

..... News from the Divisions

CATALOGUERS' SECTION QLD. BRANCH

Our first General Meeting for 1986 was held on 22 April at the Resource Centre of the Brisbane College of Advanced Education.

A half-hour talk by Glenda Drezek, the Cataloguing Librarian at BCAE, on the Implementation of URICA cataloguing at BCAE, was followed by an hour of hands-on experience at the terminals.

Glenda emphasised two aspects of the transfer of the Cataloguing Unit's operations from its in-house automated catalogue production system, Metcat, to the URICA integrated on-line library system, called ORCA at BCAE. The first aspect dealt with was the loading and processing of local holdings data so that each borrowable item (excluding periodicals) was assigned a circulation ID number; the second was the transfer to URICA authority files of references to authorized headings stored as data fields within bibliographical records in the METCAT system.

Staff from BCAE Cataloguing Unit demonstrated the system to the visitors, who almost overwhelmed us with their numbers and enthusiasm. Many thanks to Glenda and the cataloguing staff for their time and effort.

Lyn McMillan

SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION (WA)

The May meeting of the section attracted a standing room only attendance at the conference room of Australian Mineral Ventures to hear Kerry Smith expound the virtues and otherwise of INMAGIC. Kerry set out the process by which she went about selecting the system and then detailed her progress in adopting it in the framework of AMV.

The presence of two representatives of INMAGIC in the audience made the question-and-answer session that followed lively and interesting and thanks are due to all three for an interesting evening. Since many potential participants could not be accommodated it is

hoped to stage a repeat session later in the year.

The next meeting will be held on July 9 at the ALB when Ken McPherson of the *Western Mail* will talk on information services for the newspaper. Further details later.

NSW LIBRARY TECHNICIANS SECTIONAL GROUP

NSW Library Technicians held their Annual General Meeting on Friday, 30 May in a Conference Room of the Library of the Sydney Technical College. About 30 people assembled to hear the Hon President's report followed by address by guest speaker Dr Neil Radford. Refreshments were served.

Hon President Mrs Marlene Knowles first welcomed visitors — State Librarian Russell Doust, Deputy State Librarian Alison Crook, Head of the Division of Library Practice, Sydney Technical College, Kay Barrett and staff; also from the Library Association of Australia, General Secretary Jan Cree, and the Industrial Information and Research Officer, Louise Lansley. Then the five executive members of the NSW Library Technicians sectional group were introduced. Mrs Knowles then reviewed the work of the committee over the past 12 months.

We submitted recommendations re the Corporate Plan: held three promotional meetings with students at TAFE colleges (and one of us is on the promotional video); membership increased: produced one issue of Lib Tec: three NSW members are now on the national library technicians executive: Mrs Knowles was our representative at the TAFE National Core Curriculum Project Task Force: attended a meeting of the UCLS Section where the new programme for the Library Technicians Course was discussed: and finally thanked Branch Council for their support, also members of this year's committee.

Mrs Knowles then introduced Dr Neil Radford, Librarian of University of Sydney (who hardly needs any introduction). He first outlined his qualifications for addressing library technicians — that he had been on the LAA Board of Education when a course for library

technicians was first mooted and supported their establishment in the library workforce. He gave a history in a nutshell (as far as I knew it) of the employment of technicians in university libraries, and described instances of places where technicians were employed. However, because of academic requirements — for instance a language qualification — seemed not feasible to employ many technicians in university libraries — yes, there were opportunities but somewhat limited. He spoke for 30 minutes and willingly answered questions. The vote of thanks was moved by Hon Vice-President Mrs Lexie Zantiotis. The speaker was then invited to dinner at nearby restaurant.

GIPPSLAND REGIONAL GROUP

Michael Manning, lecturer at the Graduate School of Librarianship, Monash University spoke at the May meeting on Automation at School Libraries.

Approximately thirty people attended the meeting which was held at Morwell High School library.

Michael spoke about the report which I had completed for the ASCIS concerning school library automation and, in relation to this report, discussed the considerations which must be taken into account when choosing an automated system, including the necessity for detailed system specification and to undertake a cost/benefit analysis.

The many questions which followed Michael's talk indicated the high level of interest in and appreciation of his practical approach to this issue.

Kay Stead
Honorary Secretary

Noma Concours

To commemorate receiving the 1974 International Book Award, the late Mr Shoichi Noma (former Vice President of the ACC Asian Cultural Centre for UNESCO and Honorary Chairman of the Board of Kodansha Publishers) donated a fund to ACCU in 1976 to foster and promote picture books for children in developing countries. The Noma Concours was organised to make use of this donation and has operated biennially since 1978.

Noma Concours is open to illustrators who are nationals of UNESCO member states in Asia and the Pacific, Arab States, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. Australians and New Zealanders whose illustrations have already been published in book form, either inside or outside Australia or New Zealand are not eligible.

Each entry should consist of six or more original illustrations and a synopsis of the storyline not more than 300 words in length. The Grand Prix is US\$2000 and cash prizes will be awarded to two second place winners, runners up and winners of merit. Two Australian illustrators, Betty Greenhatch and Robert Roenfeldt, were two of ten runners up in 1984.

The deadline for entries is 30 September 1986. Entries should be sent to: Asian Cultural Centre for UNESCO, 6 Fukuomachi, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 162 Japan. For further information contact UNESCO, Canberra, PO Box 826, Woden, ACT 2606, (062) 83 7641.

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