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OCTOBER 14 LAA Public Libraries Section (SA Branch) **Library Visit. Delivering the Goods — how special libraries can help you.** Venue: State Reference Library, North Terrace, Adelaide. Time: 2.00pm — 5.00pm. One of a series of visits aimed at increasing Public Librarians awareness of information resources relevant to local Government. Contact: Peter Hill (08) 352 5467 or (18) 352 5033.

OCTOBER 19 LAA Public Libraries Section (SA Branch). **Workshop. 'Friends of the Library Groups.** Venue: To Be Announced. Time: 1.30pm — 4.30pm. Contact: Ruth Grgurich, Noarlunga Library, (08) 382 1022.

OCTOBER LAA SA Branch **Two-Day Country Conference** Topics being determined by a poll. TAFE College, Mount Gambier. Speakers to be determined. Contact: Chris Harrison (08) 363 1672.

WA

JULY 21 LAA School Libraries Section (WA Group) **AYRBA Vote Sorting.** Teaching Aids and Inservice Centre, Bagot Rd, Subiaco. Time: 4.15pm. Contact: Julia Hancy (09) 332 8099.

AUGUST 5 LAA School Libraries Section (WA Group) **AYRBA Vote Sorting.** Teaching Aids and Inservice Centre, Bagot Rd, Subiaco. Time: 4.15pm. Contact: Julia Hancy (09) 332 8099.

AUGUST 18 Library Promotion Council (WA) Meeting. Alexander Library Building. Contact: Lorraine Stivey (09) 59 7011 ext 242.

AUGUST 24 LAA School Libraries Section (WA Group). **AYRBA Vote Sorting.** Teaching Aids and Inservice Centre, Bagot Rd., Subiaco. Time: 4.15pm. Contact: Julia Hancy (09) 332 8099.

AUGUST 24 LAA Cataloguer's Section (WA Group) **talk — The realities of an automated system.** Speaker: Ian Riley. All Saints College, Ewing Ave. Bullcreek. Time: 3.00pm. Light refreshments will be served.

AUGUST 25 LAA School Libraries Section (WA Group) **Video Evaluation evening.** Venue: A/V Branch, 296 Vincent Street, Leederville. Time: 4.30pm — 6.00pm. Contact: Irena Dillon (04) 444 0055 or Margaret Phillips (09) 11 4058

SEPTEMBER 1 LAA School Libraries Section (WA Group). **WAYRBA Vote Sorting.** Teaching Aids and Inservice Centre, Bagot Rd, Subiaco. Time: 4.15pm. Contact: Julia Hancy (09) 332 8099.

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

SEPTEMBER 7 Library Promotion Council (WA). Meeting: '50 years of library promotion'. To coincide with the AA's 50th Birthday Celebrations. Contact: Lorraine Stivey (09) 459 7011 ext. 242.

ACIN — sharing the goodies

For a number of years people working in schools have recognised that one of the offshoots of school-based curriculum development has been a plethora of curriculum materials such as school-based programs, units of work, program outlines, and teacher development material as well as syllabus and policy statements produced by departments of education. Much of this material is of interest to an audience wider than originally intended, but previously no mechanism existed for the retrieval of, or access to, this information.

In an attempt to enable the sharing of curriculum developments between schools, states and territories the Schools Commission and state/territory departments of education have undertaken the establishment of a curriculum database, the Australian Curriculum Information Network (ACIN). It is available through ASCIS (the Australian Schools Catalogue Information Network). Each state collects and enters records for their own publications and documents. The records include bibliographic data and an abstract describing its purpose, content, and applicability to the curriculum. The initial areas for collecting materials include education; Australian studies; computer education; education of girls; numeracy and literacy and peace education. Information about materials in other curriculum areas is gradually being added.

ACT

• JULY 8 Canberra Online Users Group/UCLS Meeting: **'Integrating Electronic Sources of Information in the Reference Response.** Venue to be advised. Time: 5.15 pm. Contact: Cheryl Kadinsky (062) 68 9402.

JULY 21 Public Contact Workshop. Full Day. University House, ANU. Cost: \$50.00 LAA members, \$75.00 non-members, includes lunch and morning and afternoon tea. Applications to reach Roberta Atwell, c/- Department of Veteran Affairs, PO Box 21, Woden, ACT 2606 by 19 June. Contact: (062) 896 630 (W) (062) 515 667 (H).

• JULY 27 LAA Cataloguers Section (ACT Group). **LCSH Workshop with Mary K. Pietris.** National Library Theatre. Time: 2.00pm-5.00pm. Contact: Diana Dack (062) 62 1425.

AUGUST 6-7. Insearch DIALOG Seminars. Company Intelligence (August 6) pm; Sampler (August 6) pm; Introductory (August 7) Canberra. Contact (02) 218 9790.

• AUGUST 24-25 LAA and School of Library and Information Studies, Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education. **Two-day workshop — A User Study.** Sessions presented by Hilary Yerbury and Susan Edwards. Enquiries: Rita Frisina (02) 467 9263, Roberta Atwell (062) 89 6630.

• SEPTEMBER 2-4 LAA 50th Anniversary celebration, Canberra. Contact: Jenny Gleeson (062) 46 7307. Registration enquiries to: David Clark (062) 98 0256.

Tasmania

• JULY 4 LAA Continuing Education Program **Seminar: Marketing Library and Information Services in School and Special Libraries.** School of Librarianship, University of Tasmania. Seminar Leader: Fay Nicholson, Lecturer in Library Management, Melbourne CAE. Time: 9.15am-4.00pm. Cost: LAA members \$60; Others: \$85. Contact: Fay Nicholson, Dept. of Library and Information Studies, Melbourne CAE, 757 Swanston Street, Carlton, VIC 3053 for application forms and information.

• JULY 17 LAA NARG (TAS). **Meeting:** 24 Watchorn Street, Launceston, TAS 7249. Time: 7.30pm. Guest Speaker: Carmel Denholm. Contact: Nella Pickup (003) 954294.

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Overall development of ACIN is facilitated by a management committee which includes the national co-ordinator and representatives from the Schools Commission, state/territory directors of curriculum and Catholic and Independent school systems. The states and territories each have their own co-ordinator who meet periodically to make recommendations on selection of material, data entry and other technical matters.

The database is being made available to schools in a variety of ways. Schools can access the database either online through ASCIS or through a microfiche subscription service. In New South Wales ACIN is being combined with NCIN, the NSW Curriculum Information Network, in order to provide NSW schools with access to documents of more local interest. A similar approach is being taken in South Australia.

Access to the documents referred to in the database was a major consideration in establishing the ACIN. All abstracts include information about availability. Several states are making many of their curriculum documents available on microfiche so that requests can be met quickly and inexpensively.

For further information about ACIN contact the co-ordinator in each state/territory education department, or the National ACIN Office, Level 6, Rialto Towers, 525 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000.

Mary Jane Stannus
NSW Co-ordinator

Overseas

JULY 26-31 International Association of School Librarianship 16th Annual Conference: 'The School Library — Gateway to Knowledge'. Venue: Hotel Saga, Reykjavik, Iceland. Registration Fee: IASL — members US\$150 non-members US\$180. Contact: Ms Sigrun Klara Hannesdottir, IASL Conference Chair, 1987, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland.

AUGUST 12-14 IFLA Official Publications Section Pre-Conference Seminar 'Official Publications: an Undervalued Library Resource'. Contact: Geoffrey Hamilton, Official Publications and Social Sciences Service, The British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG. Ph 01-323-7561, tlx 21462.

AUGUST 12-15 IFLA Working Group on Newspapers. Symposium on Newspaper Preservation and Access, London. Contact: Valerie Nurcorrie, 8 Kingfisher Dr, Over, Winsford, Cheshire CW7 1PF, UK Fax 061 941 6124

AUGUST 13-15 IFLA Section on Library Services to Multicultural Populations Conference on 'Multiculturalism and Libraries: Issues and trends'. Commonwealth Institute, London. Contact: Neville Price, North Kensington Libraries, 108 Ladbroke Grove, London W11 1PZ UK, or Radha Rasmussen, Graduate School of Librarianship, Monash University (03) 565 2958.

AUGUST 15 IFLA Preconference Seminar 'The Challenge of Education and Training for Information Technology' Dept of Librarianship, Brighton Polytechnic Brighton, England. Cost: US\$45 Contact: Bill Bartenbach, Computer Services, The H.W. Wilson Company, 950 University Ave., Bronx, NY 11432 USA by 15 July.

AUGUST 16-21 IFLA 53rd Council and General Conference. Brighton UK. Contact: Rob Palmer, Library Association, 7 Ridgmont Street, London WC1E 7AE, UK. Telex: 21897 LALDNG.

AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 4 The British Council. Seminar: 'Organisation and management of smaller specialised libraries'. Course 753. Working sessions and accommodation will take place in an hotel in central London. Cost: Stg 1010 residential only. Contact: The British Council, PO Box 88, Edgecliff, NSW 2027.

SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 2 International Research Society for Children's Literature Conference, Cologne, Germany. Theme 'Books for Children, Books for Adults — the relationship between'. Registrations by 15 June to: Dagmar Grenz, Arbeitsstelle Fur, Kinder-und Jugendliteratur, Richard-Wagner-Strasse 39, D-5000 Cologne 1 FRG.

OCTOBER 12-15 Informatics 1987. International Information Management Congress. Contact: IMC 87, PO Box 34404, Bethesda, MD 20817, USA. (301) 983 0604; Tlx: 6714921 IMC UW.

DECEMBER 8-10 11th International Online Information Meeting. Novotel, London, England. Contact: Learned Information Ltd., Woodside, Hinksey Hill, Oxford OX1 5AU England. Tel. 0865 730275. Telex 837704 Inform G.

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