

..... News from the Divisions

SA BRANCH

The Branch is taking vigorous action on the proposed disbandment of the State's Education Library. Representations have been made by telex and letter to the Premier and the Minister of Education and two articles have appeared in the *Advertiser* as a result of LAA action. The Branch has also requested a meeting with the Premier Mr Bannon and placed an advertisement protesting the proposal in the *Advertiser*. The disbandment of the Library, says Branch President Alan Bundy, 'is a good example of a unilateral, shortsighted and ill informed decision being made about an information service without reference to its users and, as importantly, to its impact on the State's network of libraries and information service — the LAA has received a lot of support for its intervention.'

The action of the SA Branch has been supported in a letter from LAA Executive Director Jenny Adams to the SA Minister of Education.

LAA advertisement

Advertiser 9 September 1986

TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION Your Department is proposing to disband our State's Education Library WITHOUT

1. Consultation with its many users
2. An evaluation by the library staff of the consequences
3. Consultation with the State Government's own Library Advisory Committee.
4. Consideration of the important role of the library in the national and State network of library and information services.

Please ask your Department to think again, Mr. Crafter.

A. L. Bundy
Library Association of Australia (S.A. Branch)
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AUSLOAN 2

The new edition of Ausloan will be out shortly. Watch this space for more information.

CATALOGUERS SECTION SA GROUP

BACK TO THE WORKFORCE! was the title of a one day workshop held in September by the SA Cataloguers Group and SACAE Library. Linda Luther, President of the Group, says that Branch President Alan Bundy has to be thanked for the idea of a workshop aimed at librarians who have been out of the workforce for five to ten years and who now need to be introduced to the tremendous developments in automation that have occurred during that time.

The workshop emphasised hands-on experience and on line demonstrations using terminals at the Underdale site of SACAE. Topics covered included ABN, acquisitions, database searching and SAERIS.

The SA Cataloguers Group would be happy to share its experience in running this experimental workshop with other Branches and Sections who may be interested particularly as it gave an opportunity to introduce participants to the advantages of belonging to the LAA. Contact: Linda Luther, SA Institute of Technology, Levels Campus Library, PO Box 1, Ingle Farm, SA 5098 (08) 343 3199.

ONLINE USERS GROUP, NSW

The Online Users Group is gearing up for 1987. Our objectives are to provide a forum for discussions and updates on databases, systems, searching techniques, to discuss any problems relating to searching, hosts, etc., and to help establish a friendly network of contacts.

We plan to hold regular informal meetings, inviting speakers from a vast range of subject areas, and to conduct workshops.

Whether you are a regular user of online databases or just want to keep up to date, watch Happenings for details of our next meeting or contact Martina Rasmussen on (02) 251 3861 or Alice Stephens on (02) 240 2336.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES SECTION NSW GROUP

St Charles School, Ryde, was the venue for the section's July seminar, 'Supporting the curriculum: policies, perspectives and programs'. More than 100 people, most of them teacher librarians, attended the seminar which addressed the need for knowledge of current curriculum development and policies perspective statements and programs. Graham Spindler and Christine Hingerty began the seminar with an overview of policies perspectives and programs. Janet Hansen, Principal Education Officer, NSW Department of Education Library Services, explained the process of curriculum development in the NSW Department of Education identified the various types of curriculum documents in NSW schools and outlined curriculum priorities for 1986. She also spoke of the role of the teacher librarian in curriculum development — an essential role, with the teacher librarian involved in total school curriculum development, the co-operative planning and teaching of the curriculum with the classroom teacher, and resource management.

Workshop sessions followed the keynote addresses and centred on current perspectives and programs — Australian Studies, Non-Sexist Education, Multicultural Education, Peace Education, Gifted and Talented Children, Mass Media and Basic Learning in Primary Schools (BLIPS). The workshops were led by educators with particular qualifications in each area and, under their guidance, the participants examined the aims of the policies and perspectives, the implications for schools and the implications for teacher librarians.

The seminar concluded with a forum and panel discussion in which workshop leaders presented a synthesis of the main points of their workshop sessions, thus ending a stimulating day.

Jennifer Peasley

SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION

Sylvia Webb Tour

The National Special Libraries Section is pleased to announce that it will sponsor a lecture tour to Australia by Sylvia Webb in March/April 1987.

Sylvia has worked in a variety of information environments, from public libraries to industry, including a number of years as a College Librarian at Ashridge Management College (the largest MBA — conferring institute in Britain). While working at Ashridge she also lectured in the behavioural science particularly in the areas of motivation, group behaviour, interpersonal skills and communication. She has since been responsible for the design and implementation of several new courses on various aspects of training and information management. She is currently Head of Business Information at Stoy Hayward (Chartered Accountants), London. She has had published a number of articles on various aspects of special librarianship, and is the author of two successful books: *Creating an Information Service* and *Personal Development in Information Work*.

The tour will cover most capital and major Australian cities.

For further details contact: Jan Durkin (03) 606 4640.

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MEDICAL LIBRARIES SECTION SA

On 28 November 1986, South Australian College of Advanced Education Library, in conjunction with Medical Libraries Section of South Australia will hold a National Seminar on 'Health Sciences: alternatives, choices and change'.

The Seminar addresses the current and future information needs of health personnel and how libraries can respond in meeting these needs.

The programme includes two inter-state speakers; Dr Nancy Lane is speaking on education for health sciences librarianship, and Frances Bluhdorn is speaking about peer review. Other speakers will cover such topics as changes in nursing education, information needs of country health personnel, medical databases and microcomputers in health libraries.

Registrations together with payment of \$45 (for lunch and teas) should be sent by 7 November to: Margaret Russon, SACAE Library, Sturt Road, BEDFORD PARK SA 5042. Phone (08) 275 5289 Telex SACLIB AA88420.

HAPPENINGS: Notices for Happenings should be sent to the Assistant Publications Officer by the correct closing date. Notices are then retained on file until the due date, so a second notice is unnecessary unless there has been a change.

Bantam gets redback

By and large, the kinds of books sent to *InCite* and the *Australian Library Journal* for review are not the kind you want to spend the weekend reading. Usually we're pleased to dispose of them fairly quickly to someone who will review them out of sense of responsibility to the profession, you might say.

But every now and then, something that looks suspiciously like a real book turns up, and we all get quite excited! It's not necessarily the kind of book you'd have chosen for yourself in a bookshop, but a real book nonetheless, without a mention of cataloguing or shelving or ergonomic workstations . . .

But today the impossible, the unthinkable happened! After hours of proofreading, handling phone enquiries and keeping check on a number of projects that are at different stages, I was able to turn my attention to the three packages that had arrived with my mail.

One contained an issue of a journal now available for the first time in machine readable format. Definitely not weekend reading. The second contained something like a real book; it was about Australian films and looked interesting — but not the kind of book I could hardly wait to start.

The third package was heavier and I assumed it would be one of those text books that move heavily along the table at Editorial board meetings when suitable reviewers are selected. But as it emerged from its brown paper cocoon I could see that this was a butterfly of brilliant hue. Obviously not a library science title, more like science fiction I thought. The cover design was like Ken Done out of control, with only tomato sauce and egg yolk to colour in with. The cover designer must have chosen the purple cockatoo as being brash to appeal to Australian readers but then, oh joy and delight, I saw that this was indeed a REAL BOOK, by an author I enjoyed reading. A book I'd have bought for myself. It was the latest Howard Jacobson.

I only discovered the delightful Mr Jacobson towards the end of last year when Christmas shopping. His second book, *Peeping Tom* lay in the specials tray at David Jones — the publishers had unwisely selected black for the dustjacket and any booksellers could have told them that books with shiny black covers look old after the first customer has browsed through them. And this one had finger prints and scratchy marks from being pressed against other books. A quick flash through *Peeping Tom* convinced me that I should pay the \$5 being asked for it and pamper myself with is mixture of humour, bawdiness and intellectual stuff about Thomas Hardy . . .

And it surpassed all my expectations. By the time — I had finished the book, Howard Jacobson had joined that small but select group of writers whose books I'd take with me if intending to be stranded on a desert island.

What wonderful quirk of fate made Bantam Books send me his latest title, *Redback*, at a time when the thought of a 'good read' seemed very appealing indeed. If I get away right on five tonight, by the time I've bought the vegies and fed the cats I can be pouring a gin and tonic and starting to read the book by 6! Preparing the window frames for painting may well have to wait after all and I may go without the *National Times on Sunday* and give preference to Howard Jacobson this weekend!

Hard luck on the publishers who were sending it to me for publicity . . . Or maybe not . . .

Brenda Pittard

BRAVO ENA!

At the Sydney Journalists Club on October 7 a dinner was held by International PEN in honour of the recent OAM awards to Ena Noel and writer Stephen Kelen.

InCite readers will already be well aware of Ena's work on behalf of children's books, and it is fitting that her unflagging effort and enthusiasm has been recognised and rewarded.

Ena told guests something of the history of IBBY, emphasising the triumph that this year has brought in the dual IBBY awards to Patricia Wrightson and Robert Ingpen — they won the top writing and illustrating awards, with this being the first occasion on which Australia has received an award in this prestigious recognition of achievement in children's literature.

Ena Noel, aptly described by PEN chairman Alec Sheppard as a 'diminutive bundle of energy' has made a remarkable contribution to the cause of children's books throughout the world and her many friends will share in her pleasure at this award.

Brenda Pittard

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