INDUSTRIAL NEWS

Libex expands

Libex, the Bureau for International Library Staff Exchange, has expanded its operations to include as many countries as possible. In particular it now includes all the EEC and Commonwealth countries, South Africa and other African countries, in addition to the United Kingdom and United States.

Enquiries about Libex can be made by writing either to the Co-ordinator, Mr A T Hillier at the College of Librarianship Wales, Aberystwyth, Dyfed, SY23 3AS, Wales or by contacting the LAA's Manager, Educational and Industrial Services.

LISU — FMWU Merger

The amended membership rule of the Federal Miscellaneous Workers Union (NSW Branch) was registered by the Industrial Registrar on 5 December 1986, thus clearing the way for implementation of the remaining procedures to effect the merger between the Library and Information Staff Union and the FMWU.

The FMWU will now be able to proceed with the LISU award application.

DEIR dispute

A dispute regarding the removal of the Industrial Relations Library from the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations in Farrell Place, Canberra has been satisfactorily resolved.

ACOA had placed a picket line outside the library to prevent its relocation and POA members in the library banned the packing of boxes.

The negotiated agreement provides for the retention of a small library collection in the Farrell Place library and the establishment of a joint working party to oversee the forward planning of a new library building.

New Classification

Agreement has been reached between the parties for the introduction of a new classification for Library Technicians working in South Australian municipal libraries.

The new classification will provide for two grades of library technician. Proposed salary ranges are $19366 — $21465 per annum for Library Technician Grade 1 and $22505 — $24569 per annum for Library Technician Grade 2.

It is expected that an order will shortly be issued in terms of the agreed draft.

The Municipal Officers Association is continuing a series of extensive inspections in support of its claim for Chief Librarians in South Australia.

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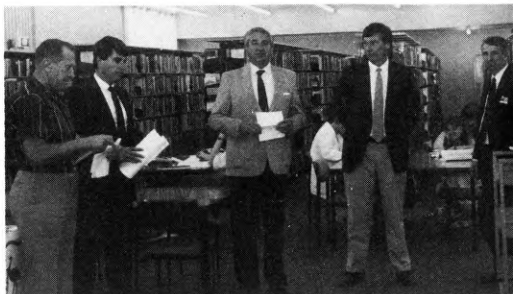Educational and Industrial Services Mgr

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Did you know . . .

that if you are on leave without pay you are entitled to a reduced membership fee? If you are in this situation you can pay at the lower rate of $40, (the same fee as for people not in *paid* employment).

If you have any questions about membership fees or categories please don't hesitate to call Jenny Angus or other head office membership staff on (02) 692 9233 or tollfree on (008) 221481.

AGPS Sales in Libraries

Mr Stephen Martin, the Federal Member for Macarthur representing the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism, Mr John Brown, officially launched the AGPS Library Sales Scheme Pilot project at Wollongong City Library on 12 December 1986.

In launching the scheme, Mr Martin said 'I am delighted to be able to lend my support to an initiative which has the aim of improving access by members of the Wollongong community, and other communities in regional centres throughout Australia, to Commonwealth publications and information'.

Left to right: Ald Keith Phipps, (Chairman, Library Committee Wollongong City Library), Mr Stephen Martin MP, (Member for Macarthur), Ald Frank Arkell MP, (Mayor of Wollongong), Ken Blair (AGPS), Graeme Deutscher (Wollongong City Librarian) launching AGPS sales scheme at Wollongong City Library 12 December 1986

Wollongong City Library is one of five regional libraries participating in this scheme which is being jointly undertaken by the Australian Government Publishing Service and the Library Association of Australia.

Users of participating libraries will be able to:
- purchase selected AGPS publications at their library
- obtain information about the range of publications produced by the Australian Government
- order AGPS publications not stocked by the library directly from AGPS

Other participating libraries are:
- Geelong Regional Library
- North Central Goldfields Library, Bendigo
- Upper Murray Regional Library, Albury
- State Reference Library, Darwin

The Pilot project was first suggested to AGPS by the Library Association of Australia as a means of both improving the range of services offered to the community by public libraries and expanding the role of libraries as information and resource centres.

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TAFE Library Services

A National Working Party-TAFE Library Services, has been established under the auspices of the Conference of Directors of TAFE. The group, comprising the Head of TAFE Library Services in each State/Territory, has been established to provide a forum to discuss professional matters of national significance relating to the development of TAFE libraries, as well as to provide information to the Conference of Directors on library matters.

The group will also be seeking to provide input to other professional organisations and government instrumentalities on matters affecting the development and provision of library services in TAFE. Enquiries to Dagmar Schmidmaier.

Do you need to discuss something with an LAA staff member? Don't forget about the new toll free line. You can ring us on (008) 221 481 throughout business hours.