

THE SOURCE

How shall I describe it?

'Print' and 'photograph' are vague terms: just how vague you can measure from the 500 entries in *Descriptive terms for graphic materials: genre and physical characteristic headings*.

Prepared by the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress and published last year, this 135-page work includes a useful thesaurus, covering forms of material as diverse as French tissues and speakeasy cards, as well as a multiplicity of photographic and printing processes. There is a very full introduction, with classed and hierarchical (as well as alphabetical) displays of terms.

Descriptive terms for graphic materials, compiled by Helena Zinkham and Elizabeth Betz Parker, is available from the Customer Services Section, Cataloging Distribution Service, LC, Washington DC, 20541. It costs US\$20.00 (No ISBN)

• *Peace studies* is a 30-page guide to the extensive resources on that worthy subject available at the National Library of Australia. Prepared last year to mark the International Year of Peace, this work lists many useful bibliographies, serial titles, films and

formed collections, such as that of the Save Our Sons (SOS) Movement.

Peace studies is no 12 in the NLA's *Occasional bibliography* series and is available gratis. (ISSN 0725-1017)

Education — a quick burst

DELS is to me a new, and tricky to pronounce, acronym. It stands for Development and Language Skills Curriculum, a three-volume work sponsored by the Curriculum Development Centre and written by Roger J. Rees.

The program 'assumes no language skills at entry and proceeds step by step through physical, self-help, social cognitive and linguistic skills to achieve a level of simple sentence and conversation production'. Quite an ambitious undertaking.

DELS is available from the Institute for the Study of Learning Difficulties, South Australian College of Advanced Education, Sturt Road, Bedford Park, SA 5042. It costs \$72.90 plus \$6.00 postage. (ISBN 0 86803 212 3 (set))

• *Studies in continuing education* is being resurrected. Originally published between 1978 and 1983, it is being relaunched as an Australian-based international journal. The new journal is now seeking papers which will 'contribute to improving practice in the field of continuing education' and will bring theory and practice closer.

Subscriptions (\$25.00 individuals, \$30.00 institutions) or further information may be obtained from Dr Roger Morris, Institute of Technical and Adult Teacher Education, PO Box K12, Haymarket, NSW 2000, phone (02) 217 9999.

• Already in print is James Henri's *The school curriculum*, an 'Australian version' of a Canadian work, *Partners in action*. Henri and a number of other contributors discuss the roles of principals, teachers and teacher librarians, delve into resource sharing (with a liberal dose of ASCIS) and dip into needs assessment and evaluation.

James Henri's *The school curriculum: a collaborative approach to learning* was published earlier this year by the Centre for Library Studies, Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education as its Occasional Monograph no 7. It costs \$15.00 post paid. (ISBN 0 909561 96 6; ISSN 0815-0400)

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Found allusions

What happened at Wounded Knee? What is the name of the snake entwined symbol of the medical profession? Who was Old Yeller? Once in a while you stumble over an allusion which will send you reeling hopefully towards a dictionary, encyclopaedia, Benet or Brewer.

They can't always help. Some expressions are as ephemeral as the fads, books, radio and television programs which beget them. Carstuffing 23 people in one Volkswagen beetle, zoot suits and skateboards will one day be as obscure as tulipomania, Brainworm, Eddie Haskell and the Bigendians.

But despair not: 8700 explanations of such terms are to be found in the second edition of Laurence Urdang and Frederick G. Ruffner's *Allusions*, published last year by Gale. Entries are arranged by themes, with each term explained and its source identified. There is a very full index and bibliography. The second edition is about 25 percent larger than the first, and 'numerous revisions and corrections have been made'. Indeed Lady Chatterley has been corrected, but the unfortunate Sir Clifford Chatterley [sic] hasn't been. Such slips seem, happily, to be few, in what will be a boon to the catholic reader, writer, cruciverbalist or trivial pursuer.

Allusions: cultural, literary, biblical, and historical: a thematic dictionary was published last year by Gale. It costs US\$68.00. (ISBN 0 8103 1828 8)

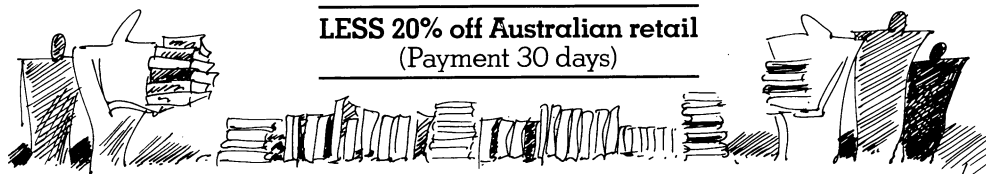


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CONFERENCES COMING UP

Partners in adult learning

The funding and purposes of both adult education and libraries are currently undergoing stringent re-examination. Last year the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission reviewed Australian post-compulsory education; this year, Victorian government committees are reviewing public library funding and adult education.

Key issues emerging from these studies are:

- the need for more effective use of community resources, and
- an overwhelming endorsement of the vitality, range and central importance to community and individual life of informal adult learning via libraries and adult education.

Now, librarians and adult educators are creating a National Conference, to be held in Hall's Gap, Victoria, 24-27 September 1987, to examine and improve their contributions to adult learning.

The Conference, 'Partners in adult learning: libraries and adult education' is co-sponsored by the Australian Association of Adult Education and the LAA.

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run at an all-up cost of \$420,000 in 1987 dollars. This includes: \$145,500 for conference planning and organisation; \$78,500 for printing and duplicating; \$9,800 for conference kits, satchels, etc. \$67,000 for interpretation and other program-related meeting expenses; \$72,000 for receptions, tours and hospitality, and \$42,000 for general expenses, including insurance, publicity, office supplies and services etc.

As for income, we expect to benefit from the low value of the Australian dollar, to the extent that any overseas visitors will be pleasantly surprised by the low cost of travelling in Australia. By the same token each overseas visitor's enrolment fee, set by IFLA at a limit of \$US275, will return approximately \$400 Australian to conference funds. Of course we are anxious to have a really good attendance by Australian librarians. Given that, and a modest amount of sponsorship, which the Sponsorship Committee is working hard to attract and which at this stage seems very achievable, we have no doubt that the money required to pay for the Conference in full, will be raised without the need for any form of subsidisation from the Association's general funds.

Certainly, if over the next 12 months the situation changes and a real concern about our ability to cover the costs of the Conference should arise, we will promptly report back to the members. In the meantime the one certain way to ensure the success of IFLA '88, including its financial success, is for all members of the Association to get behind it! Start by deciding that Sydney is the place to be in August/September 1988 and begin to save your dollars to make sure that you will be there!

Hans W. Groenewegen
Conference Treasurer.

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Participants will explore the community role of libraries, adult education providers and other local adult learning resources; learning needs of special groups such as housebound people and migrants and women; technology and its effects on adult learning needs and opportunities.

Guest speaker will be John Ohliger of Basic Choices, Inc., Madison, Wisconsin, who has over 40 years' experience as an influential teacher, social critic, bibliographer and library-based learner/independent scholar working in both mainstream and alternative education.

John Ohliger helped pioneer US lifelong education philosophy and legislation, and created a clearing house on social issues and education. He leads the struggle in the US against mandatory continuing education for professionals, and provokes lively debate on information and information technology.

John's published bibliographies and writings are characteristically extensively researched, irreverent, humorous and provocative. Titles include: 'Is lifelong adult education a guarantee of permanent inadequacy?'; 'The Tao of learning'; 'Is J. Edgar Hoover a virgin?'; and 'Radical ideas in adult education'.

Watch *InCite* for further information on the Conference. Application forms will be distributed soon. Contact Marian Letcher, Carngbush Library, 425 Church St, Richmond, Victoria 3121, (03) 429-3644, or Peter Fraser, Council of Adult Education, 256 Flinders St, Melbourne, (03) 652-0694.

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• **JUNE 9 LAA UCLS (WA Group). Meeting: Students Speak!!** What do student users expect from academic libraries? Students from UWA, Murdoch and Curtin Universities and WACAE address UCLS. Venue: Reid Library, University of Western Australia. Time: 5.30 pm. Contact: Jane Klobas (09) 332 2513.

JUNE 16 Library Promotion Council (WA) Meeting. Alexander Library Building. Contact: Lorraine Stivey (09) 459 7011 ext. 242.

JUNE 22, 23, 24. Curtin University of Technology Business Centre. Three-day Information Management Course. Curtin University of Technology. Cost: \$295 (includes lunch, tea and course notes). Contact: Mrs Peggy Hogan, Curtin Business Centre, Curtin University of Technology, PO BOX U1987, Perth (09) 350 7789.

JUNE 23-26 Insearch Ltd DIALOG Seminars: Business (23 June); Introductory (24 June); Sampler (25 June); Legal Applications (25 June); MEDLINE (26 June). Contact: (02) 218 9790.

• **JUNE 27 WA Branch/AACOBS. Seminar: Library ILL's - is there a cure?** Heritage Function Centre, 445 Charles St, Nth Perth. Time: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm. Cost: approx. \$25 (includes lunch). RSVP to: Jenni Roche (09) 427 3411.

• **JUNE 29 LAA School Libraries Section (WA Group). WAYBRA Vote Sorting.** Teaching Aids and Inservice Centre, Baggot Road, Subiaco. Time: 4.15pm. Contact: Julia Hancy (09) 332 8099.

• **JULY 1 LAA Cataloguers Section (WA Group). Meeting: 'Cataloguing Problems of Specials'.** Alexander Library Building, Room 2.9. Speakers: Shirley Deutscher, Crown Law Department, and Kerry Smith, Mount Newman Mining Co. Special Librarians are especially welcome. Light Refreshments will be served. Contact: Adrienne Voller (09) 322 2022 ext 18.

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AUGUST 18 Library Promotion Council (WA) Meeting. Alexander Library Building. Contact: Lorraine Stivey (09) 459 7011 ext 242.

• **SEPTEMBER 7 LAA WA Branch '50 years celebration'.** Location, time to be advised.

• **JUNE 10 LAA Tas Branch Lunchtime meeting. Bruce Davis 'Bibliographic Database of the Heritage Commission'.** Good Woman Inn, Argyle Street, Hobart. Time: 12.30 pm. Cost: \$12.50. RSVP by 5 June to Christine Frey (002) 20 2351.

• **JUNE 24 LAA Tasmanian Specials Sections. Evening Meeting: 'Life After Librarianship'.** A group of librarians who are using library skills in non-library situations will address the meeting. Venue to be announced. Contact: M. Evans (002) 20178.



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