

HAPPENINGS

A REGULAR DIARY OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

National

May 1-2 LAA Education for Librarianship Section NATIONAL CONFERENCE *Research in Librarianship: advance Australia — where?* UNSW. Contact: Ida Vincent (02) 467 9200. For more details see *Incite* no 4.

May 9-10 Oral History Assoc of Australia 2ND NATIONAL CONFERENCE. WOMEN'S COLLEGE, SYDNEY UNI. Themes to be explored: the family, ethnic groups, worklife, regional history. Contact: Helen Malcher, 45 Sylvan Ave, East Lindfield, NSW 2070.

May 10-15 International Assoc of Law Libraries 8TH COURSE ON LAW LIBRARIANSHIP *Australian and South Pacific law: structure and legal materials* SYDNEY and CANBERRA. Contact: Rob Brian, (02) 662 3274. See *Incite* no. 3 for more details.

May 13-16 Australian National Section of IBBY CONFERENCE *Able to enjoy: Books and the disabled young person* SYDNEY UNI. Contact: Ena Noel (02) 32 5075.

May 18-20 NLA 2ND NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE SEMINAR *Library services for the handicapped* ANU, CANBERRA. Contact: Clifford Law, (062) 62 1251.

May 23-26 Australian Society of Archivists THIRD BIENNIAL CONFERENCE *Promoting the better use of archives in Australia* TRINITY COLLEGE, MELBOURNE UNI. Contact: The Convener, Conference Committee, Aust Society of Archivists, 242 Danks St, Albert Park, Vic 3206, (03) 592 8388.

June 15-16 LAA Special Interest Group on Distance Education NATIONAL WORKSHOP *Library services in distance education* BARDON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, BRISBANE. Keynote speaker: Raymond Fisher (Uni of Birmingham). Fee \$80 (\$60 to LAA members). Contact: Christine Crocker, Uni of Qld (09) 377 1111.

June 29-July 3 WAIT CONFERENCE *Education for the physically disabled*. Contact: Mr J. Winfield, WAIT Counselling Service, Hayman Rd, Bentley, WA 6102.

July 13-18 Children's Book Week

August 13-15 LAA Cataloguers Section WA Group NATIONAL CONFERENCE *Information retrieval in the 80s* PERTH. Contact: Sec Lynn Allen (09) 380 2348.

August 21-22 LAA UCLs SA Group NATIONAL SEMINAR *The librarian and the law* ADELAIDE. Contact: John Gray (08) 258 3000.

August 27-28 LAA Vic Branch SEMINAR *Approval plans and blanket orders — viable acquisitions techniques for the 80s?* MELB STATE COLLEGE. Speakers include vendors, users & sceptics. Contact: Bill Cations (03) 341 8567.

September 4-6 Riverina CAE, Wagga Wagga RESIDENTIAL SEMINAR *Libraries and literacy*. For librarians currently involved in this work. Contact: Helen Modra, RCAE, PO Box 588, Wagga 2650, (069) 23 2222.

September 4-6 LAA NT Branch/SLANT (School Library Assoc of the NT) COMBINED CONFERENCE *Libraries in isolation* ALICE SPRINGS. Contact: Robyn Young, PO Box 41303, Casuarina, NT 5792, (089) 20 1286.

September 14-17 LAA Special Libraries Section WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE *After sales ... service: better management of special libraries*. Contact: Jenny Adams (02) 82 5345.

November 16-18 VALA (Vic Assoc of Library Automation) NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY AUTOMATION *Meeting the challenge of technology* UNI OF MELBOURNE. Contact: Geoff Payne, VALA, LaTrobe Uni Library, Bundoora 3083, (03) 478 3122.

September 18-25 Australian Library Week 1981 Theme: *Get booked at your library*.

ACT

April 9 LAA Cataloguers Section ACT Group COMMITTEE MEETING 5.30 pm MACDONALD ROOM, MENZIES BLDG, ANU LIBRARY. Meetings for 1981 will be held second Thursday of each month, same time, same place as above. Dates of future meetings: 14 May, 11 June, 9 July, 13 Aug, 10 Sept, 8 Oct, 12 Nov, 10 Dec. Contact: Philip Keane (062) 49 3417.

April 10 MIDAS LUNCHEON *MIDAS is two: where have we got to and where are we going?* 12 noon Speaker: Brian Callaghan. Venue to be announced. Contact: Jean Geue (062) 83 2304.

April 24 LAA Cataloguers Section ACT Group HALF-DAY SEMINAR *MARC format* 9 am Venue to be decided. Speakers: Warwick Cathro, Pru Deakin. Contact: Philip Keane (062) 49 3417.

May 1 LAA Special Libraries Section ACT Group LUNCHEON 12-2 pm CANBERRA YACHT CLUB. Contact: Ann Crewe (062) 43 4699.

May 7 LAA ACT Branch COUNCIL MEETING 5.30 pm READERS LOUNGE, NLA. Meetings for 1981 will be held on first Thursday of each month, same time, same place as above. Dates of future meetings: 4 June, 2 July, 6 Aug, 3 Sept, 1 Oct, 5 Nov, 3 Dec. Contact: Janet Perffement (062) 66 3572.

June 1 LAA ACT Branch WORKSHOP *Copyright* NLA THEATRE (LOWER GRD FLOOR) 8.30am Registration; 9am Keynote address. Contact: Peter Clayton (062) 52 2051. See 'News from the Divisions' for more details.

June 15-19 Insearch DIAL Services DIALOG SYSTEM SEMINAR CANBERRA. Contact: Katie Blake, phone (02) 264 6344. See *Incite* No 2 for more details.

Queensland

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.

April 24 LAA UCLs Qld Group ONE DAY SEMINAR *Videotex services and libraries*. Guest speakers: Marge Broward (Information consultant), Sue Nielsen (Lecturer, Kuring-gai CAE). Registration details from Susan Acutt, Undergraduate Library, Uni of Qld (07) 377 2215.

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 4-5 Nth Qld Regional Group SEMINAR *The right to information* TOWNSVILLE. Fee: \$55 (\$45 LAA members). Contact: Neil Renison, c/o Townsville CAE, PO Box 117, Aitkenvale 4818, (077) 79 5355.

Northern Territory

April 13 LAA NT Branch MEETING *Break down the barriers — how we can help the disabled* 7.45pm CASUARINA HOSPITAL, MEDICAL LIBRARY. Contact: Lauris Suiter (089) 89 7446.

June 15 LAA NT Branch MEETING *Non-professionals in libraries* 7.45pm LRC, DARWIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CASUARINA. Contact: Lauris Suiter (089) 89 7446.

July 13 LAA NT Branch MEETING *Selling your library* 7.45pm CONSERVATION COMMISSION LIBRARY, DARWIN. Contact: Lauris Suiter (089) 89 7446.

Victoria

April 9 LAA Vic Branch COUNCIL MEETING. SLV THEATRETTE. Meetings for 1981 will be held on second Thursday of each month. Dates for future meetings: 14 May, 11 June, 9 July, 13 Aug, 10 Sept, 8 Oct, 12 Nov, 10 Dec. Contact: Ray Price (03) 341 6656.

April 9 LAA Public Libraries Section Vic Group MEETING *Publicity and the public library*. ALPC award-winning film and speakers. SLV THEATRETTE. 7pm (wine and cheese) for 7.30pm. Contact: Cath Pivec (03) 735 5177 ext 247.

April 10 LAA School Libraries Section Vic Group DINNER 6.30pm LYCEUM CLUB, MELBOURNE. Cost: \$14. Cheques to Rosemary Graham, 39 Bordeaux St, Doncaster 3108, (03) 848 3376 by 3 April.

April 11 LAA Children's Libraries Section Vic Group/LAA Gippsland Regional Group SPECIAL COUNTRY MEETING *The world of children's literature* 2pm COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE, SMITH ST, WARRAGUL. Speakers: Margaret Aitken, Doug McLeod, Albert Ullin. Contact: Margaret Fox (03) 874 2211 ext 15.

April 13-16 Insearch DIAL Services DIALOG SYSTEM SEMINAR MELBOURNE. Contact: Katie Blake, phone (02) 264 6344. See *Incite* No 2 for more details.

April 15 Storytelling Guild of Australia Vic Branch STORY SHARING EVENING *Rabbits and other critters* 8pm Venue to be announced. Contact: Julie Halpin (03) 816 1267.

April 15 LAA Literacy Section GENERAL MEETING *Materials for the new reader* 8pm ASHBURTON LIBRARY, HIGH ST, ASHBURTON. Panel discussion. Contact: Linda Stevenson (03) 328 1838.

April 28 Community Information Special Interest Group MEETING *Community newspapers* 6 for 6.30pm LIBRARY LECTURE ROOM, LEVEL 5, CASEY WING, RMIT. Contact: Sue Healy (03) 669 9978. All welcome.

April 30 LAA Special Libraries Section Vic Group MEETING *Information sources for mining and resource development* 5.45pm for 6.30pm CONZINC RIOTINTO OF AUST, TECHNICAL LIBRARY, 37TH FLOOR, 55 COLLINS ST. Speakers: Karen Morton and Greg Davies. Contact: Deborah Higgins (03) 419 1333 ext 314 or Henry Thorburn (03) 541 2317.

May 2 LAA School Libraries Section Vic Group ONE DAY MEETING *Why co-operate?* 9.45am MOE REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTRE, KIRK ST. Keynote speaker: Barry Sproull. Fee (incl catering): \$6.50 to Mrs Rosemary Graham, 39 Bordeaux St, Doncaster 3108.

May 6 LAA Vic Branch COCKTAIL PARTY 5.30pm-7.30pm. In honour of Mr K. Horn, State Librarian, on the occasion of his retirement. Contact: Virginia de Crespigny (03) 544 8544 ext 382.

May 19 Reference Interest Group Victoria MEETING *Librarians working in child care* 1.30pm-5pm ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. Contact: Neil Donahoo (03) 467 3066.

May 19 LAA UCLs Vic Group ONE DAY SEMINAR *Communication in management* TOORAK STATE COLLEGE. More details next issue. Contact: Helen Sweeney (03) 819 8184.

June LAA Literacy Section AGM More details later. Contact: Linda Stevenson (03) 328 1838.

June 22-25 Insearch DIAL Services DIALOG SYSTEM SEMINAR MELBOURNE. Contact: Katie Blake, phone (02) 264 6344. See *Incite* No 2 for more details.

NSW

April 8 LAA NSW Branch Council MONTHLY MEETING 6pm CONFERENCE ROOM, FISHER LIBRARY, UNI OF SYDNEY. Meetings for 1981 will be held on second Wednesday of each month, same time and place as above. Dates of future meetings: 13 May, 10 June, 8 July, 12 Aug, 9 Sept, 14 Oct, 11 Nov, 9 Dec. Any LAA member is welcome as observer. Items for agenda contact: Hon Sec Philomena Lapsley (02) 692 2994 or Pres Warren Horton (02) 221 1388.

April 10-11 Kuring-gai CAE School of Library and Information Studies CEU 6 *Administrative proficiency: funding, costing and budgeting*. Fee: \$75 (incl lunches). Contact: Ann Enderby (02) 467 9261. Cheques to Library and Information Studies, Continuing Education, KCAE, PO Box 222, Lindfield, NSW 2070.

April 11 LAA Children's Libraries/Library Technicians Sections NSW Groups COMIC WORKSHOP Contact: Ian Gordon (02) 221 1388. For more info see *Incite* No 4.

April 22 LAA School Libraries Section NSW Group FAREWELL to Marianne Broadbent 6-8pm THE GALLERIES, SLNSW. Contact: Janet Hanson (02) 660 5688.

April 23 LAA Special Libraries Section NSW Group SEE THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 5for5.30pm GALLERIES, SLNSW. Contact: Lorraine Manning (02) 543 0111 ext 3260.

April 23 Sydney Book Launch *School Librarianship*, edited by John Cook 5.30-7pm LIBRARY SERVICES, 35 MITCHELL ST, NORTH SYDNEY. Guest speakers: Allan Horton, John Cook. All welcome. Contact: Marianne Broadbent (02) 85 0420 or 240 8744.

April 29 LAA Special Libraries Section NSW Group LUNCH HOUR VISIT noon-2pm BUREAU OF CUSTOMS LIBRARY, 9TH FLOOR, 117 CLARENCE ST. Contact: Margaret Crellin (08) 270 7135.

April 30-May 1 Macquarie University CE Program MINICOURSE WORKSHOP *School based curriculum development*. Fee: \$60. For more details contact: Minicourse Secretary (02) 888 8000 ext 9292.

May 5 LAA Special Libraries Section NSW Group LUNCH HOUR VISIT noon-2pm DEPT OF HOUSING & CONSTRUCTION LIBRARY, LEVEL 16, AUST SQUARE. Contact: Sandra Tsang (02) 270 9596.

May 6 LAA University and College Libraries Section NSW Group MEETING CONFERENCE ROOM, FISHER LIBRARY 6 for 6.30pm. Wine and cheese. Future meetings will be held on the 1st Wed of each month. All welcome. Contact: M. Penson (02) 662 3661 or M. Simpson (02) 27 6684.

May 6 LAA Information Science Section NSW Group MEETING *Domestic satellite update* ARCHIVES OFFICE, 2 GLOBE ST 6 for 6.30pm. Speaker: Les Free. Future meetings will be held on: July 8, Sept 9, Nov 4. All welcome. Contact: Maxine Brodie (02) 264 6344.

May 11 LAA Library Technicians Section NSW Group AGM 6 for 6.30pm THE GALLERIES, STATE LIBRARY OF NSW. Speaker: Ted Flowers. Contact: Rosemary Wickham (02) 20562 ext 758 or Ian Gordon (02) 221 1388.

May 22 Information Resources Services NSWIT/Insearch Ltd. SPECIALISED WORKSHOP *Managing online information retrieval services*. Contact: Jennifer Affleck (02) 2 0930 ext 9825.

May 23 Library Services, NSW Dept of Education/Goethe Institute SEMINAR *Contemporary issues in literature for young people* 10am-3.30pm RECEPTION HALL, SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE. Speakers include: Prof Malte Dahrendorf (Hamburg University), Joan Zahleiter, Maurice Saxby, Mark Macleod, Marlene Norst, Anne Bower Ingram and Glensy Smith. Fee: \$7 (incl morning tea) payable by 8 May to German Cultural Centre, 20 Loftus St, Sydney 2000. Enquiries: (02) 922 6700.

June 1-5 Insearch DIAL Services DIALOG SYSTEM SEMINAR plus system refresher and advanced seminars in US Government documents and the humanities. SYDNEY. Contact: Katie Blake, phone (02) 264 6344.

June 2 LAA Special Libraries Section NSW Group LUNCH HOUR VISIT noon-2pm GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF NSW, 23RD FLOOR, CAGA CENTRE. Contact: Al Bashford (02) 240 4688.

June 12 Information Resources Service NSWIT/Insearch Ltd. SPECIALISED WORKSHOP *Managing automated cataloguing*. Contact: Jennifer Affleck (02) 2 0930 ext 9825.

June 30 LAA Special Libraries Section NSW Group/Aust Institute of Packaging JOINT MEETING. UNILEVER, REYNOLDS ST, BALMAIN. Contact: Jenny Adams (02) 82 5345.

July 3 Information Resources Service NSWIT/Insearch Ltd. SPECIALISED WORKSHOP *Managing acquisition and circulation systems*. Contact: Jennifer Affleck (02) 2 0930 ext 9825.

July 17 Information Resources Service NSWIT/Insearch Ltd. SPECIALISED WORKSHOP *Managing an automated library as a total system*. Contact: Jennifer Affleck (02) 2 0930 ext 9825.

July 20-24 Insearch DIAL Services DIALOG SYSTEM SEMINAR plus advanced seminars in search strategy, non-bibliographic databases, and chemical information. SYDNEY. Contact: Katie Blake, phone (02) 264 6344.

October 15-16 Macquarie University CE Program MINICOURSE WORKSHOP *Turning the school library into a learning resources centre*. Fee: \$60. For more details contact: Minicourse Secretary (02) 888 8000 ext 9292.

Rent-a-book scheme

THE 'USER PAYS' debate took a new turn on January 31 when Max Harris announced in the *Weekend Australian* that the Mary Martin chain of bookshops is setting up a 'rent-a-book' operation. Authors were quick to oppose the idea, through well-known spokespersons Colin Simpson and Barbara Jefferis.

The 'rent-a-book' scheme requires a deposit of \$25, which entitles members to borrow any non-paperback book of between \$10 and \$50 value, for a period of 28 days and a fee of 20 percent of the price of the book.

The authors took issue with Harris's claim that 'Authors would benefit. In addition to their standard royalties, income would accrue

to them under the Public Lending Rights act'.

Colin Simpson's response, in the letters column of the *Weekend Australian*, 7 February, flatly contradicted this claim: 'There is no way in the world that the Federal Government is going to fund public lending right payments on books rented out through a Mary Martin-type of operation'.

Alan Johnson, Administrator of the Public Lending Right Scheme, confirmed that 'The Public Lending Right Scheme's survey of libraries is limited at present to public lending libraries of the municipal type'.

The rise of the book rental scheme shows that free public libraries are increasingly unable to buy recent books. Max Harris quotes current prices of \$19.50 for a novel, \$47.70 for serious non-fiction, and the *Shorter Oxford Dictionary* \$100. Public libraries with static or shrinking book funds cannot afford prices like that.

So it seems that book rental schemes will appear to fill the gap. A type of subscription library they may be, but clearly their rates are much higher than the 6d a book of the old Mechanics' Institutes. Access to information, more than ever, will be restricted to those who can afford to pay for it.

John Cook

CLIFF LAW has been appointed Chief Librarian, Library Services for the Handicapped at the National Library of Australia. Mr Law was formerly Co-ordinator, Library Services to the Print Handicapped at the State Library of Queensland.

JUDITH HILL has been appointed the LAA's Industrial Officer. Before joining the Association, Judith was Government Publications Librarian at Fisher Library, University of Sydney.

Whilst at Fisher she was Secretary of the Fisher Library Officers' Association, the union covering librarians and library assistants at the universities of Sydney, Macquarie and New England. During this time, Judith was also the FLOA's delegate to the Labor Council of NSW.

MERILYN BRYCE has been appointed to the part-time position of Continuing Education Officer of the LAA.

Merilyn was previously a lecturer at the School of Librarianship, University of New South Wales. She joined the LAA NSW Branch Council in 1977 and was President of the Branch in 1980.

ACCESS PROBLEMS AT STATE LIBRARY

ALMOST two years ago the New South Wales State Librarian requested the Government Architect to prepare proposals which would allow disabled persons, particularly those on crutches or in wheelchairs to have ready access to the State Library building. At the present time people in wheelchairs who wish to use the Library can be admitted through the rear entrance, but only in normal office hours and by prior arrangement.

A number of solutions have been proposed but rejected for the time being. The Government Architect has now engaged a firm of consultants to advise further on access to the Library building and to other Government buildings.

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Western Australia

April 8-13 Dept of Library and Information Studies, WAIT LECTURES *Minicomputers, micro-processors and word processors*.

SA

April 6 LAA SA Branch COUNCIL MEETING 5.30pm CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLR, EDUCATION CENTRE, 31 FLINDERS ST, ADL. Contact: Philipa Middleton (08) 227 4299.

April 9 LAA School Libraries Section SA Group/SMMART/RCTA JOINT MEETING *Promotion* PLYMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.

April 14 LAA Special Libraries Section SA Group MEETING *The art of negotiating to get what you want for your library* 7pm MINERAL FOUNDATION. Speakers include: Graham Harbord, George Turner, Harold Bennett, Wine and cheese. Contact: Mike Smith (08) 259 5498.

May 6 LAA SA Branch GUEST OF HONOUR DINNER 7pm PAXTON'S RESTAURANT. Guest: Jim Dwyer (LAA President). Cost \$20 (all incl). RSVP 21 April. Contact: Margaret Sandstrom (08) 332 8266 or Barbara Crompton (08) 44 1519.

Overseas

May 24-29 CONSAL V: FIFTH CONGRESS OF SOUTH EAST ASIAN LIBRARIANS *Access to information* KUALA LUMPUR. Contact: Miss Linda Yip Seon Chun, c/- Uni of Malaya Co-operative Bookshop, PO Box 1127, Halan Pantai Baru, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

June 14-18 Special Libraries Assoc 72ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE *Beyond efficiency to effectiveness* ATLANTA. Contact: SLA, 235 Park Ave South, New York, NY 10003, USA.

June 28-July 1 American Library Association ANNUAL CONFERENCE. SAN FRANCISCO. Contact: ALA, 50E Huron St, Chicago, Illinois 60611, USA.

July 6-August 29 College of Librarianship Wales NINTH INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE SUMMER SCHOOL *Librarianship and information science*. Contact: College of Librarianship Wales, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Dyfed SY23 3AS.

July 30-August 4 International Association of School Librarianship ANNUAL CONFERENCE *School library services for all*. ABERYSTWYTH. Contact: Michael Cooke, Vice President IASL, College of Librarianship Wales, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Dyfed, Wales.

August 10-16 UNESCO/IFLA SEMINAR *Library services for children and young adults*. LEIPZIG. Contact: IFLA Secretariat, PO Box 82128, 2508 EC The Hague, Netherlands.

August 17-23 IFLA COUNCIL AND GENERAL CONFERENCE. LEIPZIG. Contact: IFLA Secretariat, PO Box 82128, 2508 EC The Hague, Netherlands.

Exhibitions

SYDNEY TOWN HALL
September 16 Languages Galore Book Fair.
Contact: Helen Thompson (02) 922 6700.

National Library puts Mumbulla on show



Harrison Bryan, Director-General of the National Library of Australia, holds the book *Mumbulla: Spiritual Contact*, which was presented to the Library on 11 March by Guboo T. Thomas, an elder of the Yuin tribe, of Wallaga Lake, Narooma. At right is the photographer, Wesley Stacey, who took the pictures of Mumbulla mountain for the book. The pictures are on show in an exhibition, also called 'Mumbulla: Spiritual Contact', in the National Library Theatre foyer.