

News from the Divisions

SA BRANCH



THE South Australian Branch of the LAA has produced three library career pamphlets entitled Modern Librarianship 1, 2 and 3.

The pamphlets are attractive and well produced and give details of the educational requirements, opportunities and places of employment in SA.

They also answer the question 'Who are librarians' by pointing out that a good librarian is: anyone who is: outgoing, innovative, creative, energetic, a risk-taker, sensitive, adaptable, knowledgeable about public affairs, a self-learner, sympathetic to people's needs. Congratulations, SA.

HUNTER REGIONAL GROUP

LAST year was a successful year for the Regional Group which changed its name from the Central Coast Regional Group to the Hunter Regional Group. Library meetings and activities were advertised through the media and there was a TV interview as well as an interview on radio.

The Hunter Regional Group's committee for 1980 is: President: Cathy Hurst (Maitland City Librarian); Past President: Gary Jones (Uni of Newcastle); Vice-President: Julie Young (Newcastle Technical College); Secretary: Aileen Stevenson (Uni of Newcastle); Newsletter Editor: Carmel Bell (Uni of Newcastle); Treasurer: Jeni Scobie (Newcastle CAE); Committee: Pat Flowers, Margaret Fraser, Helen Fredlein.

NSW SPECIAL LIBRARIES

THE year commenced successfully with a very interesting visit to the Royal Botanic Gardens and National Herbarium on 12 February. This meeting was attended by 47 librarians who were given a guided tour of the Tropical Glasshouse followed by a talk from a senior botanist, Mr J. Armstrong. The Librarian, Anna Whitton, gave a brief history of the Royal Botanic Gardens Library and described the present collection and its function.
Robyn Shelley-Jones

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE LIBRARIES

ACT Group

THE ACT Group Committee is as follows – President: Mr Colin Steele (ANU Library); Secretary: Miss Susan Hargrave (ANU Library); Treasurer: Miss Elizabeth Cook (ANU Library); Members: Mr Peter Clayton (CCAELibrary), Mr Victor Crittenden (CCAELibrary), Mr Michael Evans (ANU Library), Mr Chess Krawczak (CCTAFE).

The Group is planning a series of seminars and talks during 1980, including a middle-level staffing seminar on management, from 9-10 May at the ANU; as well as a seminar on the electronic journal (25 August), led by Maurice Line, Director General, British Library Lending Division. Inquiries regarding the seminars can be directed to Colin Steele.

Project MIND

In September 1979, the Section applied for a non-recoupable grant of \$2500 to establish a Clearinghouse and Newsletter on information related to meeting the information needs of disabled people in the Australian community. In response to this submission, General Council has awarded UCLS, in conjunction with the Victorian Branch of the LAA, an amount of \$800.

This money may be used to underwrite expenses involved in the planning of the workshop on information needs of the handicapped, and in the development of the MIND Project. The Clearinghouse and Newsletter cannot be fully developed as insufficient resources were available from LAA to fund as requested. However, a further submission for funds may be submitted for 1981. Don Schauder will co-ordinate the expenditure of the grant in conjunction with the Victorian Branch of the LAA. See elsewhere this issue for more information about the MIND Project.

NZLA-LAA Joint Conference

The one day UCLS seminar for the Conference will be held on Friday, 23 January 1981. The National UCLS Committee is currently drawing up a program for the seminar. The topic under consideration is 'Are tertiary libraries effective?' and this is being applied to all facets of tertiary libraries – collection adequacy and development, steady state libraries, reader education and users perceptions of the library, the need for quantitative and qualitative research in tertiary libraries, etc. Comments on this proposed topic will be welcome.

Please send contributions to this column to the Editor, Barbara Paton, Reference Dept, Central Library, University of Queensland, St Lucia, Qld. 4067.

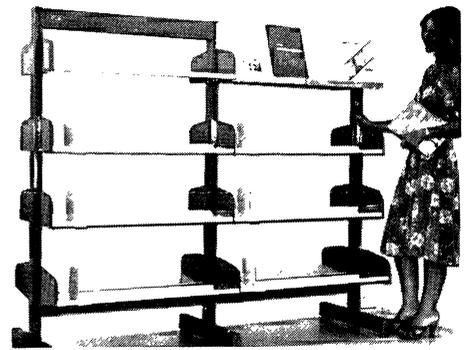
VICTORIAN SPECIAL LIBRARIES

THE Group's Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday, 7 February, 1980. Those members who were unable to attend but would like to have the Annual Report can obtain a copy by writing to the Secretary, Henry Thorburn, Librarian, Faculty of Economics and Politics, Monash University, Clayton, 3168 or phoning him on (03) 541 0811, ext 2317.

Missing something?

WHEN I received my copy of *AustLibJ* (no 1 February 1980) at home (I just can't keep away from it!) *Incite* no 2 was not included with the Journal. It should have been.

If any member did not receive this issue of *Incite* please contact me and I'll send you a copy. Ed.



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Doesn't time fly

1980 already – and not only 1980, but the end of March as well. The date of 31 March may not seem significant to you, but it is. It is the final date by which your membership fees for 1980 must be paid if you wish to continue receiving the *AustLibJ* and the new *Incite*, as well as getting the special members' rate at seminars and conferences – including the combined LAA/NZLA conference in Christchurch in January '81. Membership increased in 1979 for the first time in some years. Let's keep that trend in 1980 – the more financial members we have, the more effective the Association is, and the more it can accomplish. If you have lost your renewal form, get in touch with Mary Sherwood at the LAA Office (02) 29 7724, and she will be happy to send you another one.