

News from the Divisions

PUBLIC LIBRARIES SECTION NSW GROUP

Titled 'Innovative Services in Public Libraries', the first seminar of the NSW Group of the Public Libraries Section was held at Bankstown City Library on March 25. The seminar demonstrated the initiative and enthusiasm with which public libraries are adapting new technologies and developing improved techniques for the delivery of services to the community — not just to traditional library users, but to groups physically unable to get to the library, and groups who may not have realised the potential of the public library for meeting many of their needs.

Speakers at the seminar included Rhonda Bignall (Campbelltown Unemployed Project), Marion Watt (Hurstville Housebound Service), Louise McMorland (Shorelink Project), Greg Churm (Bankstown A/V and Compact Disc Project), Gloria Kelley (Arabic Resources Co-operative Project) and Jane Gornall (Community Information Service at Bankstown Library).

Sixty people attended, including approximately 30 library students from Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education. It was an excellent opportunity for students to meet a wide range of public librarians, and gain insight into the challenges and rewards of providing services which respond to community needs.

NORTH QUEENSLAND REGIONAL GROUP

On Saturday 23 March the North Queensland Regional Group of the Library Association of Australia held a one-day seminar on government publications at Townsville. The speaker was Michael Harrington, Australian Government Printing Service. Michael Harrington's visit was organised in association with the Central Queensland Regional Group.

The two main themes were the publication cycle of government publications, and aspects of bibliographic control.

The seminar, which was very well received by the twenty-six persons attending, was the first of three planned by the North Queensland Regional Group for 1985. *Ron Store*

SCHOOLS SECTION (SA)

We are delighted with the warm response to *Check it out!*, the 4-part annotated bibliography supporting a literature-based approach to the teaching of reading, details of which were given in *InCite*, 22 March, 1985. Parts 1 and 2 for primary level sold out very rapidly and have been reprinted. Parts 3 and 4 for secondary level are now available and can be obtained from either LAA, 376 Jones St Ultimo, NSW 2007, or in S.A. from LAA, PO Box 47, Rundle Mall, Adelaide, SA 5000. Each part costs \$2 and cheques should be made payable to LAA Schools Section (SA Branch).

Check it out! is the result of the Section's major project in 1984. Projects for 1985: 'Fill the Gaps', a conference to be jointly organised by RCTA, SMMART, and LAA Schools' Section. It will be held at SAIT Adelaide and Aberfoyle Park High School on 16-17 August. The programme will cover many issues of concern to teacher-librarians, such as computing in schools, selection and evaluation of

software, fiction R-7 and adolescent, management of periodicals, information skills and much more. The key speaker on computers will be Professor Anderson of Flinders University.

The committee is also considering compiling a list of names and contact points of authors living in SA. This would be useful to teacher-librarians, English teachers and others who may wish to invite authors to speak to student groups.

A further suggestion is to promote a 'come and see what we do' scheme: teacher-librarians who wished to participate would invite other librarians to visit their schools for a day to enable them to see what goes on in a school library. This could encourage better understanding and co-operation among librarians doing different types of work.

The Section Committee is currently busy on a draft submission to the Corporate Plan and Review Committee. The Draft will be presented to groups of Teacher-Librarians for comment before taking its final form.

Beverley Stone

SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION ACT

Seminar on Repetitive Strain Injuries and Special Libraries.

The ACT Special Libraries Section held a seminar at CSIRO Division of Forest Research on 22 March 1985.

Speakers came from the National Occupational Health & Safety Commission, Public Service Board, National Library, CSIRO and there was a panel of librarians. Problems and possibilities of work deployment were discussed thoroughly.

Most speakers did not have papers, but the N.O.H.S.C. does have an R.S.I. kit on request. The contacts are Elaine Hazel and Fleur Joyce (062) 73 2285.

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