

..... News from the Divisions

SCHOOL LIBRARIES SECTION NSW GROUP

PLC Sydney (Croydon) was the venue for the section's September seminar 'Literature Update for Youth' to coincide with the International Year of Youth. The response from teacher/librarians and teachers from both primary and secondary schools from all over the state confirmed the need for such updates on a regular basis. Marjorie Lobban and Robyn Morrow gave participants the latest views on new fiction titles, the role of the picture book in secondary schools and the changing needs of adolescents in today's world. Zoe Withers and Barbara Poston-Anderson followed up with the practical issues of storytelling and readers' theatre as a means of introducing fiction in another form in the school library. Three booksellers manned stalls in the Booklook providing an opportunity to buy on the spot!

School libraries can offer excellent recreational reading guidance with literature updates for the staff.

Barbara Yates

TAFE SECTION

A Section Newsletter has been proposed which would be published approximately twice a year. The Committee is interested in hearing from members who are interested in reading/contributing to it. Owing to time constraints, the Committee has finalised the Programme for 1986, but comments are welcome. Please contact the Secretary, Cathy Hall on (02) 217 3635 by the end of January 1986 if you are interested in the Newsletter. Copies of the Section's Aims and Objectives and the 1986 Programme are also available for comment.

On 26 August 1985 Senator Susan Ryan, Federal Minister for Education announced the establishment of a committee to review existing arrangements for Commonwealth financial assistance to TAFE (the Hudson Committee). The TAFE Section has made a submission to this Committee and copies are available from the Secretary.

Catherine Hall
Hon. Secretary

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EQUL (Employment in Queensland Libraries)

The Queensland Branch of the LAA has established EQUL (Employment in Queensland Libraries), an employment service for librarians and library technicians in Queensland. EQUL is located at the Kedron Park Resource Centre at Brisbane College of Advanced Education and may be contacted by writing to PO Box 117, Kedron, Qld. 4031 or by leaving a message on the answering service (07) 357 5877.

INFORMATION SCIENCE SECTION

Notice of Annual General Meeting and Address by Richard Bass

The Annual General Meeting of the Information Science Section will be held in the Conference Room, Level 12, Fisher Library University of Sydney, on Friday 22 November 1985 at 5pm.

New Technologies for libraries

Following the AGM at 5.30pm the Section will be addressed by Richard Boss, Senior Consultant, Information Consultants Inc., of Washington DC. Richard Boss was University Librarian at Princeton before becoming a consultant. His recent publications include *Document Delivery in the United States* (1983), *Interfacing Automated Library Systems* (Library Reports, vol 20 no 5 Sept./Oct 1984), *The Library Manager's Guide to Automation* (1984), *Library Telecommunication Strategies for Cost-effective Management* (1985), *Video Disc and Optical Disc Technologies and their Applications to Libraries* (1985).

For more information contact Gay McDermott (02) 339 3173.

Reminder to Advertisers —

Have you confirmed your booking for 1986?
Ring Brenda Pittard on (02) 692 9233.

Fundraising for Women's Art Register

An appeal to raise money to ensure permanent funding for the Women's Art Register was started in Melbourne recently.

A comprehensive national record of the works of Australian women artists from 185 to the present day, the Register has been in existence for 10 years. Despite very little publicity, the Register is regarded by artists and educationalists as being of national significance and an important record of our artistic heritage.

Having received generous funding at its establishment, the Register has since then had to rely largely on small amounts of year-to-year funding from Federal and State government bodies and other sources, the voluntary labour of artist/co-ordinator Erica McGilchrist and the goodwill of a small municipal public library.

The Australia Council (until now a regular funder) recently announced that its own budgetary problems prevent it from contributing any more monies for Register salaries. The Register has responded by starting a search for permanent and ongoing funding from other sources. They are seeking:

- Donations from interested individuals and corporations. (Donations are tax deductible.)
- Sponsorship by business organisations which would benefit by having their name attached to the Register and thereby gain national exposure as being supportive of the preservation of a significant part of our artistic history.

The amount needed is \$35,000 per year. The Register aims to raise that amount as well as the amount of \$500,000 over a 10-year period so that a Trust can be established to provide the necessary income.

More information from Erica McGilchrist c/- Carringbush Library, 415 Church St, Richmond 3121 (03) 429 3644.

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LIBRARY TECHNICIANS NSW

NSW library technicians are happy to announce that the call for nominations for 12 committee members resulted in 12 nominations! There is therefore no need for a ballot. Nominations received were:

Bailey, Jean	Knowles, Marlene
Davison, Lynette	Lormer, Philip
Doherty, Anne	Scherer, Jackie
Goldsmith, Ian	Walker, Joan
Gosford, Nina	Wise, Peter
Harris, Jan	Zantiotis, Lexie

We are also pleased to note there is a mix of people from Public Libraries, TAFE, Specials, as well as State Library. From these 12 will be elected the honorary positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer.

Our fellow Library Officers in Public Libraries have had their Award re-worded somewhat ambiguously, without consultation, and we are seeking clarification of this in the proper quarters.

Finally, all para-professional library workers are invited to our Xmas party on Friday, 6 December, State Library Roof-top Common Room, 6 p.m.

J. Walker
Honorary Secretary

VICTORIAN BRANCH NEWS

ONLY 52%

To draw attention to the deplorable situation in Victorian Primary School Libraries — only 52% have a trained teacher Librarian, a lobbying kit has been jointly prepared by L.A.A., Victorian Schools Section and the School Library Association of Victoria. The kit comprises a poster, brochure and supporting documentation and is aimed at increasing community awareness, particularly parent awareness, of the value to children's education of school libraries appropriately staffed.

AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY JOURNAL

Interesting articles on all aspects of librarianship are always sought for consideration for publication in the *Australian Library Journal*.

Articles, which should be typed with double spacing, should be sent to John Levett, Editor, The Australian Library Journal, LAA, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007.

IMCA

IMCA (Information Management Consulting Association) a SIG of the LAA has released details of its one-day seminar to be held at the Conference Centre, Melbourne Zoological Gardens on Friday 28 February, 1986.

Entitled 'Information Consulting in Australia — a practical approach', the seminar aims to provide both practical and academic perspectives of establishing and running an information consultancy, from a one-person operation to a large agency.

The programme is as outlined:

- Identifying a market and promoting an information consultancy.
- Changing your target market
- The financial and legal aspects of running an information agency
- Practical tendering, costing and personnel considerations
- Profiles of information consultants.
- Cost: \$75.00 (\$70.00 to LAA members)

For information and registration forms please write to IMCA, PO Box 2128T, Melbourne, 3001 or contact Helen Campbell (03) 211 1671 or Meg Paul (03) 813 1925.

TRANSPORT GOES ONLINE

The Australian Railway and Research Development Organisation has joined ABN giving research staff within the Organisation and in State transport authorities and similar national bodies access to one of the country's largest catalogues of library material.

The Australian Railway Research and Development Organisation is one of 12 libraries to join the Network recently and will be one of a number of other specialist libraries that make up 45 per cent of the ABN membership providing cataloguing information to the Network. The Organisation's contribution will include more than 2000 items on transportation research, particularly in railway operations and marketing, and, to a lesser extent, road research.

The ABN database will also give the Organisation access to almost four million citations for books, journals, films, maps and other types of library material held in Australian libraries, and to the locations of three million entries of research material.

INFORMATION ONLINE '86 — 7 WEEKS AWAY

It's only seven weeks until the first Australian Online Information Conference and Exhibition 20-22 January 1986 at the Hilton International Sydney.

More than 300 registrations and thousands of exhibition passes distributed to professional associations, business, the media and the Information Profession, indicates a great success for Information Online 86.

Over 50 database producers, Information brokers and other online related suppliers will display their wares at the exhibition, provide online demonstrations and answer questions.

The exhibition will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the conference. Exhibitors include ACI Computer Services, the major sponsors, Dialog, SDC/ORBIT, BRS, Datastar, CLIRS, Pergamon Infoline, Chemical Abstracts Services, Lexis/Mead Data Central, IP Sharp, Information Express, ACCESS and Finsbury Data.

The conference programme will offer a comprehensive exploration of the international state-of-the-art, plus forecasts of the future in the Online World. Sub themes include legal, medical and business database full text searching, and user services, videotext, product reviews and much more.

See and compare Australian, US, UK and European database products, many not seen previously in Australia. Hear and meet experts in online information — Dr Roger Summit from DIALOG, Anthony Sharp — Mead Data Central, Leigh Baker — ACI Computer Services and Sarah Dunn — Pergamon Infoline.

Registration forms and exhibition passes are available from:

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