

HAPPENINGS

A REGULAR DIARY OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

National

April 2 IBBY Hans Christian Andersen Dinner 7.15pm for 7.30pm LEN EVANS WINE CELLARS, 16 BULLETIN PLACE, CIRCULAR QUAY. Guest speaker: Eleanor Spence. Cost: \$20 (incl pre-dinner and dinner wines and juices). 100 only places available. Contact: IBBY (02) 32 5075, 36 7818, 36 4307.

April 19-21 LAA ACT Branch WORKSHOP 'The generation and management of small scale data bases.' CANBERRA. See *InCite* no2 for further details.

April 30-May 1 LAA CE 82/1 'Librarians and industrial law' UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY. Other states later.

July 2 Footscray Institute of Technology SEMINAR 'Amalgamations and libraries'. Main speaker: Mr David Lewis, Librarian, Sheffield Polytechnic, UK. Contact: Gerard Peguero, FIT Library (03) 688 4274.

July 24-31 Children's Book Week Book Fair RECEPTION HALL, SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE, Contact: Children's Book Council NSW Branch, 35 Mitchell Street, North Sydney 2060 (02) 922 6700.

August 18-21 SECOND NATIONAL CHILD DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE. INSTITUTE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT, KEW. Key speaker: Prof Jerome Kagan (Harvard Uni). The conference will be of interest to all those professionally involved in the area of child development, education and care. For further info contact: Second National Child Development Conference Secretariat, PO Box 29, Parkville Vic 3052, (03) 347 8011.

August 22-26 LAA22 CONFERENCE. ADELAIDE Watch *InCite* for details.

August 23-25 ANZAME (Australasian and New Zealand Association for Medical Education) CONFERENCE 'Clinical problem solving'. SYDNEY. Speaker: Dr Howard Barrows (Stn Illinois Uni). Contact: Mrs Mavis McCarthy, 5 Norfolk Road, Longueville NSW 2066.

November 19 Footscray Institute of Technology NATIONAL SEMINAR 'Australian clearing-houses and data bases — whose responsibility?' Contact: Gerard Peguero, Seminar Co-ordinator, FIT (03) 688 4274. Telex: FITLEX 36596.

NSW

April 6 LAA Hunter Regional Group meeting 'ABN' 7.30 for 8pm CHARLESTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY, NEWCASTLE. Speaker: Janet Robinson (NSW General Councillor). Contact: Julie Young (049) 61 7355.

April 6 NSW Ausinet Group meeting 9.30am CONFERENCE ROOM, FISHER LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY. Speaker: Neil Speirs, Australian Business Index. Contact: Pamela Johnstone (02) 221 1388.

April 14 LAA NSW Branch Council MONTHLY MEETING 6pm CONFERENCE ROOM, FISHER LIBRARY, SYDNEY UNI. Meetings held second Wednesday of each month, same place. Dates for future meetings: May 12, June 9, July 3 (Saturday, full day), August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8 (venue TBA). Any LAA member welcome as observer. Contact: Hon Secretary Philomena Lapsley (02) 692 1122 or President Marea Terry (02) 692 2888.

April 14 LOSS Group (Libraries of the Social Sciences Group) MEETING 2pm DEPT OF YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES, 11TH LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM, 323 CASTLEREAGH ST, SYDNEY. For more details contact: Su Gruszyn (02) 267 2822.

April 17 LAA Mid North Coast Regional Group ONE DAY SEMINAR 'Resource sharing: future possibilities for the Mid North Coast' SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KEMPSEY. Contact: Min Tobitt (065) 83 1658.

April 19-20 ACI Computer Services ORBIT NEW AND ADVANCED USER TRAINING COURSES. SYDNEY. Contact: Katie Blake (02) 698 6297.

April 21-22 ACI Computer Services AUSINET NEW USER TRAINING COURSE. SYDNEY. Contact: Katie Blake (02) 698 6297.

April 28 Australian Society of Archivists AGM. 5.30 for 6.00 pm CONFERENCE ROOM, ARCHIVES OFFICE OF NEW SOUTH WALES, 2 GLOBE STREET, THE ROCKS. Speaker: Andrew Wilson. Members and friends cordially invited to join Andrew Wilson and the group for dinner after the address. Contact: Marie Ryan (02) 266 7255.

April 29 LAA Special Libraries Section NSW Group LUNCH-HOUR VISIT. LIBRARY, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, HISTORY HOUSE, 133 MACQUARIE ST, SYDNEY. 12.30-1.30pm. Contact: Susan Johnston (02) 27 1160.

April 30 Kuring-gai CAE School of Library and Information Studies ONE-DAY CE COURSE 'Video technology and libraries' 8.45am-5.30pm. See *InCite* 5 March for more info.

April 30-May 1 LAA CE 82/1 'Librarians and industrial law' UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY. Other states later. See *InCite* no5 for more info.

May 14 LAA Special Libraries Section NSW Group MEETING. 'The new technology: what's in it for you?' Date and venue to be advised. Contact: Rosemary McLauchlin (02) 238 3769.

May 1 LAA Storytelling Guild, 9.00am-5.00pm WOODSTOCK BURWOOD. 'Conference and workshop on readers theatre'. Conducted by Barbara Anderson, Kuring-gai CAE. Contact: Barbara Daley (02) 579 6222 ext 292 or Sue Withers (ah) (02) 82 2586.

May 1 'MAY DAY RALLY' or South Coast Librarians Conference at MOSS VALE. Meet 11.00am at COLLINS BOOK DISTRIBUTORS, CENTRE YARRAWA ROAD, MOSS VALE. Day includes tours of Berkelouw Books (Antiquarian dealers) and Wingicarribii Shire libraries, plus a panel discussion of developments in South Coast libraries. Contact: M. Lyall (042) 32 2843.

May 7-8 LAA Hunter Regional Group TWO DAY SEMINAR 'Staff motivation'. For section heads, branch librarians, and librarians in charge of small libraries. Speakers: Professor Alan Williams (University of Newcastle), and Lyn Barakat (Sutherland Shire Library). Contact: Julie Young (049) 61 7355 or Aileen Stevenson (049) 68 5521.

May 19 LAA Library Technicians Section NSW Group AGM 'Library technicians — the Australian scene' STATE LIBRARY OF NSW, MACQUARIE ST. Speaker: Vikki Hopwood (President, Library Technicians Section). Contact: Rosemary Wickham (02) 230 3434.

May 19 LAA Information Science Section NSW Group meeting 6 for 6.30pm 'The paperless office — some implications for the intelligence society' ARCHIVES OFFICE, GLOBE STREET, THE ROCKS. Speaker: Michael Shearer. Contact: Mike Middleton (02) 633 0351.

May 24-26 Insearch Ltd/DIALOG. DIALOG INTRODUCTORY AND SEARCH STRATEGY SEMINARS. Contact: Jennifer Affleck (02) 264 6344

May 29-30 LAA Children's Libraries Section NSW Group. WEEKEND WORKSHOP 'The pre-schooler in the library — materials and activities'. CARRINGTON HOTEL, KATOOMBA. Speaker: Dr V. Meyer. Approx. cost \$90. Contact Pam Weiss (02) 81 2255.

June 7 MS Read-A-Thon commences. Aim is to actively encourage children to read. Registration forms available now. M. Morris (02) 412 1577.

SA

April 6 SMMART MEETING 'New books for older readers'. Contact: Sec Elizabeth Hambly (08) 44 1519.

April 13 LAA UCLS SA Group VISIT to PORT NOARLUNGA LIBRARY by train. Depart Adelaide Railway Station 6.21pm (Noarlunga Centre Line) (Buy your own ticket). Light refreshments on arrival. Arrive Adelaide 9.39pm. Contact: John Gray (08) 258 3000.

April 18 LAA Public Libraries Section, SA Group. MEETING 'Automation of circulation seminar.' STATE LIBRARY THEATRE Demonstration of Dataphase and discussion of problems likely to be encountered when automating. Speakers from Burnside, Salisbury and Unley. 2pm-5pm. MEETING Contact: Euan Miller (08) 332 8266.

April 22 LAA/RCTA/SMMART COMBINED MEETING. Contact: Sec Elizabeth Hambly (08) 44 1519.

May 18 LAA UCLS SA Group MEETING UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE. Guest speaker: Geoffrey Briggs of Canada. 7.30pm. Contact: Colin Taylor (08) 260 2055.

June 8 LAA UCLS SA Group/SA Branch JOINT DINNER. Guest of honour: Ira Raymond (Uni Librarian, Uni of Adelaide). Venue to be announced.

June 1 MS Read-A-Thon commences. Aim is to actively encourage children to read. Registration forms available Now. Contact: R. Baker (08) 223 4255.

June 7-9 ACI Computer Services AUSINET NEW AND ADVANCED USER TRAINING COURSES. ADELAIDE. Contact: Dave Gillard (08) 268 1933.

June 10-11 ACI Computer Services ORBIT NEW AND ADVANCED USER TRAINING COURSES. ADELAIDE. Contact: Dave Gillard (08) 268 1933.

July 13 Joint LAA UCLS/Cataloguers/Library Technicians SA Groups MEETING. 7.30pm OLD RARE BOOK ROOM, BARRSMITH LIBRARY. Peter Nissen to talk and demonstrate automated cataloguing in the Barr-Smith (Biblion). Contact: Sandy Gray (SAIT Levels) (08) 260 2055.

Northern Territory

May 5-6 Insearch Ltd/DIALOG INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR DARWIN. Contact: Jennifer Affleck (008) 22 2077.

Riverina

May 1 LAA Riverina Group 'Local History Archives'. Speaker: Don Brech (Archivist, Riverina CAE) Contact: Guy Aron (060) 21 3033 ext 231.

Victoria

April 5 LAA School Libraries Section Vic Group MEETING 8pm BOOK HOUSE, 199 CARDIGAN ST, CARLTON. Contact: Ros Conroy (03) 347 7655.

April 7 National Book Council LITERARY LUNCHEON. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE, 241 ROYAL PARADE, PARKVILLE. Guest: Don Charlwood, author of *Long Farewell* (Penguin). Cost: \$11 (\$10 to NBC members). Contact: Pat Forster (03) 347 4635.

April 14 LAA Vic Branch COUNCIL MEETING 5.30pm STATE LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM. Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month, same time and place. Dates for future meetings: 12 May, 9 June, 14 July, 11 August, 8 September, 13 October, 10 November. Observers are welcome. Enquiries: Jan Lindner (03) 819 8911.

April 19-23 Insearch Ltd/DIALOG Information Retrieval Service DIALOG INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR, system refresher and search strategy seminars and advanced seminars in chemical information, business and non-bibliographic information. MELBOURNE. Contact: Jennifer Affleck (008) 222 077 (toll-free).

April 20 LAA Literacy Section Vic Group MEETING 6.30pm RM 17, CENTRAL LIBRARY SEMINAR ROOM. Film 'Getting the message' followed by workshop discussion. Contact: Julie Wilson (03) 25 4421.

May 4 LAA Special Libraries Section Vic Group ONE-DAY SEMINAR 'Communication'. Guest Speaker: Brian Sealy. Fee: \$65 (\$50 LAA members). Contact: Nola Harrington (03) 609 1711, Ann Forbes (03) 647 7433 or Henning Rasmussen (03) 341 9416. Registration will be accepted with payment to follow.

May 5 National Book Council LITERARY LUNCHEON. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE, 241 ROYAL PARADE, PARKVILLE. Guest: Lisa Alther, author of *Original Sins*. Cost: \$11 (\$10 to NBC members). Contact: Pat Forster (03) 347 4635.

May 17-18 ACI Computer Services ORBIT NEW AND ADVANCED USER TRAINING COURSES. MELBOURNE. Contact: Leigh Baker (03) 544 8433.

May 18 LAA Literacy Section Vic Group AGM 6.45pm RMIT CENTRAL LIBRARY SEMINAR ROOM. Contact: Julie Wilson (03) 25 4421.

May 31-June 4 Insearch Ltd/DIALOG. DIALOG INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR plus advanced seminars in legal information, government documents, social sciences, sci/tech, Excerpta Medica and Medline. MELBOURNE. Contact: Jennifer Affleck (008) 22 2077.

June 5 LAA Literacy Section Vic Group/Victorian Adult Literacy Council. CONFERENCE. Venue to be announced. Plenary sessions on Saturday morning 'State of the art'. Panel discussion/workshop aimed at practising librarians. Billeting can be arranged for country members. Contact: Jane Wilson (03) 541 1147.

June MS Read-A-Thon commences. Aim is to actively encourage children to read. Registration forms available now. Contact: J. Taussig (03) 818 1221.

June 16 Australian Society of Archivists GENERAL MEETING 5.30 for 6pm CSIRO, 314 ALBERT ST, EAST MELBOURNE. Drinks and biscuits. Dates for future meetings: 16 September, 16 November. Contact: Hon Sec Jennifer Challis (02) 669 9836.

Queensland

April 7 LAA Qld Branch CE SEMINAR 'Developments in computer based information retrieval' BARDON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE. Speakers: Diana Killen (Infoquest), Mike Middleton (UNSW). Cost: \$45 (\$35 to LAA members). Contact: Phil Finnimore (07) 221 2411 ext 531.

April 27-30 Insearch Ltd/DIALOG Information Retrieval Service DIALOG INTRODUCTORY, SYSTEM REFRESHER AND SEARCH STRATEGY SEMINARS plus advanced seminars in Medline and chemical information. BRISBANE. Contact: Jennifer Affleck (008) 222 077 (toll-free).

April 28 LAA Special Libraries Section Qld Group VISIT. FILM LIBRARY, DEPT OF EDUCATION LIBRARY AND RESOURCES SERVICES, KENNY HOUSE, GEORGE ST, BRISBANE. 5.30pm. Contact: Ray Walsh (07) 224 3362.

May 25 LAA Special Libraries Section Qld Group COMMITTEE MEETINGS. 12.30pm SUPREME COURT LIBRARY.

June 19 LAA Special Libraries Section Qld Group SEMINAR 'The use and application of microcomputers in libraries' 9am. Venue to be advised. Contact: John Sutherland (07) 224 4120.

June 21-22 ACI Computer Services ORBIT NEW AND ADVANCED USER TRAINING COURSES. BRISBANE. Contact: Harold Bulmer (07) 44 5232.

June 23-25 ACI Computer Services AUSINET NEW AND ADVANCED USER TRAINING COURSES. BRISBANE. Contact: Harold Bulmer (07) 44 5232.

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April 8 LAA Cataloguers Section ACT Group COMMITTEE MEETING 5.30pm SEMINAR ROOM, R.R. MENZIES BLDG, ANU LIBRARY. Meetings for 1982 will be held on the second Thursday of each month, same time, same place as above. Dates of future meetings: 13 May, 10 June, 8 July, 12 August, 9 September, 14 October, 11 November, 9 December (AGM). Contact: Philip Keane (062) 89 8177.

April 19-20 Canberra Online Users Group WORKSHOP 'Generation and management of small-scale data bases' CSIRO HEADQUARTERS CONFERENCE ROOM. Cost: \$105 (\$85 for LAA members), \$64 for students. Dinner: \$20. Contact: Peter Judge's secretary (062) 48 4527.

April 29 LAA Cataloguers Section ACT Group 9.30am SEMINAR 'Issues in cataloguing'. Speakers: Enid Roberts, 'The OLC experience', Peter Nissen 'Biblion, the online catalogue', Lois Wood 'LYNX & online plans', Sandra Oxley 'Online cataloguing: the new skills needed', Gordon Undy 'The future'. BURGMANN COLLEGE, ANU. Cost \$20 LAA members, \$25 non-members. Contact: Helen Livingston (062) 52 2916.

May 6 LAA ACT Branch COUNCIL MEETING. 5.30pm READERS LOUNGE, NLA. Meetings will be held first Thursday of each month (except April), same time, same place as above. Dates of future meetings: 3 June, 1 July, 5 August, 2 September, 7 October, 4 November, 2 December (AGM). Contact: Janet Perfrement (062) 66 3572.

May 17-20 Insearch Ltd/DIALOG. INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR, SYSTEM REFRESHER, SEARCH STRATEGY plus advanced seminars in government documents, business and non-bibliographic information. CANBERRA. Contact: Jennifer Affleck (008) 22 2077.

May 24-25 ACI Computer Services ORBIT NEW AND ADVANCED USER TRAINING COURSES. CANBERRA. Contact: Steve Cartland (062) 47 0988.

May 26-28 ACI Computer Services AUSINET NEW AND ADVANCED USER TRAINING COURSES. CANBERRA. Contact: Steve Cartland (062) 47 0988.

Western Australia

May 5-6 School Libraries Section WA Group/WA CAE, Dept of Library Studies & Dept of Computing Services SEMINAR 'School libraries and computers'. Third time offered. Only 28 places available. Keynote speaker: Dagmar Schmidmaier. For further info write to PO Box 259, Claremont WA 6010.

May 11-12 WACAE Nedlands Campus. Department of Library Studies SEMINAR 'Developing information skills in secondary school students'. Open only to teacher librarians. Partly funded by the WA Services and Development Committee. Cost: \$15 (lunch). Contact: Theresa Temby (09) 381 5444.

June 8 MS Read-A-Thon. Aim is to actively encourage children to read. Registration forms available Now. Contact: B. Bond (09) 362 4011.

June 15-16 ACI Computer Services ORBIT NEW AND ADVANCED USER TRAINING COURSES. PERTH. Contact: Bob Till (09) 321 2859.

Tasmania

April 28 LAA Special Libraries Section Tas Group MEETING 7.30pm CSIRO LIBRARY, BATTERY POINT. Speaker: Frances Barnes, 'Experiences as a library consultant for FAO in SE Asia'. All welcome. Contact: Mark Bennett (002) 30 4012.

April 30 LAA Tas Branch INFORMAL MEETING (yet another) TATT'S HOTEL. All welcome. contact: Sue Craig (002) 30 2404.

June 7-10 Insearch Ltd/DIALOG. INTRODUCTORY, SYSTEM REFRESHER AND SEARCH STRATEGY SEMINARS, plus advanced seminar in humanities. HOBART. Contact: Jennifer Affleck (008) 22 2077.

June 21 MS Read-a-thon commences. Aim is to actively encourage children to read. Registration forms available Now. Contact: S. Atherton (002) 34 9132.

Overseas

May 2-14 College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland 16TH ANNUAL LIBRARY ADMINISTRATORS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. UNI OF MARYLAND'S DONALDSON BROWN CENTER, PORT DEPOSIT, MARYLAND. Director: Dr John Rizzo, Prof of Management, Western Michigan Uni. Enquiries to: Mrs Effie T. Knight, Administrative Assistant, Library Administrators Development Program, College of Library and Information Services, Uni of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742.

August 2-14 Twelfth Annual Children's Books of the Year Exhibition NATIONAL BOOK LEAGUE, BOOK HOUSE, 45 EAST HILL, LONDON. For further details contact: Barbara Buckley, NBL Publicity Officer, Book House, 45 East Hill, London SW18 2QZ.

September 6-10 IBBY 18TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 'Story in the child's changing world' CHURCHILL COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND. Conference fee: A\$350 (approx, incl accom at Cambridge). Further details and booking form: IBBY Australia, PO Box 194, Edgecliff, NSW 2027.

September 6-17 Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE for people involved in agricultural information work. OXFORD COLLEGE. Cost: 525 (includes full board and travel expenses during course); 300 (non-residential attendees). Closing date for applications: 1 August. Contact: The Training Officer, Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham House, Farnham Royal, Slough S12 3BN, UK.

CAE amalgamations

THE LAA IS concerned to maintain a watching brief on the possible effects on libraries and library staff of the 'rationalisation of colleges of advanced education', proposed by the Review of Commonwealth Functions (Razor Gang).

Amalgamations are now under way and a number of areas of concern are beginning to emerge. To enable the Association to take any informed action that might be required on behalf of the profession, we are trying to build up a profile of the effects of the amalgamations.

If any of the amalgamations are likely to result in infringements to the standard of library services, the standard of librarianship, or the status of the profession, it would be appreciated if this information could be sent to the Executive Director.

LAA tribute to John Metcalfe

The Library Association of Australia is paying tribute to the late John Metcalfe, the founder of modern librarianship in Australia.

A function will be held in the Dixon Galleries, State Library of New South Wales from 6-8pm on Friday 16 April.

It is obvious that many librarians throughout Australia owe much to this great man. If you would like to attend this function, please notify the LAA office, or telephone Angela Brommann (02) 698 4100 by Friday 9 April.

Special interest

LAA22 WILL GIVE special interest groups of librarians an opportunity to meet and discuss matters of common interest.

Librarians interested in primary industries such as agriculture, fisheries and forestry, and who expect to attend LAA22 are invited to register their interest in attending such a meeting.

A similar meeting was held in Sydney in September 1981 after the Special Libraries Section Conference and proved to be a very useful session.

Those interested should contact Mrs Cathy Deane, Librarian, SA Department of Agriculture, GPO Box 1671, Adelaide 5001. Phone (08) 227 3009.

P.S. . . .

The issue of *InCite* dated 5 March, included an item under the heading *Chinese influence*. It referred to a book being written by Morag Loh, about the history of the Chinese in Australia. People interested in contribu-

SALES TAX WIN!

ON 10 MARCH the Senate rejected for a second time the Sales Tax Amendment Bills which would have imposed a 2.5 percent tax on books, newspapers and magazines. For the LAA this comes as a great relief and also gives credence to the Association as a lobbying force. In the words of a Senator, 'The campaign against these iniquitous taxes owes much of its success to the efforts of your Association and those of the National Book Council.'

However we must not lapse into a state of slumber on this issue. In any forthcoming election the LAA must be ready to do any lobbying that might be required. All members of the LAA and in fact the whole profession, should be indebted to those members and office bearers who campaigned vigorously against this tax.

Participate or perish

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION is one of the means by which we **participate or perish in today's society**.

The New South Wales Freedom of Information Council is pleased to announce a forthcoming seminar on this important theme.

It will be held at Sydney University Law School, 173 Phillip Street, Sydney on Saturday, 3 April 1982, commencing at 10am. The cost is \$12, with a concession rate of \$8 for students and pensioners.

LISA leaps ahead

THE CURRENT PROGRAM of improvements being made to LISA, already one of the leading abstracting services in the field, means that subscribers will now benefit from a single service giving thorough coverage of the field.

In the past, searchers have had to consult as many as five different abstracting services to be sure of covering the library/information science field adequately. Not only is this time consuming, but it has also forced many libraries to subscribe to several overlapping services, at considerable expense.

The secret of success for any abstracting service may be defined as 'more frequent publication, better access for the user and more complete coverage of the literature'. From January 1982, LISA will be published monthly instead of bi-monthly, and each issue will also contain full name and subject indexes. This will result in an improvement in the currency of the service, and greater facility for the user.

Regular users will have noticed that LISA's coverage of library/information science literature has increased by more than 50 percent in the past two years, from 3800 abstracts in 1979 to over 6000 in 1981. US Government Reports (provided by NTIS and ERIC) have been included since 1980; more thorough coverage of monographs, conference proceedings and theses has been achieved; many of the new periodicals which have been published in this period are included.

ting material to Morag Loh's research may like to write to her: Unit 3, 4 Selwyn Court, Toorak 3142. Her phone number is (03) 20 1570.

The same issue carried a photograph of the late John Metcalfe, founder of LAA, and we should like to express our thanks to Peter Dobrovits for providing the picture.