

News from the Divisions

NSW SCHOOL LIBRARIES

THE LAA New South Wales School Libraries Group had a lively and well attended AGM at North Sydney Boys' High School on 26 February.

During the business part of the meeting, the 1979 President, Eunice Graham, thanked the outgoing committee and gave a resume of 1979 activities. She also spoke of the revision of the popular 1975 publication *Periodicals for School Libraries*. The new edition is expected to appear early in 1981.

The 1980 Executive and Committee were introduced to the meeting. The new President, Marianne Broadbent, outlined proposed activities for 1980 including seminars on budgeting (March 22), computers (May 31), library co-operation (July 26) and continued work in the policy development area.

Paul Bisnette then introduced the guest speaker, Pat Woolley, outlining Pat's career and the establishment in 1974 of Wild and Woolley Publications in partnership with Michael Wilding.

Pat gave the meeting an insight into the world of publishing through a slide presentation focusing on prominent figures in Australia's literary world.

She commented that the outlook for publishing in Australia was not good, with many publishing groups floundering and on the verge of bankruptcy. The young book buying market did not at present seem to be buying the type of books they were a few years ago. Print runs were low and so was profitability.

Wild and Woolley are attempting to sell some their products on the US West Coast, offering a prospective 'publisher's rep' a 'garage pad' in exchange for handling distribution from Los Angeles.

Pat answered many questions about current trends in the publishing world emphasising that she felt that new technology should be used for the benefit of writers and readers. Photocopying machines, for example, should be used to produce 'instant books' for those who want them without there being the need for the full printing process for many types of documents and manuscripts.

Nan Manefield

VICTORIAN BRANCH

TAPES of the Annual General Meeting are available for those people who were unable to be present on 11 March 1980. Would those who are interested please send two 60-minute tapes to Margaret Cameron, at Deakin University, Geelong. She will return the copies to you.

This year's Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, 5 December. Various locations are currently under consideration - if you know of a place that would be especially suitable, please let Virginia de Crespigny know on (03) 544 8544 ext 295.

V. P. Champion de Crespigny

SA BRANCH

Conference 1982

THE Executive of the Steering Committee for the LAA 1982 Conference to be held in Adelaide are: Chairperson, Jim Crawford; Deputy Chairperson, Tony Brown; Executive Secretary, Anne Hazell; Treasurer, Malcolm Berry.

Any members who are interested in keeping in contact with the conference or who wish to serve on a sub-committee may contact Anne Hazell (227 3209) or Tony Brown (227 4299).

VICTORIAN CATALOGUERS

A VICTORIAN Subcommittee of LASH will be formed to consider the scope and purpose of the *List of Australian Subject Headings* which is currently being revised by its compiler, John McKinlay.

Any person interested in joining this committee should contact Mrs Helen Hofmann, La Trobe University Library, Bundoora Vic 3083. Phone (03) 478 3122 ext 2923.

NSW CHILDREN'S LIBRARIES

THE NSW Branch of the Children's Libraries Section is holding its annual one-day conference at Drummoyne Civic Centre on Friday, 9 May.

Entitled *Publishing and the book trade: a child's-eye view*, the theme is calculated to appeal to all those who are mystified by the processes involved in the creation, manufacture and marketing of children's books. The stages in the life of the book will be revealed step by step by the guest speakers.

Firstly, Eve Pownall will speak as an author and she will be followed by the illustrator, Tony Oliver. Margaret Hamilton from Hodder and Stoughton will speak on the role of the editor and on book production.

In the afternoon, the marketing of the books will be discussed by James Fraser, the Sales Manager of William Collins, and finally June Smith, from Macquarie Bookshop will speak on 'Creative Bookselling'.

The conference program is an attempt to remove the veils from the publishing industry and the day promises to be both fascinating and stimulating. For more information see 'Happenings' this issue. *Marian Calvert*

Salaries on the move

NSW Local Govt library salaries increase: LIBRARY staff will benefit from recent changes to salaries within New South Wales local government.

Library assistants will receive an increase of \$8.60 per week, whilst librarians and library officers will receive increases of 4.2 percent.

Day workers will receive the full benefits of such increases gained by the Municipal Employees Union on their behalf, however many shift workers will, in the main, be fortunate to maintain their present rate, which now sets out the minimum payment of three shifts (formerly five), at \$22.50 per week (formerly \$30.40).

The new method of payment seems to be a step towards the eventual introduction of payment as per shift worked. However, this change from 'weekly payment' for shift has not as yet brought a corresponding minimum notification period for shifts to be worked.

Chief Librarians will receive overall increases of 2.2 percent, however for those Chief Librarians in charge of libraries beneath Grade 8 this increase will, in fact, be less than that received by the librarians of whom they are in charge and, in most cases, even less than that of their library assistants. The status of Chief Librarians in public libraries will not be enhanced by this decision.

Victoria

Recent decisions in relation to the Victorian public servants will give staff of the State Library of Victoria, including the librarians, overall increases of 4 percent.

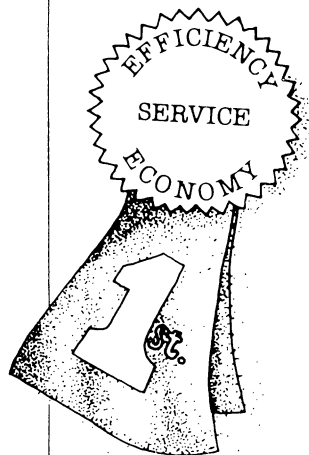
Canberra

The Professional Officers' Association is considering the possibility of conducting a work value study to support a salary claim on behalf of librarians employed in the Australian Public Service.

News from the West

The recent success of the Civil Services Association will give improved salaries to librarians employed in colleges of advanced education in Western Australia. Following this initiative the impetus will move to the Western Australian university system, for some time the poor relations in librarians' salary and career ranges, with an expected claim on their behalf by the Western Australian University Salaried Officers' Association.

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