

News from the Divisions

VICTORIAN BRANCH

Officers 1980

THE President for 1980 is Doreen Parker, phone 341 5371 and the Secretary is Ray Price, phone 341 6656. The address for the Branch remains at PO Box 2669X, GPO, Melbourne 3000.

Student recruitment

Margaret Cameron, 1979 Branch President, engaged in an extensive program of talks to students at the various schools of librarianship late last year and this will be followed up with further recruitment meetings early this year.

Beatrice Fincher is writing a recruitment brochure based on the NSW model for potential members of the LAA in Victoria. The Education for Librarianship Sectional Group is investigating the compilation of a careers guide to library schools in Victoria for potential students.

Education Department consultation

Discussions are taking place with the Department over the apparent reduction in the size of new school library buildings. The Department created a policy recently to build all new schools with a 'core' available for community use and relocatable classrooms. The 'core' is built in permanent materials and includes the library.

The Department also asked the Branch for its views on qualifications suitable for library staff working in primary school libraries. It was referred to appropriate policy statements in the *Handbook*.

Course advisory committees

The LAA is represented on only two course advisory committees in Victoria – RMIT and Gippsland. Efforts are being made to get representation on the Ballarat and Melbourne State College committees and to be reinstated on the Library Courses (Vocational) Standing Committee (Library Technicians).

Special interest groups

The Reference and Multiculturalism groups have decided not to apply for SIG status at this time. The Bookmobile SIG has transferred from the Branch to HQ and the Adult Literacy SIG has become the Literacy Section.

Euan M. Miller

NSW SPECIAL LIBRARIES

THE Annual General Meeting of the LAA Special Libraries Section NSW Group was held on Tuesday, 11 December in the conference room of Telecom Australia. Over 30 people attended the meeting which was chaired by the President of the Group, Jenny Adams.

The Superintending Engineer of Telecom, Keith Hardy, welcomed the committee and guests and gave a short history of the growth of the organisation's libraries. The librarian of the Sydney branch, Marie Douglas, gave a description of the present Telecom library system. A very enjoyable supper and an inspection of the new library followed the meeting. The occasion was a successful conclusion to the group's activities for the year.

Robin Shelley Jones

NSW BRANCH

NSW Branch Council

THE following members have been elected for the 1980 term of office – President: Merilyn Bryce; Vice-President (1981) President elect): Warren Horton; Past President: Jeanette Knox; Secretary: Marea Terry; Treasurer: David Butler; General Councillor NSW: Patricia Ward; Branch Councillors: Anne Brinson, Jack Nelson, Dianne Lamb, Diana Oliver, Philomena Lapsley, Margaret Simpson; Sectional Councillors: Allen Hall (Cataloguers), Ena Noel (Children's), David Potter (Information Science), Ian Gordon (Technicians), Margaret O'Sullivan (Public), Janet Hansen (Schools), David Hawkins (Specials), Janet Dawbin (University and College); Regional Councillors: Julie Young (Hunter), Min Tobitt (Mid North Coast), Peter Beaton (New England), Helena Hicks (Riverina), Graeme Deutscher (South Coast).

Head of Library Services

On 16 November, 1979, Patricia Ward (President), Diana Oliver (General Councillor) and Judy Reed (immediate past President, NSW School Libraries Sectional Group) met Mr Nay, Assistant to the Director General of Education, and Mr Carey, Director of Services, to discuss the Association's concern at the long delay in appointing the new Head of Library Services. The representations made included strong emphasis on the importance of advertising the post as one requiring professional library qualifications as well as management experience and skills. Mr Nay and Mr Carey were left in no doubt as to the importance the Association attaches to this position.

Part-time work and job sharing

Are you interested in the issues of permanent part-time employment and job sharing in library work? Professor Peter Wilenski, Commissioner, Review of the NSW Government Administration, has agreed to chair a panel discussion about this at a General Meeting on Wednesday, 23 April. The Branch would be pleased to have input of ideas and comments beforehand. Enquiries: Patricia Ward 371 7394 (ah), 30 6998 (w), or Warren Horton 221 1388 (w).

Freedom of Information

The final general meeting of 1979 arranged by the NSW Branch was held jointly with the recently formed New South Wales Freedom of Information Council, with which the Branch is now affiliated, on Freedom of Information legislation and, specifically, on the report on the Bill of the Senate Standing Committee.

The report is a substantial one of over 500pp, and the 80 or so people who attended the meeting appreciated Senator Alan Missen's summary of the main features of the report, followed by Senator Chris Puplick's charting of 'where do we go from here?'

It was emphasised both in the formal speeches and in subsequent discussion that without action by interested public groups the pressures from the public service and from those groups actively interested in maintaining the *status quo* are likely to weigh the balance in favour of the Bill as originally presented.

Librarians were therefore urged to write to the media, to write to their local members (particularly if they are in marginal seats!), to wait on their parliamentary representatives in deputation (and publicise their visit), and to consider a petition.

No MP is able to read, still less digest, all the printed material that comes over his desk, and unless he is made aware from his constituents that they have worries about the legislation

there will be no stimulus for debate and action within the parties.

Copies of the press statement issued by Senator Missen, as Chairman of the Senate Committee, when the report was tabled have been distributed by the Branch to public libraries throughout New South Wales (and Senator Missen has emphasised that there are no copyright restrictions on this document). Merilyn Bryce 662 2906 (w); 969 2916 (h) or Jeanette Knox 88 9277 (w) or 660 7781 (h) would be pleased to answer queries (to the best of their abilities).

ACT BRANCH

ACT Branch Council

THE following members have been elected for the 1980 term of office: President: Michael Evans (ANU); Past President: Charles Ironside (Woden Tafe College); Vice-President (President elect): Averill Edwards (NLA); Hon Secretary: Jenny Hefford (Capital Territory); Hon Treasurer: Liz Cook (ANU); Councillors: Diana Carroll (NLA), Carolyne Cohn (Parliamentary Library), Edith Heinrich (ANU), Bev Allen (IAC), Lorna McKenzie (Bruce Tafe College), Janet Gibbs (Tertiary Education Comm), Janet Perferment (Duntroon), Christine Edmonds, Sandra Oxley (CCA); General Councillor: Brenda Gerrie (CCA).

A new position was created in 1979 and will be filled for the first time in 1980, Recruitment Officer: Charles Ironside.

NSW PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Significant decade for librarianship

A REPORT just released says that the 1980s will be a significant decade for librarians and librarianship.

That statement, made by Margaret Whittaker in her presidential report, is in the newly released Annual Report of the LAA Public Libraries Section NSW Group.

The report also highlights activities and successes of the group in 1979 and describes a full, varied and interesting program of activities proposed for 1980.

Among the successful activities reported is the visit to the Clarence Regional Library Service. Margaret Whittaker writes 'In March we decided to try a new venture and as a result of this being so successful we hope to continue it as an annual event'.

Copies of the Annual Report are being distributed by mail to all members of the LAA NSW Public Libraries Group. Free copies are available to other members of the LAA. Send a 9 x 4 stamped, addressed envelope to Secretariat, NSW Public Libraries Group, GPO Box 2959, Sydney NSW 2001. The report is available to non-members at a cost of \$1.00.

Workshops and seminars

The Public Libraries Group co-operated with other LAA groups during the year to run workshops and seminars. 'A Day with Helen Lyman: Librarians and Adult Literacy' was organised in conjunction with the Public Libraries Division of the State Library, the NSW Adult Literacy Council (a non-library organisation) and the LAA NSW Branch. Over 50 people attended.

However, one function was disappointing. 'A visit to the St Mary's Branch of Penrith City Library', organised for 11 August, was not as successful as some other functions.

Program for 1980

The program for 1980 begins with the Annual General Meeting to be held at Strathfield

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Library on Wednesday, 13 February at 6.30 for 7.30pm.

March: Train trip to Wollongong to study Migrant and Community Information Services.

April: Public library financing: problems and possible solutions.

May: Special activity of the Reference and Readers Advisers Group.

June: Automation: prospects and your job.

July: Local government amalgamations: implication for public libraries.

August: Special visit to State Library.

September: Second special activity of the Reference and Readers Advisers Group.

October: Public library services to local government.

November: Annual dinner.

Full details of all these activities will be advertised in this Newsletter. Details about activities may be also obtained by writing to LAA NSW Public Library Group, GPO Box 2959, Sydney, NSW 2001. *Bob Diracca*

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE LIBRARIES

THIS is the first news column of the University and College Libraries Section. Here we will keep UCLS members informed on items of general interest such as special projects and studies in universities and colleges and workshops and seminars organised by the section.

The need for increased communication between the UCLS committees and UCLS members was made apparent at the 1979 LAA Conference. In response to this need, the national committee will publish a news column on a monthly basis in this Newsletter.

All state branches of the section are invited to regularly contribute information concerning meetings and branch activities. Contributions from individual UCLS members will also be very welcome.

This column is for you, the members of UCLS. If you have any contributions or comments, please send them to the Editor, Barbara Paton, Reference Department, Central Library, University of Queensland, St Lucia, Qld 4067.

National Committee

At the 17th Biennial General Meeting held on 27 August 1979 the following national committee was elected: President: Colin Cayless (Queensland Institute of Technology); Secretary: Margaret Travis (North Brisbane CAE); Treasurer: Frances Hegarty (Queensland Institute of Technology); Committee members: Susan Acutt (University of Queensland), Gaynor Austen (North Brisbane CAE), Barbara Paton (University of Queensland), Maira Turaidis (University of Queensland).

The committee aims to play an active role in communicating with section members and providing activities of interest to library staff in universities and colleges. If you have any ideas for activities which would be of interest to you, or think that the committee should concern itself with certain issues, or wish to volunteer to assist with a particular project, please contact the Secretary.

Victorian Branch

The Victorian Group Committee for 1980 consists of: President: Pam Longley (La Trobe University Library); Secretary: Jan Lindner (Swinburne College of Technology Library); Treasurer: Helen Martindale (Baillieu Li-

brary, University of Melbourne); UCLS representative on Vic Branch Council: Patrick Condon (Caulfield Institute of Technology); Committee members: Tamara Anghie (Monash University), Dulcie Brooke (Ballarat CAE), Rosemarie Gubser (RMIT), Jane Kandiah (Deakin University), Sylvia Ransom (SCV Melbourne) and Marion Taylor (CIT School of Industrial Studies).

If we are to be representative we need to hear from our constituents. If you have any ideas for activities in which the section might or should be involved, or if you feel that there are professional needs not currently being met, please contact the President or Secretary.

West Australian Branch

The WA section has been involved in several interesting events during the past year. Among the most successful was a Reader Education Workshop held in May. Thirty librarians attended and experienced a varied program in which much useful information and expertise was exchanged. It is hoped to make this an annual event.

A seminar was held in August to meet Bjorn Tell and 25 people met with Bjorn to hear about the library scene in Europe.

The AGM in December saw a disappointingly small audience hear an account by Mr G.G. Allen of his recent trip to the IFLA Conference in Copenhagen and his subsequent travels in England and Europe.

The incoming committee has not yet met to arrange the 1980 program but the section has a proposal in train to establish a union list of reader education material at the post-secondary level held in WA. More details of this will be available later.

Any ideas that members may have concerning future activities will be welcomed. Please contact P.E. Maskell, Department of Library Studies, WAIT.

Honoraria to Editors of AARL

The section has paid honoraria of \$250 to the Editor and \$150 to the Associate Editor of *AARL* in recognition of their unstinting dedication to the publication of the journal.

Conference: Interlending in the 80s

The LAA Queensland Branch Council and the UCLS Committee will be jointly sponsoring a conference provisionally titled *Interlending in the 80s* to be held 27-29 August 1980 at the University of Queensland. A recoupable grant of \$3000 from the LAA has been approved and approaches have already been made to some speakers. Watch for further details of the conference.

Project MIND

The UCLS Committee has agreed to give strong, active support to Project MIND (Working Party on Meeting the Information Needs of the Disabled) and has submitted an 'Application for Special Grants from the 1980 General Budget' to the LAA General Treasurer.

Members of the committee are very interested in helping to establish a MIND group in Queensland and have offered their assistance to the Working Party.

Don Schauder, convener of the Working Party, was the keynote speaker at the successful one day seminar on *Library Services to the Physically Handicapped* organised by the LAA Queensland Branch. The seminar was held at the Kelvin Grove CAE (Brisbane) on 10 September 1979. During Don's brief visit to Brisbane, the UCLS Committee met with him for a discussion of Project MIND and developments in automation in tertiary institutional libraries in Victoria.



The University of Melbourne

Brownless Library

LIBRARIAN GRADE 1

Position Number 840611

Applications are invited for this newly established position.

The appointee will be responsible for the day to day management at the Library including information and lending services, reader education and staffing.

The Library has a staff of 15 with a new audiovisual unit and it is a heavy provider of Medline searches. The library's reader education program will become a recognised feature of the Medical School's curriculum in 1981.

Candidates must have relevant experience in the science/technology library field, have demonstrated a strong managerial skill and be eligible for professional membership of the Library Association of Australia.

Salary in the range \$14,885-\$17,212 per annum. Applications close 15 February 1980, should be in writing with names of two referees and be addressed to the Staff Officer, University of Melbourne, Parkville, Vic 3052.

CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN 1

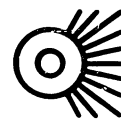
Applications are invited for the post of Assistant Librarian 1. Applicants should have a good university degree and full professional qualification in librarianship (MLS, ALA or equivalent) with at least three years' approved library experience. Knowledge of and experience with the development of automated systems an advantage.

Salary range: HK\$67,920-\$95,280 pa (Exchange rate approximately A\$1 = HK\$5.4).

Additional benefits include superannuation (University 15 per cent, appointee 5 per cent), medical benefits, paid long leave, education allowance for children, housing allowance for local appointee whose salary is above HK\$81,600 per annum and, for overseas appointees, housing accommodation on campus and passage benefits as well.

Write to Personnel Section, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, NT, Hong Kong for details and application forms.

Applications together with copies of testimonials should reach the University before 29 February 1980.



BENDIGO COLLEGE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION

SYSTEMS LIBRARIAN

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the position of Systems Librarian.

Duties: Under the direction of the Chief Librarian, to initiate and control procedures for the automation of the Library acquisitions/cataloguing system and to participate actively with the Computing Services Centre in the development of library systems.

Qualifications: Professional Library qualification with an appropriate degree or diploma. Relevant experience in automated library systems. Ability to control and motivate staff in applying new procedures.

Salary & Tenure: This will be a 5 year appointment with the possibility of renewal or permanency. Salary will be within the range \$17,765 - \$19,889.

Applications: Written applications together with the names of three referees, should be lodged with the Staffing Administration Officer, Bendigo College of Advanced Education, P O Box 199, Bendigo 3550, by 5 00 p m 8th February 1980.