



In brief

Readings in RSI, edited by Michael Stevenson, is a collection of non-sensational and unemotional articles on repetition strain injury from an ergonomic viewpoint. Posture, keyboard design, the mechanics of repetition strains, their prevention and treatment are among the topics discussed in detail.

Readings in RSI was published earlier this year by the New South Wales University Press. It costs \$14.95. (ISBN 0 86840 162 5)

Education for peace by Gayle Whyte is another International Year of Peace publication, and is a bibliography of articles, books and theses 'concerned with promoting peace through the educative process'. Published as Monash University Library *Occasional publication* no 3 in November last year, it costs \$4.50 post free. (ISSN 0816-5424; ISBN 0 86746 516 6)



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Bay. A three-course meal and Dixieland music with the Moggill Jazz Band, will be followed by a cruise to North Quay Centre on the M.V. Mirima, a showboat with five-star comfort and service, a bar and dance floor. Dress will be semi-formal. Buses will be provided and axis available.

In addition to the Welcome Reception on Tuesday evening (buffet get-together in the Common Room at the TAFE Halls of Residence), there will be a Farewell Function on Friday (light snacks and savouries at the Conference venue, with the possibility of kicking on to the Ridge Rooftop Restaurant).

A view of the city lights from the setting at the Brisbane Jazz Club on the beautiful Brisbane River will be offered on Wednesday night when we will gather for a BBQ meal and dancing to the Rick Purdy Quartet. This is also an opportunity to stroll in the moonlight and enjoy a song requested of wandering musicians. Dress is smart casual.

Whew! Will there be any energy left for the Conference itself? For details of its equally exciting program, contact Bernice Burgess at Bankstown College of TAFE (02) 707 8566 or Cathy Hall at TAFE Division of Library Services (02) 689 5739. But hurry! — motel accommodation cannot be guaranteed after 1 ay.

SOLV REPORT: Geddes Report opens can of worms

According to SOLV's Secretary, Mr Alisdair Wardle, local Councils are going to be faced with the monumental task of looking after funding municipal libraries if the Geddes report is accepted by the State Government.

Mr Wardle feels the report shifts the whole area of responsibility to local governments and with less financial support from the Victorian State Government. 'The implications of the report are that local governments have not come up to scratch with funding in the past. However, it is the State Government that has been lagging. Despite their election policy platform of 50:50 funding, they are currently only contributing 30 percent of the total library budget. The remainder is coming from local government.'

Mr Wardle predicts that municipal councils will react strongly to the shift, particularly because the report also does not show the effects of the \$2 million reduction announced by the Minister for the Arts. 'If the \$2 million is not restored to libraries and the Geddes report is accepted, local councils will be faced with no alternatives but to buy fewer books, impose shorter working hours or reduce staff' says Mr Wardle.

The report also opens the way for user charges for a range of library services, although not on books. 'If this comes in it will only raise a pittance and will fly in the face of Labor Party policy on user charges' says Mr Wardle.

'The report does have some good points, but the big question will be in the second Geddes report on how the funding basis will be implemented.'

Liz Weir tells it like it is — article continued from front page.

and their services. 'Promotion of our services should be an integral part of our work, not just a frill'. There is also a need to target audiences and look closely at the range of services offered. During her time in Australia Liz appeared on television in Sydney and Wollongong and articles about her visit appeared in local papers. With the amount of media concentrated in Belfast Liz has learned to use press and TV coverage to full advantage. On returning home she will be discussing her trip in an interview with the BBC.



Photo: Liz Weir, Children's Librarian Belfast Education and Library Board (left) with Miranda Harrowell, Children's Librarian, Ryde Municipal Library, (middle) and Alex Wileman the host of the Channel 7 Sydney children's program *Cartoon Connection*.

According to Liz it is vital for children's librarians to belong to their professional association, not only because it can help in the fight for maintaining positions and standards but also as it provides a mechanism for librarians to come together to co-operate for research and promotion. 'Children's librarians need to write for their professional journals and to support their professional association' says Liz. For more news about Liz Weir's 'Australian experience' see future issues of *InCite* and *Orana*.

LIBRARIES ALONE: Rural and Isolated Libraries Conference Wagga Wagga, NSW. 21st - 23rd July, 1987

This Conference aims to gather together librarians from rural and isolated areas in Australia to discuss and disseminate ideas and practical ways of solving the problems inherent in being physically separate from the main centres of population.

In keeping with the emphasis on practical problem-solving, the Conference will include a mix of plenary and workshop sessions, covering such topics as education and professional development of librarians; networks and regional co-operation; financial and political management and the provision of library services in rural and isolated areas. Trade displays and demonstrations of communication systems such as VIATEL, MINERVA, AUSPAC, will also be featured in the Conference.

Keynote Speaker:
Prof. Bernard Vavrek,
Director, Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship,
Clarion State University, Pennsylvania, USA

The venue for the Conference is the Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education which is located 8km from the city of Wagga Wagga (4th largest city in NSW). Accommodation will be available on-campus within short walking distance of all conference venues. Because of the distance of the Institute from Wagga, this option is generally preferred. However, excellent accommodation (at country rates) may be found in Wagga itself.

All delegates are invited to attend the few social functions arranged, such as the Conference Dinner on Tuesday 21st (which will include a performance by students from RMIHE's Centre for the Performing Arts), and a wine tasting featuring wines from the Institute's own teaching and commercial Winery. On Friday 24th a number of day tours, covering Wagga & district libraries, Canberra libraries, or Riverina sightseeing have been arranged and will be offered subject to demand.

The Registration Fee covers all sessions of the Conference, pre-conference papers, and all morning & afternoon teas. Those paying the fee for all 3 days will also receive a copy of the Conference Proceedings. The cost of the Conference Dinner, accommodation, and the optional tours are not included in the registration fee.

REGISTRATION FEES

LAA Members	\$110
Non-members LAA	\$140
Students	\$60

Special Rates	LAA Members	Non-members
Day rate	\$40	\$60
Day rate (student)	\$20	\$30

CONFERENCE DINNER

Included in accommodation fee if staying on-campus.
If not, the Conference dinner fee will be \$25.

REGISTER NOW!

All fees should be received by the Steering Committee no later than 29 May 1987. A discount of 15% applies until 24 April, 1987.

For further enquiries, brochures, and registration forms, please contact:

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