

# ..... News from the Divisions .....

## INFORMATION SCIENCE SECTION WA GROUP

### January – June 1985 Report

WA Information Strategy was the title of the first ISS meeting for 1985. The speaker, Annemie Gilbert from the WA Government Technology Directorate, described the directions being proposed to the WA Government by the Technology Director for maximising the states information resources. Libraries, particularly the public library system, figure prominently in the proposals to both disseminate government information and be a first point of contact for those wanting access to government information.

Sara Dunn, marketing manager of Pergamon Infoline, was the speaker at the April meeting. As part of an Australia-wide promotion of Pergamon Infoline Sara spoke to a large and interested audience on the virtues of Infoline over all the other online systems.

ALIEN — you've read the book, seen the movie, now use the online system. ALIEN is Murdoch University's online catalogue and enquiry system, and was the topic of our May meeting. ISS members heard of the history and development of ALIEN, the student reaction when the system was installed, and hands-on experience at the terminal.

The June meeting was a guided tour of the new Alexander Library Building. The staff facilities in the building so impressed the group that two members were left out on the outside balcony gazing over the city. The evening was rounded off by a demonstration of LIBERTAS, the State Library Service of WA's online system.

Ian Stone  
ISS (WA) President

## VICTORIAN BRANCH

### Continuing Education

Marianne Broadbent, a member of the Board of Education, attended the April meeting of the Branch Council and gave a brief outline of the present system of continuing education programs being funded nationally by the LAA.

Three Branch Councillors, Ross Gibbs, Bev Kirby and Mary Arnold considered suggestions from groups and sections for continuing education programs and presented a list for consideration at the June meeting. Topics endorsed by the Branch were: Acquisitions; Personnel development; Help in resource sharing; Lobbying; Collection development and management; Library security systems.

### Professional Membership Policy

The Branch Council decided it was not in favour of the proposals put forward in the Review of Association Policy of Professional Membership. The timing of the proposal was felt to be inappropriate given the LAA Corporate Plan and Review presently under way. The Branch also expressed its concern at the apparent contradiction between the proposal put forward by the Board of Education compared to the regulations regarding associate-ship of the Association.

### LAA Corporate Plan and Review

Angela Bridgland, Bill Linklater and Ross Gibbs had presented the Branch submission to the LAA Corporate Plan and Review Committee on 10 April. A paper based on the submission was available to all members of the Victorian Branch who are encouraged to attend and present their views at the meeting to be held at the Melbourne College of Advanced

Education at 6.30 p.m. on 31 July. Non members will be invited to attend and give their reasons for not joining the LAA.

### Library Council of Victoria — Corporate Plan

Three staff members of the LCV attended the June meeting of Branch Council to describe progress to date and to ask whether LAA members, through the Branch, would like to have any input at this stage of the review. It was decided that once a draft report was available further discussions would take place.

### Branch Watch

'Branch Watch' is a diary up-date service provided by Branch Council to publicise Branch and Sectional Functions. Victorian members are asked to forward details of LAA activities to Bev Kirby (03) 797 5533.

## NSW BRANCH

On Friday 13 September (what a good night for a party!) the NSW Branch is organising a dinner at the Waterfront Restaurant, 27 Circular Quay West, The Rocks. This will be an opportunity in a non-conference year to meet with colleagues in an informal atmosphere.

The cost will be \$25 per head for a three course meal including:

- Cold seafood platter
- Fresh fish of the day
- French fried potatoes
- Salad
- or
- Grilled sirloin steak (on request)
- Choice of desserts
- Coffee and mints
- Some dinner wine

AND a wonderful view of Sydney Harbour!

Please come and help make this a successful night — bring a friend or two. Contact Sue Halbwirth (02) 88 9750 (w), (02) 713 9581 (h); or Louise Head (02) 633 5588 (w), for information and bookings.

## SCHOOL LIBRARIES SECTION (S.A.)

A very well attended meeting entitled The Best of Both Worlds, jointly sponsored by SMMART, LAA and RCTA, brought together Public Librarians and Teacher-Librarians at the PLD Norwood on July 11 for a panel discussion on co-operation between the two types of library.

Sue Robinson, representing the Childrens Libraries Section, introduced the members of the panel, giving interesting background information about each of them.

Blair McDonagh from Tea Tree Gully Public Library and Bernice Bird from St Peter's Public Library outlined the ways in which they work with teacher-librarians within their respective areas, mostly by way of responding to requests from schools for support materials.

Lyn Ninnies from Burnside Public Library concentrated on her work with the under 5 age group. She described the materials which the Burnside Mobile Unit takes to kindergartens in that area. Lyn had with her Robyn Joseph, Director of the McKellar Kindergarten, who co-operates with her in this scheme. They spoke of the advantage of being able to contact young mothers at the kindergartens and encourage them to read to children at an early age.

Barbara Newland from Stirling Public Library and Julie Fenwick, Teacher-Librarian at Stirling East Primary School, work together on

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an interesting summer reading programme. Books on a 'most popular' list drawn up in WA from children's votes, are presented to children in Stirling and their votes compared with those from WA.

It was very obvious that Public Librarians are happy to take their services outside the walls of their own libraries and that kindergartens and schools are equally happy to welcome them into their territory.

After questions, Sue Robinson took those interested on a tour of the PLD. The evening concluded with supper.

Beverley Stone

## SCHOOL LIBRARIES SECTION NSW GROUP

### Launch of two new publications

Willoughby Girls' High School Library was the venue for the launching on July 11 of two new publications of the School Libraries Section (NSW Group) — *School Libraries in New South Wales — A Policy Statement* and *Teachers' Information Needs and the School Library*.

Ian McCallum, Vice-President of the LAA, officially launched *School Libraries in New South Wales — A Policy Statement* and commented on how important school libraries are in the library world, given the vast clientele (students, staff and community) they serve. The formulation of a *Policy Statement* for such a large and important group is essential.

The policy statement addresses nine areas requiring urgent consideration by NSW education authorities. The recommendations formulated have taken into consideration the need for school libraries and resource networks to respond to rapid changes in education and technology.

*Teacher's Information Needs and the School Library* was officially launched by Margaret Trask, Head of the School of Library and Information Studies, Kuring-gai CAE. Margaret referred to the crying need for research in the area of School Librarianship. The research study described in this book was undertaken by Madeleine L. Juchau as the major requirement for the degree of Master of Librarianship (by research) at the University of New South Wales. Margaret stressed that the research indicated that a significant number of teachers didn't perceive that they had any information needs, which reflects badly on the preservice training of teachers.

This is a very probing study, and it is hoped that the needs it has been able to identify and

discuss, may help both educators and teacher-librarians in making decisions about the kinds of services to offer teachers and how to heighten teacher awareness and use of existing and prospective services.

The launching attracted many guests from the fields of education and librarianship. Those present included Faye Lawrence (President, NSW Branch), Jan Cree (NSW Branch Councillor), Ena Noël (President IBBY), Liz Maher (President, NSW Children's Section), Trevor Harrison (Director of Services, NSW Department of Education) and Colin Macdonald (Assistant Director of Services and Chairman of ASCIS). The successful evening was a tribute to the endeavours of the committee of the School Libraries Section (NSW Group) who have for a number of years been involved in publishing material designed to further the professional development of teacher-librarians.

Both publications are available from LAA House, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo. *School Libraries in New South Wales — A Policy Statement*: \$2 LAA members, \$3 non-members, 80c postage. *Teachers' Information Needs and the School Library*: \$8 LAA members, \$14 non-members, \$1.40 postage.

## SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION WA GROUP

Some of our meeting plans for 1985 have been somewhat thwarted of late — we've had to postpone two meetings proposed for later in the year. Nevertheless we've not been idle and continue to have enthusiastic and varied attendances at all meetings held so far.

1985 commenced with a business meeting on February 5 when we met at the Confederation of WA Industry to discuss the LAA paper on Work Level Standards.

Our Ice Breaker meeting was on March 18 when we met at WAIT, participated in a well attended videotex demonstration and joined for light tea afterwards. Our efforts to convince our speaker that he should confirm the order we had placed via Viatel for a variety of WA wines, and pay for them on his Bankcard account unfortunately went unheeded!

On April 30 we joined with UCLS WA and journeyed to the Alternative and Contemporary Collections held at Murdoch University library. Here librarian Grant Stone guided those who attended through this unique resource.

May 15 was our Corporate Plan meeting. Our Committee had already met and prepared a draft submission on this topic. The results of our general meeting were incorporated into our final submission. Ros Membrey, Jane Klobas and Lorraine Eilbeck spoke to this submission on June 16 to the Corporate Plan Committee who were in Perth.

I was inundated with requests to attend our long lunchtime tour of the Medical Records Section of the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital on June 19. This visit resulted from Graeme Dudley's talk to us last year on 'The Shape of Future Information Provision: Records Management'. The tour was most informative — not only libraries have a space problem — and the ways the Section seeks to solve filing and management decisions were innovative, and seemed not always logical. But they work. We were also shown the hospital's computer assisted medical report dictation station.

Our next meeting is on August 20 and a notice appears in the Happenings section of this *Incite*.

Jane Klobas resigned as our President in May, having commenced a new position at Murdoch University library. We thank Jane most sincerely for the time and effort she has given to Specials WA over the years she has been a committee member. Our loss is UCLS WA's gain.

Ros Membrey is our new President for the remainder of the year. We can expect a busy time under the leadership of this professional and energetic librarian.

Kerry Smith  
Publicity Officer

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES SECTION NSW GROUP

The demand for genealogical resources has grown apace over the last few years and has been both prompted and partially satisfied by the appearance of (a) a growing body of monograph literature (b) the pre-1900 Births Deaths and Marriages Index (NSW), and (c) the Genealogy Kit Stage I.

Many public libraries have expressed a justifiable concern at the demands being placed on limited resources, personnel and expertise. In response to this concern the Reference and Readers' Advisor Group of the Public Libraries Section (NSW) organised an all-day Genealogy Workshop at the NSW State Archives on 29 June, 1985.

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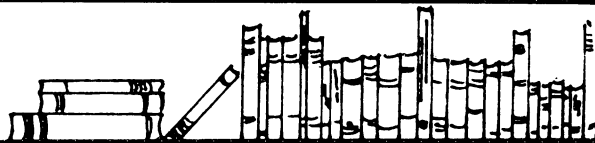
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NSW GROUP**  
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Demand for places greatly exceeded supply, but the 60 participants enjoyed a very informative and inspiring day, which included a tour of Richmond Villa, headquarters of the Society of Australian Genealogists. The programme included talks on new resources, the vast information store being compiled by the Genealogical Society of Utah (which is accessible to members of the public), the use of computers as an aid to family history research, the potential mutual benefit to public libraries and Family History Societies in co-operation, an overview of Stages I and II of the Genealogy Kit, and the hands-on experiences of Bathurst City and Sutherland Shire Libraries in utilising Stage I of the Kit.

On July 9 the PLS (NSW) held a well-attended meeting on the theme of Industrial Issues in Public Libraries. Speakers: Col Hodges (Secretary, Local Government Officers' Branch, Municipal Employees' Union) examined the structure and decision making processes of the MEU, and the degree to which public libraries are represented. Louise Lansley (LAA Industrial Information and Research Officer) explained the practical barrier to the LAA's becoming a union; and the necessarily limited scope of her activities in the industrial arena. A representative of the Association of Local Government Librarians, the library representative on the Committee of Management LGO Branch (MEU), and representatives of two institutions of tertiary education, discussed specific issues and fielded question from the floor.

The PLS Committee regrets to report the loss of Vicki Esmonde Morgan to her new position as Regional Librarian, Northern Region, Launceston, Tasmania, and wishes her the very best for the future.

We need the support of PLS members! Start thinking now about being on next year's Committee (or on this year's for that matter!) Fresh ideas and suggestions are always welcome — by being on the Committee you can make a direct contribution to the success of *your* Section. For further information contact Margaret Whittaker on (02) 709 4255, ext. 294.

**ACT BRANCH**

On Thursday 23 May the LAA ACT Branch held what was to be the first of many farewells to Harrison Bryan. It was a formal silver service dinner for about 50 people in the private dining room at Parliament House. The evening was most enjoyable and a small presentation was made to mark Mr Bryan's retirement as Director General of the National Library.



From left to right: Sir Harold White, Florence Bryan, Pauline Haldane, Harrison Bryan and Lady White.

**IFLA Section on Cataloguing**

Comments are invited by the ISBD (A) Working Group on this standard, as part of the five-yearly review process for ISBDs.

If you are interested in commenting on the existing standard, or in seeing the Group's notes 'Preliminary areas for consideration in review of ISBD (A)', please contact me or your CIC state representative.

Please note the following advice provided by the Working Group:

It must be stressed that, even though it has been brought to fruition because of a perceived need to treat older books in a special way even in general catalogues and other listings, ISBD (A) cannot move fundamentally far from the general guidelines for ISBDs, e.g. it cannot consider the abandonment of prescribed punctuation, the placing of statements of responsibility at the head of the title page, at the start of the description.

The Working Group hopes to have a revised draft for comment by early 1986. Therefore, initial comment should be received by late August-early September of this year.

*Peter Haddad* Convenor  
Committee on International Cataloguing (CIC)

**Inserts InCite no 13**

**All copies of InCite should contain three inserts from the LAA — the Corporate Plan and Review Questionnaire, a Study Grant Award notice as well as an insert from the Darwin Conference Committee.**

**All copies should also contain an insert about the National AUUG Conference and the VALA Conference.**

**As well, NSW copies will contain the School Libraries Newsletter, Victoria the Branch President's Report and Tasmania will contain an insert from Glenn Sanders Information Services.**



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