

AV RESEARCHER'S WORKSHOP AND GUIDE

MANY AUSTRALIAN audiovisual collections are at a stage where they are seen by users as more than collections of materials or 'aids' for teaching and learning at undergraduate level. Increased use of audiovisual materials for research purposes has led to the Committee on Audiovisual Services of the Library Association of Australia to the conclusion that there is a need for a published guide to Australian collections of audiovisual primary source material.

This could provide to postgraduate students, academics and others, appropriate information about the scope, accessibility, history, availability, preservation, documentation and organisation of collections of audiovisual primary source material. An Australian 'AV Researcher's Guide' could adopt a similar approach to that of the British Universities Film Council's *Research Guide to British Film and Television Collections*. The Committee is anxious to receive suggestions from librarians, academics and others interested in such a guide.

The Audiovisual Services Committee is now planning a two-day workshop on the use of audiovisual materials for research to be held in Sydney in June or July 1985. The aims of the workshop are to provide hands-on experience in using primary source material in audiovisual formats to locate information; to examine and discuss problems associated with the location and use of such material; and provide further input to the planning and preparation of the Guide. The workshop could be repeated in other major centres.

Write to: Audiovisual Services Committee,
Library Association of Australia,
376 Jones Street,
Ultimo, NSW 2007,
or phone the LAA on
(02) 692 9233

to obtain a copy of the preliminary proposals for the Guide and/or Workshop.

The co-ordinators for these projects (Marjorie Roe, University of Queensland, and Bert Cornelius, Macquarie University) would be grateful for your comments and suggestions.

To find out about advertising in InCite ring (02) 692 9233

OPEN LETTER TO PUBLIC LIBRARIANS

Dear Public Librarian,

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The Conference proper will cover services to young adults, the disabled and the elderly, and an examination of standards and their role in improving facilities and services. Parallel sessions on Literary, Information Technology and Special Collections Development promise extra vital information for public librarians.

Although the closing date for initial registration has passed, please assure your Councils or other funding bodies that the \$40 late fee (albeit equivalent to 5 processed paperbacks?) is well worth the payment. If you are paying your own way, then view the extra expense as a vital part in your continuing education!

We do hope to see you in August.

Regards,

Tonia Walker,

President,

Public Libraries Section,

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- Committee Members

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Nominations must reach the Executive Director, L.A.A., 376 Jones Street, Ultimo, N.S.W. 2007, by 5 p.m. on Friday, 7th September.