YEAR OF PEACE NEWS

Only a few grants left

All available International Year of Peace Resource Centre grants to public libraries have now been distributed in all states and territories except Queensland. Grants are still available there for metropolitan and country areas, and interested libraries should contact Sue Phillips at the LAA Office on (008) 22 1481 (toll free no.).

Lists of resources

The International Year of Peace secretariat has prepared two lists of resources, one to an approximate value of $500, the other offering a more extensive selection for those libraries which already have a basic collection. The lists include titles on disarmament, nuclear issues, conflict resolution, human rights and peace studies, and cover print and non-print materials such as videos, games, slide shows, posters and calendars.

The resources lists have been forwarded to all grant applicants, and are available to other interested libraries or groups on request.

Million Minutes of Peace

This is a community-wide event which will be international in scope. Its purpose is to encourage people to spend a few minutes of their time each day, for the month from 16 September to 16 October 1986, in the development of more peaceful relationships in their own lives and in the community.

It is non-political, non-sectarian, and is not asking people for money. The goal is to collect a million minutes of peace for each country and sponsorship will be received in the form of services, facilities, advertising time and game, personal time and talent.

It will be launched on 16 September with a nation-wide one minute's 'pause for peace' at 12 noon in each capital city.

For further information contact the Million Minutes of Peace Committee, 606 Crown Street, Surry Hills NSW 2010 (02) 699 9088, the LAA Office, or the International Year of Peace Office in your state.

Share your IYP ideas

Activities to be held in public libraries during IYP include exhibitions and displays, workshops, book readings and storytelling, musical and dramatic events, and activities with local peace and community groups and schools. Tell us about any special events your library has held or is planning so that we can mention them in *InCite*.

Sue Phillips
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SAIL project tacks onto last lap

Many librarians must have breathed a well earned sigh of relief as they posted off thei contribution to the SAIL project. Those whe have followed *InCite*'s new soap opera wil have seen project staff staggering under the physical weight of their mail. Nearly all the data has now been received, and beer keyboarded.

Work is now proceeding with the verifica tion of the data. The standard of coding wa extremely high — the project has clearly beer taken very seriously indeed, and this wil make the process of analysis both easier and reliable. It is certainly a tribute to profes sional standards. The process of verification involves converting all those K numbers inte valid SAIL code numbers.

The next, and almost more important, stage is the survey of ILL policies and practices. By the time you read this, 590 questionnaires wil have been circulated (Australia Post willing) to all libraries who were 'incited' to participat in the project. This data really is essential to try to explain the patterns of ILL traffi which will emerge from the first part of the study. Although it is expected that many o these patterns will be fairly clear, the nex step will obviously be to try to find explana tions of why they occur. Obviously, a majo group of such explanations will lie in the wa librarians operate the ILL system. The projec team, therefore, appeals to all recipients o the questionnaire to return it quickly so tha this stage of the project can be completed a soon as possible.

It is hoped that a full report will be pub lished early 1987, although an undertakin has been given to the project joint steerin committee that the team will make ever effort to produce preliminary findings befor the end of 1986. Meanwhile, the team contin ues to thank all those librarians across th country who have given up their valuabl time to assist the project in a variety of ways.

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The WINE database was launched as a data base on AUSTRALIS at the Sixth Australia WINE Industry Technical Conference, 14-1 July 1986.

The WINE database, produced by the Aus tralian Wine Research Institute, consists c material relating to wine making and viticu ture from Australia, New Zealand, Unite States and Europe. Approximately 1150 bil liographic records were available on the file fc the launch of WINE.

There was considerable interest in AUS TRALIS and the WINE database throughou the Conference. Over 30 AUSTRALIS registra tion forms were requested, together with large quantity of more general literature cov ering other databases on AUSTRALIS. Con ment was extremely favourable, as the win industry is very aware of technological chang and the need to keep in touch with new deve opments. The need for successful mechanism to access information is accentuated by th widespread and often remote location of bus ness involved in the industry — includin overseas locations (enquiries were receive from NZ, USA, Portugal . . .)

The launch was a successful marketing exe cise, not only for the WINE database, but a promotion of CSIRO AUSTRALIS, and the ir volvement CSIRO has in making scientific an technical information accessible to the publi in Australia.

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