

CAPL PROGRESS REPORT

A great deal of activity has been taking place in recent months with regard to the Commonwealth Assistance for Public Libraries Campaign.

State Campaign Co-ordinators have held successful public meetings to launch the submission on *Commonwealth Assistance for Multicultural Public Library Services* in Queensland, Western Australia and NSW and meetings have been arranged in the ACT, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania for September and October.

In those states where meetings have been held they have been well attended by librarians, politicians, councillors and members of the ethnic community groups and follow up activities are planned.

The National Co-ordinating Committee has written to all Federal Members of Parliament, relevant State Ministers, Local Government Associations and ethnic community groups, seeking their support for the submission. Positive expressions of support have been received from: Senators Chipp, Teague, Puplick, Robertson, Giles and Peter Baume and MHR's Hodgman, Jull, Wright, McVeigh, Keogh, Punch and MacPhee. The Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs recognised the need to finalise the Government's response to the *Report on a National Language Policy* as quickly as possible in his reply to the Committee and the Minister for Education replied that she has accorded a high priority to the national language policy issue. The Shadow Minister for Education expressed gratitude for the submission and will be pleased to receive any further information which the committee might care to provide.

The LAA/AACOBS submission has also been supported by the Tasmanian Minister for Ethnic Affairs and will be used in relation to submissions to the Jupp Committee by the Victorian Ethnic Affairs Commission and the Western Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission.

Additionally, the submission has been endorsed by the Australian Council of Local Government Associations of Queensland and has received support from the Local Government Association of South Australia. It has also been endorsed by AACOBS and the Library Board of Western Australia and has been supported by the Metropolitan Chief Librarians' Committee (NSW) and the Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs.

The National Co-ordinating Committee has been appointed to discuss its submission with Mr Joe Lo Bianco who has been appointed as a consultant to the Federal Department of Education to prepare a response to the *Report on a National Language Policy*. Derek Whitehead will be meeting Mr Lo Bianco in the near future and has also discussed the submission with Mr Peter Shell Drake of the Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs.

The LAA has agreed to jointly sponsor a meeting with the Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia which will be held in Canberra on 20 September, 1986 to discuss the effect of the Federal Budget on multiculturalism. Derek Whitehead will be speaking on behalf of the National Co-ordinating Committee at this meeting.

Whilst the news from this year's Federal Budget may not be encouraging, the LAA/AACOBS submission on *Commonwealth Assistance for Multicultural Public Library Services* has generated a lot of interest and support and a strong foundation has been built for carrying the campaign into 1987.

Louise Lansley

Secretary to National Co-ordinating Committee CAPL

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CAPL MEETING JULY 25, 1986

Approximately 30 people attended a meeting in Perth to discuss the Campaign for Commonwealth Assistance to Public Libraries and the submission on multicultural public library services.

The meeting was addressed by Carol Solos of the State Library Service, who outlined the present situation regarding foreign language material held by the State Library Service and its provision through the public libraries.

Ron Davis, Convenor of the National Co-ordinating Committee of the Commonwealth Assistance for Public Libraries Campaign, also addressed the meeting. He outlined the long term goals of the campaign and spoke of the role of Mr Joe Lo Bianco, who has been appointed by the Federal Department of Education to prepare a response to the *Report on a National Language Policy*.

It has been arranged for Helen Catalini, Commissioner for Ethnic Affairs in Western Australia to address the next Public Libraries Services meeting.

Ruth Allende

David Pirk

State Co-ordinators, WA

Kids and conservation

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INTRODUCTORY AUTOMATION COURSE 17 September - 10 December

The RMIT Department of Information Services is running a course entitled Automation in Libraries - an introductory overview for librarians who have had little or no experience of automated systems. The course will consist of 13 3-hour sessions to be held on Wednesday afternoons, 2-5 pm from 17 September to 10 December.

Topics to be covered include an overview of automation options facing libraries today, an introduction to AACR 2 and MARC coding some 'hands on' ABN experience, database searching on MICROAIRS, and procedure involved in Thesaurus construction.

The course will be presented by Cherry Schauder, a lecturer in the department together with CAVAL personnel and guest lecturers. The fee for the course of 13 sessions is \$360.00 (which includes course notes, use of computer facilities, etc.). The course is limited to 12 participants.

Enquiries: Cherry Schauder ph. 660 2900 x39(W) or 557 2182(H).



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