

HAPPENINGS — continued

Riverina

May 24-25 LAA Riverina Regional Group TALK by Judith Hill (LAA Industrial Officer) 'Working conditions in libraries' **May 24** WAGGA. **May 25** ALBURY. Contact: Wagga: Brian Pummer (069) 21 5244; Albury: Guy Aron (060) 21 3033.

Western Australia

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.

November 23-24 ACI Computer Services ORBIT NEW AND ADVANCED USER TRAINING COURSES. PERTH. Contact: Bob Till (09) 321 2859.

Tasmania

June 7-10 Insearch Ltd/DIALOG. INTRODUCTORY, SYSTEM REFRESHER AND SEARCH STRATEGY SEMINARS, plus advanced seminary 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.

August 6-10 Australian Council for Adult Literacy SIXTH CONFERENCE 'Literacy and libraries' HOBART. Contact: Maureen Campbell, Publicity Co-ordinator, Adult Literacy Conference, PO Box 841, Burnie Tas 7320.

Northern Territory

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

Queensland

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

May 26 LAA UCLS Qld Group SEMINAR 'Committee skills' 9.30am-5pm BARDON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE. Speakers: T. J. Gygar, MLA and Phil Robson (Dept of Management, QIT). Contact: Lauri Clarkson (07) 221 2411 ext 725.

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 Qld Onlines Users Group MEETING 'Energy and science databases on ORBIT and AUSINET' QIT LIBRARY. Speaker: Katie Blake. Contact: Glenda Smith (07) 377 2211.

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

June 28 NLA/ACI Computer Services 'ANB and APAIS' AUSINET TRAINING COURSES. BRISBANE. 2 sessions morning and afternoon. NLA (For info sheet) 14/82 referred. Registrations: Paul Watmough (07) 44 5232.

July LAA Special Libraries Section Qld Group VISITS TO BRISBANE LIBRARIES to observe the uses of computers in libraries. Date to be advised. This will be an all-day function, and will possibly necessitate hiring a bus. Contact: Ann Clarkson, MIM holdings (07) 228 1122.

August 31 LAA Special Libraries Section Qld Group COMMITTEE MEETING. 12.30pm SUPREME COURT LIBRARY.

September 21 Qld Online Users Group MEETING 'New developments in Dialog' 5.30 for 6pm IT LIBRARY. Speaker: A Dialog training specialist. Contact: Glenda Smith (07) 377 2211.

November 22-23 ACI Computer Services ORBIT NEW AND ADVANCED USER TRAINING COURSES. BRISBANE. Contact: Harold Bulmer (07) 44 5232.

SA

May 25 LAA Cataloguers Section SA Group MEETING 7.30pm 'Serial cataloguing using AACR2 and the implications for machine readability files CLUB LOUNGE. Speaker: Gillian Currie. Supper provided. All welcome. Contact: S. Gray (08) 260 2055 ext 2119 or K. Baudinette (08) 275 2063.

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

June 10 NLA/ACI Computer Services 'ANB and APAIS' AUSINET TRAINING COURSES. ADELAIDE. 2 sessions morning and afternoon. NLA (For info sheet) 14/82 referred. Registrations: 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, BARR-SMITH LIBRARY. Peter Nissen to talk and demonstrate automated cataloguing in the Barr-Smith (Bblion). Contact: Sandy Gray (SAIT Levels) (08) 260 2055.

June 15 LAA Cataloguers Section SA Group MEETING 'Authority control in ABN' 7.30pm UNI OF ADELAIDE STAFF CLUB LOUNGE. Speaker: Carmel McInerney (NLA). Supper provided. All welcome. Contact: K. Baudinette (08) 275 2063 or S. Gray (08) 260 2055 ext 2119.

Working holidays in the South Pacific

UNSATISFIED DEMANDS EXIST in almost all libraries in the South Pacific Commission area for trained library staff and for staff training. Many libraries would welcome even short-term practical on-the-spot help, either to clear up a problem area or to participate in and develop projects. Any library-related skill — from basic clerical to high professional — could be useful.

Exchange schemes have worked well in some cases, but cannot apply to the majority of libraries. 'Working holidays' could be the answer to short-term problem shooting needs.

No formal schemes yet exist but one pattern could be that the visitor pays fares and

the host provides accommodation and/or subsistence allowance.

Anyone potentially interested should write to Ms Bess Flores, Vice Chairman, Standing Conference of Pacific Libraries, BPD 5, Noumea Cedet, New Caledonia, or Ms Esther Williams, University Librarian, Regional Bibliographic Centre, University of the South Pacific, Box 1168, Suva, Fiji.

Useful details would be curriculum vitae, including areas of greatest expertise, countries preferred, possible timing and possibilities (if any) of funding. In this way, a register of potential 'working holidayers' can be built up and/or individual enquirers can be put in direct touch with possible hosts.

Meet the author!

THE LITERATURE BOARD of the Australia Council is offering grants to School and Public Libraries, library users and members of the Community.

The grants are to assist in meeting authors' travelling expenses, any speakers' fees or promotion costs. Individual grants of up to \$400 are available to any School/Public library in Australia, and must be used in 1982. The Australian Library Promotion Council is administering the grants on behalf of the Literature Board.

Libraries preparing submissions should set out details of the proposed function including the following information:

- Where and when the function will be held.
- The proposed author.
- How the meeting will be promoted.
- A draft budget.

The criteria for a 'Meet the Author' pro-

gram are as follows:

- Australian authors must be involved.
- Libraries and/or organisations must show their own level of involvement.
- Funding is more likely to be granted to submissions which show travelling and accommodation where necessary, author's fees and strong community participation.
- Funding for the hire of halls, catering etc, will not be viewed favourably.

Applications:

Entry forms can be obtained from the Executive Director, Australian Library Promotion Council, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne 3000. Enclose a stamped addressed envelope. Entries to be in by 30 June, 1982.

Such a project could be the focus of activities for Children's Book Week (July), Australian Library Week (Sept 17-24), or Australian Book Week (October).

Now available!



LAA Handbook for 1982

The Association's official handbook contains the constitution, policy statements, lists of executive officers and information on courses in librarianship as well as a membership directory.

Available from Library Association of Australia, PO Box M371, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012.

**Cost: \$15 non-members
\$10 members**



National Library of Australia

Research and Development

The National Library of Australia has funds for the support of a small number of research and development projects in financial year 1982-83.

Proposals should be submitted on the Library's form of application by 31 July 1982. Guidelines for applicants and copies of the form of application are obtainable from:

Mr G Stipnieks
Secretary, Standing Committee on
Research and Development
National Library of Australia
CANBERRA ACT 2600
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