

News from the Divisions

VICTORIAN BRANCH

Reduction in staff

THE Caulfield/Malvern Regional Library, Vic, advertised recently that they would be open for shorter hours per week. The reason? A 15 percent reduction in staff. The Branch has written to both Councils and the Joint Library Committee protesting about the shorter hours of opening.

Recruitment leaflet

The Branch has prepared a recruitment leaflet which is being distributed at the moment. If you would like a copy contact Ray Price, Engineering Library, University of Melbourne (03) 341 6656.

Manpower study

After many hours of 'hard labour' the Manpower Study Committee, appointed by General Council to investigate the manpower situation, has prepared a draft questionnaire. The questionnaire is in the process of being sent out for a trial sample.

CE officer

We are still looking for a Continuing Education Officer. Anyone willing should contact Ray Price (03) 341 6656.

TASMANIAN BRANCH

THE Annual General Meeting was held in February. At this meeting the Constitution was changed to enable future AGM's to be held in December so that the incoming executive can operate from the beginning of each year.

The traditional dinner meeting to welcome new members was held in March and was as usual a great success. Denis Richardson was the after-dinner speaker.

The April Branch meeting was addressed by Judy Timbs, Resources Officer, Further Education, who spoke on community college and public libraries in North America and on the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services. Judy's good fortune in being able to attend the White House Conference was envied by many of the college and public librarians she met during her travels.

In May the Branch heard a panel of speakers from the South Australian Library Automation Steering Committee (SALASC) on library co-operation and networking in South Australia. Panel members were Peter Croft of the Public Service Board, Merridy Lawlor, Circulation Librarian, State Library of South Australia and Philippa Middleton of Further Education.

SA BRANCH

Architectural supplement

THE Branch has published an Architectural Supplement which covers eight public libraries in South Australia. All SA members should have received a copy with *Incite* no 4.

If members in other states would like a copy please send 50¢ to Felicity Langeveldt, 12 Kinnaird Crescent, Highbury, SA 5089.

NSW BRANCH

Promotion meetings

A SERIES of informal meetings to promote membership and improve communications have been planned for the year. The first two were for students at Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education and University of NSW.

There will be one in the West (27 May), at TAFE (combined TAFE Library and Library Technician Certificate Course students – 30 July), a new members' night (20 August) and a non-members' night (21 October). At the latter it is hoped to do some 'reclamation' work on some senior staff in libraries.

These meetings will involve representatives of Sectional and Interest groups, Branch Councillors, the General Councillor and LAA Head Office staff to provide information for prospective members and those wishing to discuss problems etc. Dinner and/or wine and cheese to be provided depending on location and time of meetings.

The Promotion Sub-Committee, Anne Brinson (359 2558), Janet Hansen (519 4824), Margaret Simpson (27 6684, ex 11), Marea Terry (692 3508), Marilyn Bryce (662 2906), Convenor, Diana Oliver (521 0353) would be glad to hear from volunteers who would like to help man the Branch's stall at the Central Metropolitan Careers Market on 10-12 June at Sydney Showground. Please ring Diana Oliver, 521 0353 by 1 June if you can spare two-three hours.

NSW SCHOOL LIBRARIES

A SUCCESSFUL beginning to the Group's 1980 program was the seminar on budgeting and the keeping of financial records, held on 22 March, in which 60 teacher-librarians from metropolitan and country areas participated.

As well as sessions conducted by teacher-librarians on types of budgets, strategies for planning and ideas on how to make the dollar go further, key speakers were Phil Kinsella, Principal of Colo High School; John Levey, Internal Audit Section, NSW Department of Education, and Mr Mairs, an accountant.

The seminar aimed to assist in the continuing professional development of teacher-librarians, and participants expressed the value of the day as providing a broadening of their theoretical and practical perspectives.

Hazel Vickers

QUEENSLAND BRANCH

An apology

MEMBERS of the Queensland Branch Council extend an apology to all those who may have been inconvenienced by the cancellation of the address by LAA President Denis Richardson on 15 April. Mr Richardson had his flight time confused and so arrived too late for the meeting.

Northern trip by Branch President

Dr John Goodell, the Branch President, carried out a goodwill-information gathering tour to Rockhampton, Townsville and Mt Isa from 28 March to 3 April. Meetings were held on two major topics, 'DDC 19' and 'Education for Librarianship'.

From discussion, topics which seemed to be of concern to members included high membership fees of the LAA, the need for external courses in librarianship, the need for an increase in the opportunities for distant members to attend continuing education courses in Brisbane, and the decrease in employment and promotional opportunities for non-graduates with LAA registration.

Council meeting

Matters discussed at Branch Council meeting on 10 April included: The possibility of a workshop on AACR2 and serials; Subsidies for distant members to attend continuing education seminars in Brisbane; The use of outdated figures for proportional allocation of Branch funds to groups and sections; The report on the formation of a State Film Centre in Queensland; Recruitment policy, and LAA policy on free library services to all.

Fran Hegarty

Group for the handicapped

A NEW Group, called the Committee on Library Services for the Handicapped, has been formed in South Australia.

The committee includes representatives from: Regency Park Centre for Physically Handicapped Children, Townsend House School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Adelaide Children's Hospital, State Library, local public libraries, Special Education Resource Unit, School Libraries Branch, and the Royal Society for the Blind.

For further information regarding the work of the committee please contact Angela M. Roodhouse, c/o Committee on Library Services for the Handicapped, 87 Anzac Highway, Ashford, SA 5035, (08) 297 7667.

WHAT'S IN . . . Contents of Australian Journals of Librarianship

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