

Adult learners week 1995

Adult learners week is a high profile campaign to promote life-long learning across the nation. It celebrates the contribution made by adult and community education to the empowerment of people and the economic, social and cultural development of Australia. Libraries and learning go hand in hand.

Adult learners week runs from 10–16 September 1995 and is the first week of its type to be held in Australia. It is in part based on the enormously successful *Adult learners week* mounted in the UK over the last three years.

The week is endorsed by the Minister for Employment, Education and Training, funded by the Australian National Training Authority, and co-ordinated by the Australian Association of Adult and Community Education. Major international guests will include Dr Paul Belanger, Director of the UNESCO Institute for Education, Hamburg.

All providers and others interested in adult learners are invited to register to participate in *Adult learners week* 1995.

What will it achieve?

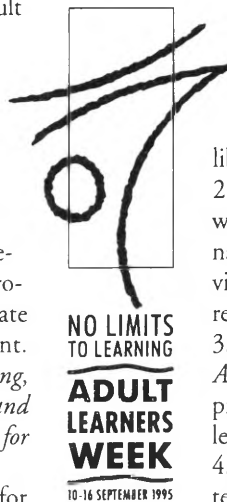
The broad goals of the week are to:

- increase profile and recognition of adult learning;
- increase participation in adult learning;
- enhance networks amongst all involved in adult learning; and
- promote national objectives for education and training.

Three broad, carefully selected national themes will provide focus and create opportunities for involvement. These are *Lifelong learning*, *Women's ways of learning and leading* and *Access to learning for all*.

At a national level, plans for the week include a major TV special, news and current affairs features, national awards and international guests. State coordinating committees are developing conferences, launches and media features. At a local level, adult and community education providers and organisations are preparing plans for stalls, open

days and local media to capitalise on the national publicity. Twenty-five networks of providers and community organisations (including ALIA) have already joined in.



Getting started

1. Include *Adult learners week* in your organisation's or library's activity plan for 1995.
2. Announce the dates for the week in your publications (the national coordinators can provide artwork, articles and other ready to go material).
3. Begin to discuss ideas for local *Adult learners week* activities and promotions with colleagues and learners.
4. Contact the *Adult learners week* team to share your ideas with other participating groups.

The national *Adult learners week* team can link you with local coordinators and provide you with posters and promotional material. Call Michael Smitheram or Julie Foreman on phone (06) 251 7933 or fax (06) 251 7935 for more information.

ALIA Health Libraries Section

Anne Harrison Award 1995

Call for Applications

The Anne Harrison Trust Fund was established in 1987 by the then Library Association of Australia Medical Libraries Section as a tribute to the pioneering work of Anne Harrison in the development of medical librarianship in Australia. It is hoped that with the help of the Award others may be encouraged to make their own contribution in the field of medical, nursing and allied health librarianship.

Objectives

The Fund will provide:

1. Financial assistance for the undertaking of selected research projects designed to:
 - (a) increase the understanding of health librarianship in Australia;
 - (b) explore the potential for further development of health librarianship in Australia.
2. Financial assistance (up to \$2500) towards the enrichment of knowledge and skills of Australian health librarians which shall take the form of:
 - (a) assistance to ALIA members in meeting travel accommodation or educational expenses in undertaking an approved course of study or study tour abroad, or,
 - (b) assistance to the Health Libraries Section with the mounting of continuing education courses, or,
 - (c) assistance with the publication of works in Australian health librarianship.

Conditions

1. Competition for the Award shall not be limited to members of ALIA, or to librarians, provided the proposals meet the objectives of the Award.
2. No current member of the Health Libraries Section National Executive or the Administrators shall be eligible to receive a personal award from the Fund.
3. Applications shall be made using the format prescribed by the Administrators.
4. The decisions of the Administrators after ratification by the National Executive are final and irrevocable.
5. The Award shall be announced in August 1995 at the Annual General Meeting of the Health Libraries Section at Sydney, NSW.
6. All applicants shall be notified of their success or otherwise as soon as the recommendation for the Award has been ratified by the National Executive.
7. Applications close on 31 May 1995. Guidelines for Applications and further information are available from: Katherine Keily, Medical Library, Westmead Hospital, Westmead NSW 2145. Telephone (02) 633 6266. Facsimile (02) 893 8527.

A SUMMIT ON PRINT DISABILITY SERVICES

Round Table on Reading Materials for People with Print Disabilities is sponsoring "Negotiating the Information Superhighway with a Print Disability" in Sydney from Saturday 29 July to Wednesday 2 August, 1995.

It will explore how all people with print disabilities will be able to access the new information and publishing technologies.

Plans for advances and new initiatives in publishing, information delivery systems and library services must include access in braille, audio, large print and disk. The Summit is aimed at people with print disabilities, book and magazine publishers and distributors, authors, librarians, the education sector, producers of information technology and alternative and adaptive technology.

For a detailed program and accommodation and travel arrangements write to Round Table Summit, c/o Royal Blind Society, P O Box 176, Burwood, NSW, 2134.