which contribute to the theme 'Break down the barriers'. Closing date for the 'first round' of applications was 16 February. As it was not possible to meet that schedule, it is anticipated that the Branch will submit an application to the 'second round'.

Janice Rickards

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE LIBRARIES

Interlending in the 80s

The proceedings of the national conference *Interlending in the 80s* have now been published.

The conference, sponsored by the Qld Branch and the UCLS Section was held in Brisbane, 27-29 August 1980.

Interlending in the 80s, edited by J.M. Rickards and C.F. Cayless, is available from the LAA, 35 Clarence Street, Sydney, 2000. Price: \$15 (\$11 LAA members).

SA PUBLIC LIBRARIES

THE Public Libraries Division in South Australia have organised a program for the IYDP. The Division plans to:

Compile a directory of public library facilities for the handicapped in SA;

Conduct a training seminar for public library staff on library services to the handicapped;

Upgrade the central collection of Hear a Books used by all SA public libraries.

Margaret Sandstrom

NSW INFORMATION SCIENCE SECTION

Domestic Satellite update

Mr Leslie Free, Executive Vice President, Engineering Group Broadcasting of Publishing and Broadcasting Ltd (the Packer Group), will be the key speaker at the Information Science Section's meeting on 6 May at the Archives Office, 2 Globe Street, Sydney.

Following his lucid account of why Australia needs a domestic satellite at the August 1979 meeting of the NSW Information Science Section, Les Free a leading authority on the topic, will be talking about the 1981 status of the domestic satellite project.

Elizabeth Swan

VIC BRANCH

State Library building

Approximately 200 people attended a public meeting about the urgent need for a new State Library building on 29 January. A statement urging the State Government to commence building immediately was signed by those at the meeting and sent to the Minister for the Arts. As a result of the meeting the immediate Past President of the Branch appeared on several TV and radio programs.

On 31 January Mr Lacy appeared on television and stated that both the museum and the library 'need substantial new buildings to accommodate them for the 80s and the rest of the century and next century. But . . . we ought to complete a building . . . before we embark on any new buildings . . . and . . . the museums are in the greatest need of additional accommodation'. Branch Council does not accept that the library building should have to wait till the museum building is completed and will continue to campaign on this issue through the working group set up at the public meeting.

A referendum is to be conducted of Victorian Branch members to gain their views on the proposed use of the Victoria Market car park site for the new building.

All Victorian members are urged to read the 'State Library' insert in this issue. If your copy of *Incite* does not include this important insert get in touch with Ray Price (341 6656) — he'll send you a copy.

Tapes of branch meetings

Branch Council will continue to make audio tapes of general Branch meetings available to members whenever practicable. However no tapes could be made of the meeting with Richard de Gennaro on *Networks* as the talk is likely to be published. Similarly, no tape is available of the talk by Dr Travers on the *Diseases of books* as it would be meaningless without the visual aids used.

Technicians Group

An application has been made to LAA head-

Continued p11

News from the Divisions continued from p9

quarters for a technicians sectional group to be formed in Victoria.

Staffing in school libraries

Recently Branch Council wrote to the Minister for Education expressing concern that all primary schools are no longer required to have a teacher librarian. The Minister has replied that he has ... 'Confidence in the ability of schools to make the correct decisions concerning specialist teacher provisions' and is ... 'not prepared to vary the present staffing policies which give schools the ability to influence the type of teacher appointed'. A Branch sub-committee is now gathering evidence of specific cases where schools have no teacher librarian.

Freedom of Information

The (then) Acting Prime Minister Mr Anthony has replied to a recent letter from Branch Council concerning the Freedom of Information Bill. Mr Anthony re-iterated the Government view that the Bill is satisfactory in its present form without the amendments proposed by the Senate Committee. Meanwhile the Victorian government and opposition have each prepared their own draft freedom of information legislation and Branch Council is obtaining details.

International Year of the Disabled

The Branch IYDP sub-committee is preparing a kit for libraries on provision for the disabled.

Director for the Arts

A delegation from Branch Council and the Public Libraries Sectional Group met with Paul Clarkson, the recently appointed Director for the Arts for Victoria, in early January. Topics discussed included Association policy on charges for borrowing and the feasibility of libraries obtaining sponsorship for special projects from companies and foundations. Branch Council is now preparing a detailed submission on public library funding needs for submission to the Minister.

Doreen Parker

HAPPENINGS — continued

Queensland

- March 23 Qld Online Users Group MEETING 5.30pm QIT LIBRARY. Contact: Barbara Paton (07) 377 3803.
- April 13 LAA Darling Downs Regional Group MEETING Australian libraries and the local book trade. Speaker: Joan Smith (Grahame Library and Subscription Centre). More details later. Contact: Phyllis Morton (076) 30 1300 ext 340.
- May 15-18 Qld Assoc for Community Education CONFERENCE The how to of community education PACIFIC HOTEL, SOUTHPORT. For more details contact: Anne Cork, NBCEA, Post Office, Aspley, Qld 4034.
- May 25 Qld Online Users Group MEETING ERIC and PSY-CHINFO data bases 5.30 for 6pm QIT LIBRARY. Contact: Barbara Paton (07) 377 3803.
- August 3-7 Insearch DIAL Services DIALOG SYSTEM SEMINAR. BRISBANE. Contact: Katie Blake, phone (02) 264 6344. (See Incite No 2 for more details.)
- September 3-4 Nth Qld Regional Group SEMINAR The right to information TOWNVILLE Fee: \$55 (\$45 LAA members). Contact: Neil Renison, c/o Townsville CAE, PO Box 117, Aitkenvale 4818, (077) 79 5355.

Tasmania

- March 25 Tas Branch MEETING Welcome to new members. Contact: Peter Fagan (002) 30 2420. See Incite no 3 for more details.
- March 26 LAA Tas Northern Areas Regional Group MEETING LATROBE COUNCIL CHAMBERS. 6.15pm meal before at Elimatta Hotel, Devonport, for all those interested. Contact: Mary-Ann Banks (004) 31 2388.

Riverina

- March 28 LAA Riverina Regional Group SEMINAR Magic of storytelling 10am-3.45pm WADE SHIRE LIBRARY, GRIFFITH. Speaker: Rhonda Bignell. Cost: \$5. Contact: Helen Brayne (069) 62 2515.

NSW SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Periodicals for School Libraries, compiled by Sheena Coupe, has just been published by the NSW School Libraries Section.

The aim of the list is to provide teachers and librarians with a relevant guide to periodicals suitable for use in primary and secondary school libraries in Australia.

All entries are listed by title in alphabetical order; there is a subject index. Each entry shows how many issues are published each year, price, whether it is aimed at primary, junior secondary or secondary school readers, and where to order it from.

Periodicals for School Libraries costs \$10 (\$6 LAA members) and is available from LAA, 35 Clarence Street, Sydney 2000.

WA SPECIAL LIBRARIES

A Guide to Library Services in Western Australia has recently been published by the WA Special Libraries Section.

The guide was compiled from replies to questionnaires distributed to education libraries (except school libraries), government and private special libraries and some public libraries in WA. 167 libraries are listed.

The information (in most cases) includes: name, address, hours, subject areas, holdings, services, public access and other details.

Other features include: introductory essays on types of libraries by WA librarians; location maps of libraries in the Perth metropolitan area; indexes by subject and name; a complete list of public libraries in WA.

Copies available from L. Doyle, Librarian, Confederation of WA Industries, PO Box 6209, Perth, WA 6000. Price \$10 (\$7 to LAA members — proof of membership for 1981 required). Cheques made payable to LAA Special Libraries Section, WA Group.

IYDP/NCNGO Contacts

- National IYDP Unit: Director, Elizabeth Lucas (062) 89 3557; NCNGO Executive Director, Harold Wilkinson (062) 89 8330.
- NSW IYDP: Marilla Eidlitz (02) 217 7378; NCNGO: Graeme Tucker (02) 451 9022.
- VIC IYDP: Neil Sleep (03) 616 7922; NCNGO: Edith Hall (03) 419 3488.
- QLD IYDP: Laurie Longland (07) 224 8211; NCNGO: Rod Warmington (07) 224 7134.
- SA IYDP: Janet Belchamber (08) 227 0539; NCNGO: Richard Llewellyn (08) 227 4892.
- WA IYDP: Barry Lefort (09) 381 2333 ext 212; NCNGO: Bill Harwood (09) 451 5544.
- TAS IYDP: Tas Gower (002) 30 2973; NCNGO: Michael Chadwick (002) 34 3076.
- NT IYDP: Robyne Burrridge (089) 81 4120; NCNGO: Michele Castagna (089) 52 1374.
- ACT IYDP: Ron Johns (062) 46 2501; NCNGO: Janne Graham (062) 47 9093.

AS from 1 July this year, Magna Large Print Books of Yorkshire England, will sell their books direct to libraries in Australia at a price of £4.95 per volume in either hard or soft cover.

Derek Cressey, Managing Director of Magna, who is in Australia at the moment, told us that later this year they are to publish My Lady of the Chimney Corner by Alexander Irvine — a classic tale of an Irish lad who became a restless wanderer and fighting parson of international repute. All the proceeds from this book are to go to the IYDP fund.

CAVAL

THE Board of Directors of CAVAL Ltd for 1981 comprise: Prof Evan Williams (Chairman); Dietrich Borchardt (La Trobe); Margaret Cameron (Deakin); Ken Horn (Library Council of Vic); David Pownall (State College of Vic); Denis Richardson (Uni of Melbourne); Brian Southwell (Monash); Graeme Speers (Vic Institute of Colleges). Jack Ward, who resigned from the Board following his retirement as Chief Librarian of RMIT, has been appointed Company Director of CAVAL.

CEILS

This year CAVAL will begin production of CEILS — the CAVAL Expensive Item Listing Service. Expensive and unique items on order for all CAVAL libraries, not just those using the cataloguing system, will be listed each month on microfiche, and also in the CAVAL Union Catalogue, at no cost to participating libraries. This will enable CAVAL libraries to avoid unnecessary and unco-ordinated acquisition of more costly items.

Union catalogue available

Libraries throughout Australia can now subscribe to the CAVAL Union Catalogue on microfiche.

Announcing this decision of CAVAL's Board of Directors, Executive Director Hans Groenewegen said that general availability of the CAVAL Union Catalogue would go some way towards filling the widening NUCOM gap.

The January 1981 edition of the Union Catalogue contains holdings data for 125,000 titles. In 1981 it is expected that 6000 titles will be added each month. Complete author and title cumulations of the Union Catalogue are published in January and July of each year. Monthly cumulating supplements keep the Catalogue up to date.

Subscriptions are on a sliding scale depending on the size and growth rate of individual library collections. Libraries interested in subscribing should contact Mr Groenewegen at CAVAL, 792 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne 3000, in order to obtain a quotation.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
SENIOR LIBRARIAN (GRADE 3)

in charge of
Serial Acquisition
(Ref 114)

This position is in the Acquisition Department of the University Library. The Serial Section has a total staff of six and is responsible for the acquisition of all serials for the University's libraries. Degree and diploma in librarianship or their equivalents required.

Applicants must have considerable experience with serials and have proven ability in the management of staff.

Further information from Mrs D. Berman (02) 662 2045.

Salary: \$21,588 range \$23,201pa. Commencing salary according to qualifications and experience.

Applications close: 30 March 1981.

Application form from the General Staff Office (02) 663 0351 during office hours, or PO Box 1, Kensington, NSW 2033.