

News from the Divisions

VICTORIAN BRANCH

Recruitment leaflet

The Branch now has a recruitment leaflet which contains the names, addresses etc of all Victorian Branch, Sectional Group and SIG office bearers in addition to general information about the aims and activities of each group. Supplies for distribution at library schools, meetings, etc, available from the Secretary, Ray Price (03) 341 2655.

Bains Report

A submission has been sent to the Bains Committee regarding its report on the Role, Structure and Administration of Local Government.

Restricted publications

A complaint has been made to the State government about the listing of *More joy of sex* as a restricted publication; details of Victorian libraries' holding of this and other restricted works would be helpful (contact: Carmen Hannaker, 311 8511, Branch Vice-President). The exemption of libraries from prosecution has now been proposed to the State government by Branch Council.

Manpower study

A study of the demand for librarians is being carried out by a sub-committee convened by Barry Mitcheson. A questionnaire will shortly be sent to sample libraries.

Continuing Education Liaison Officer

Keith Davison has agreed to be continuing education liaison officer for the Branch (Telephone: 419 8822).

Library services for the handicapped

Melbourne State College combined with the Branch to run a week-long seminar on Library Service to the Handicapped. Senator Davidson, Chairman of the National Library Council committee for the handicapped, addressed a public meeting during the seminar. The major issue at that meeting was the demand from handicapped users representatives to have representation on the National Library Committee. A video tape and report of the seminar have been produced. Details from Dr P. G. Power, Office of the Principal, Melbourne State College, 757 Swanston Street, Carlton, Vic 3053.

Are VDU's a health hazard?

Alan Howie, an Ergonomist from the Department of Productivity and General Secretary of the Ergonomics Society of Australia and New Zealand, addressed the Branch on the ergonomics of VDU's. All aspects of VDU usage were covered including seating design, the design of the VDU itself, lighting, radiation emission etc. The meeting was taped and copies can be obtained by sending two c60 cassettes to Miss Margaret Cameron, Deakin University Library, Belmont, Vic 3217.

State Library of Victoria

Submissions have been made to the State Government by the Branch concerning the freeze on external advertising of State Library positions and the need for access to computer-based information services at that Library. The opposition of certain community groups to the site for the new State Library building has also been of concern to the Branch.

Doreen Parker

SA BRANCH

Career tapes

LIBRARIANS and library technicians describe their work and tell their best anecdotes for two career audio tapes produced for the SA Branch.

Each tape, jargon free, gives personal reactions to work and some ideas on why the interviewees chose librarianship as a career.

The project, funded by a special LAA grant has included hours of interviewing, scripting and technical editing and is now on two tapes: one for librarians' work (24 minutes); one for technicians' work (17 minutes). Each is for sale at \$5 – cheap at double the price!

Send money and order to The Secretary, SA Branch, PO Box 47, Rundle Street, Adelaide, SA 5001.

NSW BRANCH

Take off with the LAA

Copies of the 1980 edition of the LAA and Branch promotion and information leaflet *Take Off* have been circulated to Committees of NSW Divisions, NSW public libraries, NSW tertiary institutional libraries, TAFE library network and schools of librarianship.

The leaflet outlines the organisation and current policies of the Association. Sectional Groups in NSW have all contributed information about their 1980 objectives and activities. Addresses and phone numbers of Divisional executives and of NSW Branch Councillors are included, and a select list of LAA publications.

The Branch sub-committee which prepared the leaflet would welcome comment and suggestions for the future. Copies are available from the Branch Secretary, Marea Terry, Fisher Library, University of Sydney, 2006. Tel 692 3508.

Patricia Ward

VIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Non-English language materials cataloguing pilot scheme

FOR some time now Victoria's teacher-librarians have been concerned at the lack of clear, workable, uniform standards in relation to the cataloguing of non-English language materials.

With the support of a special grant, the Section is hoping to remedy this situation by conducting a series of seminar-workshops in city and country venues aimed at the resolution of common problems. It is hoped that a manual of standard practices will be produced as a result of these meetings.

At this stage the section is seeking state-wide responses to these two questions:

How do you process, classify, catalogue and organise your non-English collection at present?

What are the major problems which need to be solved before large scale expansion of your non-English collection can be easily undertaken?

Would members please contact Janet Goold, Secretary, School Libraries Section, Vic Group, 49 McDougall St, Geelong West 3218.

NSW SPECIALS

THE Group enjoyed a very informative meeting at the NSW Institute of Technology on May 20 when Mary Bays explained the intricacies and new developments of CLANN. Later, Marge Broward and Maxine Brodie described their work in Insearch DIAL Services, revealing facets of this organisation perhaps not generally known.

Robin Shelley-Jones

RARA

NEW members of the Reference and Readers' Advisers Group (RARA) are: Convener, Mr Grahame Sandry (Auburn Municipal Library); Committee, Lindsay Allen (Ryde Municipal Library) and Helen Lawson (Sutherland Shire Libraries). The RARA Group is constituted as part of the NSW Public Libraries Group.

Its aims are to stimulate interest within the profession in reference and readers' advisory work; to develop the expertise of its members by acting as an informal group to encourage younger people working in the profession to join the LAA; and to act as a pressure group via the Public Libraries Group on matters allied to reference and readers' advisory work.

Information about the activities of the group is available from the NSW Public Libraries Group, GPO Box 2959 Sydney 2001 or by contacting the convener, Mr Sandry (02) 649 6011 ext 38.

NORTHERN TERRITORY BRANCH

SEVERAL general meetings have been held this year. The most recent was on 29 May when Margaret Clinch (Assoc Head of the Learning Resources Centre at Darwin Community College) spoke of her experiences of North American library services during a year spent completing her MLS degree at the University of Western Ontario from 1978-1979. In a well illustrated and interesting talk Margaret spoke of the library scene in Canada and the USA including library services to North American Indians and visits to libraries in the West Indies and Hawaii.

Early this year Ron Davis, Director of the NT Library Service, gave a stimulating address to the NT Branch in which he outlined plans for the improvement and expansion of public and state type library services in the Territory.

Future plans include a General Meeting to launch a *Directory of Libraries*. This is to be held at a Darwin bookshop with the participation of local booksellers, librarians and others interested.

Other activities planned include a meeting at the Library of Darwin's Casuarina Public Hospital where librarian Joy King will be the host; a joint meeting with the Darwin (Migrant) Resource and Settlement Centre; the LAA's Government Publications Workshop; and a report on the Library Technicians Conference in Adelaide.

Visitors to Darwin interested in contacting LAA Branch officials should contact Neil Godfrey or Robyn Young at the Casuarina Campus of Darwin Community College or Bruce Turner at Casuarina Public Library, phone 27 2280.

Finally, NT Branch looks forward to playing a part in welcoming ASLA delegates to their Darwin Conference in September.

Bruce Turner

NLA data bases — the real costs

ON 19 February 1980, Mr Holding, MP for Melbourne Ports, asked a long question of the Minister for Home Affairs about data bases available to and accessed by the National Library of Australia.

The Minister replied on 13 May 1980 with very detailed information about the available data bases and the costs involved in accessing them.

For interested members/readers, the question and reply appear in *Hansard*, 13 May 1980, pp2673-2676.