

# News from the Divisions

## UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE LIBRARIES SECTION NSW

The second meeting of the recently reformed NSW Branch of UCLS was held on 17/6/85. Neil Radford chaired the panel discussing the topic of job sharing: Chris Burton from Sydney CAE spoke on the pros and cons of job sharing based on her experiences at the Institute of Early Childhood Studies now a Campus of SCAE; Johanne McLachlan and Isabella Trahn from UNSW spoke on their experiences as a job share team; Industrial aspects were covered by John Rodwell representing the University Library Officers Association and the union viewpoint; while Louise Lansley, the LAA Industrial and Information Officer, gave background information on the advantages and disadvantages of job sharing. The session gave an overview on job sharing, still in its infancy in Australia, providing food for thought and a lively question time.

The next function will be a two-day Reader Education Workshop to be held on 26 and 27 July at Sydney College of the Arts. Emphasis is on the use of AV equipment especially film video and tape/slides. Examples will be shown and participants will have hands-on experience with using a video camera. Geoffrey Atherden will lead the workshop. Contact John Cummings (02) 692 0266. Cost \$20 LAA Members, \$25 Non Members, \$10 Student Members.

See Happenings for details of future meeting on 19/8/85 and 21/10/85 etc.

Carol Walker  
UCLS Committee

## CHILDREN'S LIBRARIES SECTION WA DIVISION

### Report on the Annual General Meeting and Hans Christian Andersen Dinner

A combined Annual General Meeting and celebration of the 180th anniversary of Hans Christian Andersen's birth was held on Tuesday, 2 April, 1985 at *Danica*, S.G.I.O. Atrium, Perth.

After the formalities, forty-eight members and guests of the Children's Libraries Section

enjoyed an authentic Danish buffet meal in the attractive setting of *Danica* with the Atrium fountains playing in the foreground. Our thanks to the owners and management for opening their coffee house in the evening for the first time ever, to accommodate us.

At very short notice, author Trevor Todd kindly accepted our invitation to speak in honour of Hans Christian Andersen. An entertaining and informative interlude with Trevor was capped off by his reading aloud 'as if being told', one of Andersen's unusual, futuristic and little-known fairytales, *The Millennium*.

Later in the evening, our President Christina Priest, introduced our after-dinner speaker — Sister Veronica Brady, Senior Lecturer in the University of Western Australia's Department of English, and Commissioner for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. Sister Brady's speech, which encompassed both the need for stories and dreams in our lives, and the way in which she hoped the ABC would contribute towards these, certainly provoke a great deal of interest and thought.

The evening, which was magnificently supported by members, ended successfully — quite late!

Janet Williamson

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES SECTION

The Public Libraries Section is working hard but quietly up in the back blocks of Queensland. The June issue of the newsletter is nearly ready to roll and we're having difficulties keeping up with the welcome letters that we send to all new members. Membership is quickly and strongly increasing. The Federal Funding campaign, which is now known as CAPL (Commonwealth Assistance for Public Libraries) is working well. At the last meeting of the National Co-ordinating Committee, it was decided that we would concentrate at this stage on seeking assistance to multicultural library services. But more about this in other sections of *InCite*, or from your State Co-ordinator. Members of the Co-ordinating Committee, Ron Davis, Carmen Hannaker and Tonia Walker have taken many opportunities to talk to Branches, Public Library Groups and Public Librarians about the Campaign.

Tonia has had the opportunity of visiting a number of Public Libraries in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria over the last 4 months and has always been impressed at the wonderful friendship and hospitality extended to her. It is always good to meet public librarians, look at their buildings, collections, procedures and it has certainly provided her with an expanded awareness of the needs, difficulties and mighty achievements that have been made. Although she has attracted two \$25 parking tickets in doing so. (Gosford Public Library and Albury/Wodonga Regional Library).

Submissions, meetings, and contacts have been made with a large number of people, organisations and politicians. Evidence was given before the Commonwealth Inquiry into Local Government Finance, and now we are meeting with the Commonwealth Office of Local Government and the Australian Council of Local Government Associations in Canberra.

It is interesting to note that not only is Public Libraries individual membership growing in the LAA, but so also is Public Library membership of AACOBs increasing.

There has also been very strong support and positive assistance from librarians in other fields in librarianship, especially from University, College, State, and National Librarians. Perhaps this co-operation throughout the whole profession could be partly due to the truly great efforts and achievements that Harrison Bryan has brought to all of us during his term of Director-General of NLA.

The Public Libraries Section wishes both Harrison and Florence a wonderful retirement.

## DISTANCE EDUCATION SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

The Distance Education Group has about 400 members all over Australia, with some in Papua-New Guinea and South-East Asia. Two issues of *News About Libraries and Distance Education* have been produced, and a third is under way. The fourth will report on two major conferences on distance education being held in Australia in August.

La Trobe University, Melbourne, will be the venue for the 13th World Conference on Distance Education, from 13 to 20 August. Following that, the specifically Australian experience will be considered more closely at a National Seminar, Library Services in Distance Education, from 20 to 22 August at the Adelaide University Staff Club. Some late enrolments can still be accepted. Contact John Gray, SACAE Library, Underdale, 5032. (Phone (08) 52 0011).

The Distance Education Special Interest Group will probably always have to exercise some ingenuity in getting a committee to meet in one place. Fortunately we are at present based in Victoria, where a four-hour drive will do the trick. Gary Gorman of Ballarat CAE Department of Librarianship, is Convenor. (Ballarat CAE, Vic, 3350, Phone (053) 30 1800). Anchor person is Margaret Cameron, Chief Librarian, Deakin University, Vic. 3217. (Phone (052) 9 9792). Editor of *News About Libraries and Distance Education* is Shirley Cohen, retired, of 66 Paterson Street, Numurkah, Vic. 3636. (Phone (058) 62 1783).

Shirley Cohen

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## LIBRARY TECHNICIANS SECTION NSW GROUP

The NSW Library Technicians Sectional Group held their AGM on Friday 21 June 1985 at Sydney Technical College Library. Here is a shortened form of the Hon. President's report:

1984 has been a very busy year for the Group, because so few are trying to do so much for so many. Our main thrust this year is to increase membership. If people have ideas, or gripes (and this perhaps would only be because they are misguided), or would like to be on our Committee, contact us so we can be better informed, and therefore perform a better task.

We had to let our newsletter go by the board over the past 12 months because we had no editor and funding was a problem. We have now overcome these problems, have a new editor who is very keen to get on with the job. Also a national newsletter is under consideration.

During 1984 two meetings were held at Sydney Technical College, one with full-time students (18/7/84) and one with part-time students (3/10/84). These are very worthwhile as they provide a platform for introducing the Technicians Section of the LAA to the students, and at the same time the students are able to hear from technicians working in a variety of libraries about the types of duties required of them. Similar meetings will be held again this year and we also hope to make contact with students in Newcastle, Wollongong and Mt Druitt.

We had two successful social gatherings in 1984, at Sutherland Shire Library, and in the Common Room of State Library of NSW, which was the Xmas party on 7/12/84. The former was at the invitation of Diana Oliver, Chief Librarian, Sutherland Shire Libraries. It was felt that an opportunity should be given to technicians working in public libraries in that area to meet informally with LAA representatives and discuss their needs. It was a very successful night and we thanked Diana for making us all so welcome.

We were invited to send a representative to the TAFE Advisory Committee on the Library Technicians Certificate Course. Lyness Clugston reported that the discussion was very stimulating and our input to the Committee was well received.

To advertise in InCite ring Jenny Menzies on (02) 692 9233.

Our Committee members contributed to the LAA's Working Party report on work level standards for Librarians and Library Technicians. That report has now been published under the title *Work Level Guidelines for Librarians and Library Technicians* and is available from LAA House. Committee members also contributed to the LAA's Statement on Volunteer Staff in Libraries. On 18/4/84 a meeting was held at LAA House to discuss criteria for training and continuing education of Clerical Assistants as support staff in NSW State School libraries; we were represented by Pat Ward and Anne Doherty.

In August 1984 a number of our Committee members were involved in the LAA/NZLA Conference in Brisbane. They provided considerable input to the organising of the Library Technicians activities and Anne Doherty and Martin Stott were panel members at the session 'Are Library Technicians taking over?'

In March this year the Third National Library Technicians Conference was held in Canberra. There was good representation from NSW and our Committee provided contributors to the panel discussion on industrial issues. The disappointing aspect for me was the lack of input by technicians. Only one of the 10 speakers was a technician. On the positive side it was exciting to be part of a gathering of over 200 technicians from all over Australia, and to meet informally and share with them their problems, as well as their hopes and aspirations for Library Technicians.

I would like to commend the past committee for the untiring effort they have put into this Group, and to personally thank this year's committee for their support. We would like to voice our thanks to the Branch Council for their interest and support of us also. We shall continue to strive to satisfy the aims of the Group on your behalf during 1985/86.

Marlene Knowles  
Hon. President

### LIBRARY TECHNICIANS SECTION — NSW GROUP OFFICE BEARERS 1985

President: Mrs Marlene Knowles, NSW Parliamentary Library, Sydney. 230 2133  
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Secretary: Ms Joan Walker, Retired. Sydney. 699 3226  
Treasurer: Mr Peter Wise, Land and Environment, Court Library, Sydney. 238 1111

## MEDICAL LIBRARIES SECTION NSW GROUP

The Medical Libraries Section (NSW Group) held a meeting on June 25 at which Vicki Williamson, the Senior Librarian at Armidale CAE reported on her LAA study grant tour to five North American Institutions. Vicki investigated the provision of library and learning resources to support basic learning programmes for nurses. United States institutions support nurse training by the provision of:

- a) traditional library resources,
- b) media/software resources, and
- c) laboratory training resources.

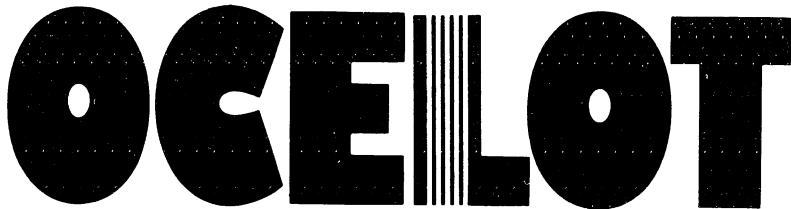
Vicki felt that the most efficient and cost-effective use of resources was achieved when these three strands were integrated as fully as possible rather than being spread between library, faculty and other parts of the institution.

She also noted some interesting trends which may be applicable here in New South Wales. These included the establishment of extremely detailed and formalised policies for collection management and service development, the move to employ 'Subject Bibliographers', whose work tasks cover the whole range of library experience and are based on subject specialization, the constant review and monitoring of collections with strong policies of 'deselection', the extensive use of computers for in-house management and information retrieval and the development of an 'on approval' plan for procurement from selected suppliers with medical expertise.

The final point raised by Vicki was the need to address the problem of how she would provide library service to nursing students whilst they are attending hospitals on work experience. This was perceived by the meeting as a matter of concern for all medical and CAE librarians in terms of funding to provide a basic set/multiple copies of basic nursing texts and in purely logistic terms of space and facilities available in hospital libraries. In discussion it was felt that no real planning has been made for these services which will increase as nurses, and later graduate nurses, seek the learning resources to complement their professional courses.

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UCLS

The 1985-86 UCLS Committee was organised with Victoria as the host state. It was decided not to merge the state and national committees.

Committee members are:

*John Horacek* (La Trobe Uni), President.

*Ray Choate* (La Trobe Uni), Secretary.

*Helen Hayes* (Melbourne CAE), Treasurer.

*Helen Sweeny* (Swinburne Inst of Tech).

*Bill Hitchins* (Ballarat CAE).

*Bev Kirby* (Dandenong College of Tafe).

Don Ruddick (the Hub Library Resource Centre) was seconded to the committee for 1985 in order to provide liaison for the joint VATCL and UCLS Conference.

AARL: John Horacek is Editor for 1985-86. The Editorial Board consists of:

*John Cummings* (Sydney College of the Arts).

*Derek Fielding* (Uni of Qld).

*Karl Schmude* (Uni of New England).

*Jeff Scrivener* (Uni of Tasmania).

A special effort will be made to attract articles from the TAFE sector, as well as from college and university libraries.

1985 VATCL and UCLS Conference 'TAFE Libraries and Education Change'

UCLS has joined forces with VATCL and is organising a conference to be held in Geelong, Victoria, from 4-6 September 1985 (see Happenings).

1986 UCLS Seminar

The Committee decided to hold a pre-conference session in conjunction with the 1986 LAA Conference in Darwin, probably on the topic of 'Academic Libraries and the Information Market Place' with emphasis being in the concept of the 'Scholarly Information Centre' and related issues, including competition with other non-library information providers, etc. The Committee is anxious to hear from any members of UCLS, or the Association, who would like to present a paper at this proposed seminar.

**Question:** What holds 13,646,087 monographs and 192,308 periodicals?  
**Answer:** Libraries of Sydney.

32nd MEETING OF  
AACOBS  
NATIONAL COUNCIL

The 32nd meeting of the AACOBS National Council will be held in Sydney on Friday, 30 August 1985. The venue will be the Academic Boardroom, the Tower Building, George Street, Broadway, New South Wales Institute of Technology. The morning session of the meeting will be spent on business items while the afternoon session will be devoted to discussion of AACOBS' policy on various issues affecting libraries at the present time. Items identified by Standing Committee for discussion are:

- National Plan for Libraries and Information Services (follow-up to ALIC 'Issues and Objectives' paper)
- respective roles of AACOBS/ALIC/LAA
- crisis in school libraries
- establishment of national priorities for research and development.

AACOBS members and others who may be interested are most welcome to attend the afternoon session, but because of limited space, could you please advise the AACOBS Secretariat by 21 August 1985.



One of the world's few surviving copies of a 17th century atlas — the first nautical atlas produced by an Englishman — has been acquired by the National Library of Australia.

The atlas is a huge two-volume work created by Sir Robert Dudley, illegitimate son of the Earl of Leicester. Originally published in 1646, it was reissued, slightly expanded, in 1661, 12 years after Dudley's death. The copy acquired by the Library is from the second edition and, for its age, is in superb condition.

After learning that a copy of the Dudley Atlas was for sale at Sotheby's in New York, the NLA arranged for it to be examined by an

Australian conservator working at the Guggenheim Museum and an American expert. The copy was purchased by private treaty at an undisclosed price.

The Library's Map Curator, Ms Glenys McIver, said: 'The atlas is a prime document for the study of the spread of knowledge of Australia and the Pacific Ocean to southern Europe. Previously, knowledge of the area was largely confined to the Dutch, but now their discoveries were made public and further exploration invited'.

The atlas is now available for researchers in the Library's map reading room.

The Joint Steering Committee for the Revision of AACR has decided to publish a consolidation of AACR2 before the end of this decade. The consolidation will include corrections of the typographical errors which now exist and the revisions passed before the publication date.

JSC would like to receive feedback on the format in which the consolidation should be published. If you have an opinion, please send the following questionnaire or a photocopy of it to Jan Fullerton, Principal Librarian (Cataloguing), National Library of Australia, Canberra, ACT 2600, who will then arrange for the responses to be sent to JSC.

One suggestion is the loose leaf format which would allow the replacement of individual pages when rules are revised.

Do you favour a loose leaf format? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

What size?

same as present edition of AACR2 \_\_\_\_\_

8 x 11 inch 3-ring binder size \_\_\_\_\_

other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a plasticized reinforcement of the left-hand margin of the page which will strengthen the ring holes?

This will raise costs. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want a binder included? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you favour another format? Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

Other comments \_\_\_\_\_