

News from the Divisions

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE LIBRARIES SECTION

'Good, bad or indifferent?' is the title of the UCLS/NZLA post conference workshop to be held on 23 January at the University of Canterbury.

Speakers will include: Kenneth Rhodes (Dean of the School of Business Studies, Nth Brisbane CAE) will speak on 'The librarian is a manager — isn't he/she?' Ken spent 18 years in commerce and industry at levels of Divisional General Manager/General Manager and Managing Director.

Susan Edwards (Lecturer at Kuring-gai CAE) will speak on 'Users perceptions as a measure of library effectiveness'. Susan's major teaching areas include services to users and research methods.

Richard Stayner: 'Assessing collection adequacy'. Richard is a lecturer in the Graduate School of Librarianship at Monash University. Lecturing areas include the economics of libraries and information, quantitative methods, and, as from 1981, library management.

Information about other speakers will be published in the next edition of this newsletter.

Susan Acutt

NSW SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The Section held a most successful evening on October 22 on the topical theme of 'Transition and Career Education: Meeting Students' Information Needs'. Over 60 people attended and another 25 had to be turned away. Approximately half the group were librarians, the other half being teachers and consultants involved in transition and career education programs.

A panel session on student information

needs in these areas stimulated a considerable exchange of information amongst participants about ways of handling information needs in these areas.

Examples of teacher and librarian co-operation were outlined and many participants used the seminar to make contact with others working in similar areas or trialling new approaches.

The readability level of resources such as the *TAFE Handbook* and *Background to Careers* were criticised. As a result a number of the organisations represented at the seminar have decided to contact the authors of the relevant publications and indicate the concerns of the teachers and librarians.

Martha Heeren

RARA

THE NSW Reference and Readers Advisers Interest Group concluded its formal program of meetings for 1980 with a visit to the Denis Wolanski Library of the Performing Arts at the Sydney Opera House on 24 September.

Held during Australian Library Week, the meeting attracted over 40 interested librarians from public, special and academic libraries in the Sydney metropolitan area.

Paul Bentley, Librarian at the Denis Wolanski Library, addressed the large group. He described the history of the library, its services and collection strengths. Examples from the library's collection of printed materials, photographs, realia and audiovisual materials were exhibited and, in some cases, demonstrated.

The Denis Wolanski Library, less than 10 years old, has a fine collection of materials covering not only classic and modern theatre and opera, but also the more unusual areas of the performing arts such as music hall, puppetry and circus.

The librarians present found this an excellent opportunity to see at first hand a library with an in-depth collection in an area not adequately covered as yet by the Sydney Subject Specialisation Scheme.

Grahame Sandry

ACT ONLINE USERS

IN September the Group were treated to an outline of the whole Defence computerised system — not just their use of DIALOG and ORBIT. The historical background showing how the present Defence Information Services grew out of the services offered by the previous Supply and Army Departments was also given.

Defence has kept a low profile, but their performance has been most impressive. AD-SATIS goes much further back in time than the equivalent overseas classified databases held. DIALOG was used over a year before MIDAS; the computerised catalogue dates back to 1975 and is likely to go online in the near future.

Jean Geue

NSW SPECIALS

OVER 50 people attended the Section's meeting in September at Unilever Library when the intricacies of Prestel were discussed.

Ross Steele, of Logica Pty Ltd (representative for Prestel in Australia) spoke about the significance of the experience in Britain and its potential for Australian users. He was followed by Adam Conrad of News Limited who described his firm's own ideas and experience. Jenny Adams, the Librarian at Unilever Australia, gave an account of the

USER EDUCATION WORKSHOP

1-3 December 1980

Caulfield Institute of Technology Library

A 2½ day workshop on teaching and communication methods for all librarians who are teaching aspects of library use.

Maximum number of participants: 20.

Workshop fee: \$50.

Application forms and program details are available from Patrick Condon, Chief Librarian, CIT Library, PO Box 197, Caulfield East, Vic 3145. Phone (03) 573 2157.

use of Prestel in the Unilever Library.

Unfortunately it was not possible to arrange an on-line demonstration because of communication problems but if those of you who were disappointed would like to see Prestel in operation please contact Ross Steele on (02) 436 1700.

Robin Shelley-Jones

ON Monday, 20 October, a happy group of 50 card-carrying LAA members enjoyed the opportunity of a tour of the new Parliamentary Library, with its new audiovisual facilities. Dr Russell Cope and Mr Greig Tillotson personally guided the group on what turned out to be for many a memorable meeting.

S.K. Bevan

NSW BRANCH

IN association with the Australian Society of Archivists (Sydney), the NSW Branch held the fourth in its series of continuing education workshops on Local History in the State Archives of NSW on 31 October. The topic was 'Conservation and restoration procedures for public libraries'.

Emphasis was on the practicalities of public libraries coping with a growing responsibility for local history collections and on how to properly conserve materials that have a high and varied demand of community access.

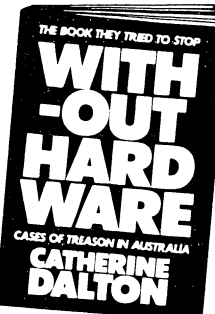
Prior to the workshop, some 20 public libraries had been asked to identify problem areas of conservation, storage and restoration. Replies covered such items as photographs, microfilm, old coins and maps.

Using this as a guide, Neville Corbett, (Conservation Consultant) presented a 'Do-it-yourself conservation plan for libraries' which was eminently practical, clear and entertaining.

Neville Corbett put forward the proposal that public libraries might consider contracting with a conservator to evaluate and advise them on the conservation needs of their local history material, and to train a group such as Friends of the Library to do routine tasks of conservation in the spirit of involvement in an important local community activity.

Consultants participating at the workshop were: Paul Brunton (Manuscript Cataloguer, Mitchell Library, Convener ASA) who introduced the workshop; Ken Smith (Archivist, Council of the City of Sydney); Tony Chadwick (Chairman, Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Material); Anne-Marie Schwirtlich (Australian Archives,

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LAA / NZLA social activities

WITH ENROLMENTS for the combined LAA/NZLA Conference finally closing on 30 November, conference organisers are anticipating an influx of 1000 delegates to the city of Christchurch for the conference week of 18-23 January 1981.

Christchurch is a medium-sized city (c300,000 population) which has an undeniable charm and a unity about it which makes it easy for the visitor to get around. The conference venue, the Christchurch Town Hall, is centrally situated and within easy walking distance of the Arts Centre (the old university site), Christ's College and the Victorian Gothic style Anglican Cathedral. Cathedral Square is noted for a variety of lunch-time activities, with the Wizard and the Bible Lady providing entertainment.

The Avon River winds through the town and lunch on the banks of the Avon is a relaxing and pleasant alternative to the many restaurants close to the convention centre. The more adventurous can go canoeing or punting on the river itself. January in Christchurch is usually fine and warm, with an average temperature of 22°C. Optimists believe the heavier than usual rainfall in January this year augurs well for a fine 1981.

As well as the many attractions of the city centre, 'not to be missed' sights are the Botanical Gardens in Hagley Park, adjacent to the city, and the views of the city and Lyttleton Harbour available from the Port Hills just outside the city.

A special program has been arranged for visitors accompanying delegates to the conference. A lunch-time barbecue on Monday will be followed by a visit to the Orana Lion Park. Activities on other days include a bus trip to Akaroa, a seaside village and fishing port, and a visit to Erewhon Sheep Station on Thursday. Please make sure you have booked for these on your enrolment form.

Everything possible is being done by the conference organisers to make the conference week a success for both delegates and visitors.

A full list of social events and entertainment in Christchurch will be published in a later issue of *Incite*. In the meantime, there are several events in addition to those on the registration form for which bookings are required in advance:

Library educators' dinner Monday, 19 January, 7-11pm. Tea Kiosk Restaurant, Botanical Gardens, NZ\$10.00. 3-course smorgasbord meal with wine, in attractive garden setting. The dinner is for all those concerned with library education as teachers or planners to get together for an informal chat about common issues. LAA Education Board and NZLA Education Committee members are welcome.

Cataloguers' dinner Monday, 19 January, 7pm-midnight. Chung Wah Restaurant, Armagh Street, NZ\$12.00. 7-course Chinese meal with wine.

Law Librarians' lunch Monday, 19 January, 12.45pm. Tea Kiosk Restaurant, Botanical Gardens, NZ\$6.00. Smorgasbord lunch with wine.

Harbour cruise (additional cruise) Monday, 19 January, 7pm-midnight. Details as for cruise on Wednesday, 21 January advertised in original program. The additional cruise has been organised because the first one is already booked out.

On-Line dinner Monday, 19 January, 7pm-midnight. Leon Langley's Greenhouse Restaurant, NZ\$16.00. 4-course meal with wine. French cuisine.

Please send bookings for these additional functions as soon as possible. (Final deadline 30 November.) As with registration, if you wish to send A\$, check with your bank for the current exchange rate at the time of posting. Include the following details: name of function, your name, number of tickets required, amount enclosed. Send to: LAA/NZLA Conference, PO Box 29037, Fendalton, Christchurch, New Zealand, marking your envelope with the name of the function.

Please note that the **Alternative dinner** (Monday, 19 January) is fully booked.

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NSW), Sandra Flisher (Officer-in-charge, Mitchell Library Reading Room); and Jennifer Nash (Cataloguer, Manuscripts, Mitchell Library, Secretary, ASA).

Participants' folders included a useful reprint from *Descant* 'Conservation of Historic Records at Home' by Neville Corbett. Copies can be obtained from the author, 79 Middle Harbour Road, Lindfield, NSW 2070, for 75¢ (incls postage). For copies of a list of main suppliers of conservation materials and conservation private practitioners in NSW contact Diana Oliver, Sutherland Shire Library (02) 521 0353.

A date for your 1981 diary - March 13. John Flint (Willoughby Municipal Library) and Anne Franklin (Stanton Library) will discuss the use of their list of subject headings for local history collections, now nearing publication.

Patricia Ward
THOSE who read of Leonard Wertheimer's proposed visit to Sydney in November. (*Incite* no18) can rest assured that they have not missed hearing him speak, since his itinerary now brings him to Sydney in December.

In order to give all those interested in the provision of library services to a multicultural community a chance to benefit from his knowledge and experience we're proposing to organise an 'Afternoon with Leonard Wertheimer' in the week beginning 8

December. This would enable him to discuss his work at Toronto Public Library and provide an opportunity for librarians here to discuss with him some of their experiences and problems in serving multicultural communities.

We anticipate such a program running from about 2.30pm-5pm. Anyone interested in coming along is urged to contact Marilyn Bryce (662 2906) by 1 December, both for more information and to indicate areas of interest. Exact details of the meeting will be published in *Incite*, no20.

AGM - Stop Press: Members will have notices that the Branch had five motions before the Association's AGM which took place on 31 October. Four of these were carried, a result which heartened those of us who were present. The issues we raised have now to be considered by General Council which next meets in Sydney on 28 November. We're *cautiously* optimistic about the outcome.

The fifth motion we withdrew on a point of order, raised by John Brudenall (the Past President), who pointed out that General Council *had* made a decision on the location for the 1988 conference - it's Sydney, though this decision may need to be altered pending the results of enquiries about accommodation.



MANAGER TECHNICAL SERVICES (CITY OF SYDNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY)

is required by

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SYDNEY

(Position ref no 188/80)

Salary: \$371.90 per week.

Qualifications and experience: Applicants must be graduates with professional library qualifications, and have proven administrative experience and sound management ability, including the preparation of reports and estimates of cost associated with library functions.

Responsibilities and duties: The successful applicant will assist the City Librarian with the efficient operation of the City of Sydney Public Library, and will be responsible for the control of all functions of the Cataloguing Department, Accessions Department, the Bindery, the Systems Office and the Lending Service of the Central and Branch Libraries.

The successful applicant will also be required to work with the City Librarian on a continuing program of evaluation and development of Library and information services.

Conditions of employment: Attractive conditions of employment include four weeks annual leave, three months long service leave after 10 years, accumulative sick leave and superannuation.

It should be noted that Council views the first 12 months of employment as a probationary period.

Applications should be lodged with Mr G. Hook, Controller of Industrial Relations, Box 1591 GPO, Sydney, quoting the position reference number 188/80 by Friday, 5 December 1980.

L. P. Carter
Town Clerk

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES SENIOR LIBRARIAN GRADE 1

(Ref 643)

Duties include the provision of computer-based information services, reference work, reader assistance and reader education in the physical sciences. On-line searching experience an advantage. Degree and Diploma in Librarianship or their equivalents required.

Further information from Miss M. Bate, (02) 662 3658.

Salary per annum: \$16,859 range \$17,424.

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Applications close 5 December 1980. Application form from the General Staff Office (02) 663 0351, P.O. Box 1, Kensington, N.S.W. 2033.