

Librarians and child care

On Tuesday, 19 May the Reference Interest Group Victoria sponsored a meeting of Melbourne librarians working in the field of child care.

During the half day meeting several librarians distributed copies of child care serial holdings, and the Dept of Community Welfare Services library distributed a list of reference sources in child care. Since the holdings of most of the libraries are not included in NUCOM, SALSSAH or SSAL, the information proved most useful.

A discussion on 'Progress and problems' highlighted several points on the literature of child care. There is no single adequate child care data base currently available, although there are several bases which include some useful literature. There is one highly specialised data base, *Child abuse and neglect*, suitable for literature searches on overseas material. There have been a number of new monographs on child care issues in Australia, so that a body of literature is beginning to develop.

Child care is an interdisciplinary study and the librarians present showed this in discussing their libraries' holdings. Psychology, sociology, social welfare, education, medicine and literature were the main areas listed. Because each of the libraries also had responsibilities other than child care, it was obvious that interlibrary co-operation has to be developed and fostered. *Neil P. Donahoe*

ACI Computer Services has arranged for KATHY SHENTON, one of SDC Search Service's leading online retrieval experts, to conduct ORBIT subject seminars and ORBIT review sessions in Australia and New Zealand.

Mrs Shenton is Physical Science Information Services Manager at SDC. She will conduct seminars in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra from 22 June to 3 July and then proceed to New Zealand where she will spend a further week. In addition to the ORBIT seminars, Mrs Shenton will address online user groups in most centres.

See 'Happenings' this issue for more details, or contact Leigh Baker (03) 544 8433.

RONA WADE has been appointed Executive Director of CLANN Ltd. This follows MARY BAYS' resignation from the position for family reasons. Miss Wade was previously Research Officer with the Library Board of Western Australia.



Jennifer Pitt, RBS Librarian

JENNIFER PITT has been appointed Librarian of the Royal Blind Society of NSW in succession to PAM BEADLE, who has returned to the United Kingdom.

Prior to joining the RBS, Miss Pitt worked as a library assistant at Lane Cove. Her new responsibilities include a Braille Library consisting of 4000 titles and 30,000 volumes, and the Talking Book machines and cassettes.

During her trip to Australia, MARGARET MARSHALL, from Great Britain, visited Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education on 18-19 May as a consultant to the Child-Young Adult Specialist Program currently being proposed by the School of Library and Information Studies at the College.

Margaret, who is distinguished for her work with the young disabled and lecturer in children's literature, was keynote speaker at the IBBY Conference 'Able to enjoy: books and the young disabled' held in Sydney from 13-16 May.

A & R's NEW OWNER

BAY BOOKS, a subsidiary of News Ltd, has bought the publishing house of Angus and Robertson. The sale attracted 17 bidders, several of whom were large overseas publishers.

The University of NSW Press considered buying and tried to find last-minute financial backing to make a bid.

George Barber, chief executive of Bay Books, has said that he does not intend to make any editorial changes within A and R at the moment.

FREE CHIPS?

TRYING to think up a new gimmick to promote Australian Library Week this year? Here's one that I bet you haven't thought of.

A library in Maryland, US, came up with the idea of giving borrowers a coupon for an order of french fries for each overdue book they returned.

The idea originated from a fast-food restaurant chain (I wonder who they are?) who offered to provide free fries as part of National Library Week.

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READING TIME (The Journal of the Children's Book Council of Australia) no79, April 1981. Edited by Eleanor Stodart, PO Box 159, Curtin, ACT 2605.

School: a Microcosm of the World by *Belle Alderman*;

ABPA Book Design Awards 1980, Children's Books.

AUSTRALIAN SPECIAL LIBRARIES NEWS v14, no1, March 1981. Edited by Eve Ahearn, PO Box 184, North Ryde, NSW 2113.

Special Libraries and the Copyright Act 1968-1980 by *Ray Walsh*;

Use of Word Processors in the Primary Industry Library by *Jean Geue*;

Objectives of the Law Courts Library, Sydney by *Hani El Turk*;

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ACT

June 22 LAA Special Libraries Section ACT Group PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY VISIT 10.30am-12.30pm Contact: Mr N. Prendergast (062) 72 7274. (Numbers limited, but names will be taken for another session later in the year).

July 2-3 ACI ORBIT SUBJECT SEMINARS. Conducted by Kathy Shenton (SDC Search Service). Contact: Steve Carlland, ACICS (062) 47 0988.

July 2 LAA ACT Branch COUNCIL MEETING 5.30pm READERS LOUNGE, NLA. Meetings for 1981 will be held on first Thursday of each month, same time, same place as above. Dates of future meetings: 6 Aug, 3 Sept, 1 Oct, 5 Nov, 3 Dec. Contact: Janet Perfrement (062) 66 3572.

July 9 LAA Cataloguers Section ACT Group COMMITTEE MEETING 5.30pm MACDONALD ROOM, MENZIES BLDG, ANU LIBRARY. Meetings for 1981 will be held second Thursday of each month, same time, same place as above. Dates of future meetings: 13 Aug, 10 Sept, 8 Oct, 12 Nov, 10 Dec. Contact: Philip Keane (062) 49 3417.

July 10 LAA Cataloguers' Section ACT Group FULL DAY SEMINAR *Serials cataloguing in the 1980s*. More details later. Contact: Philip Keane (062) 89 8177.

July 22 Canberra On-Line Users Group MEETING *BMR In-house data bases - GEODEX, OSHAL, CABIB, LIBLN* 4.30pm BMR. Numbers limited. Possibility of second session if sufficient demand. Contact Ray Lorenz (062) 49 9708.

July 24 UCLS ACT Group ONE-DAY SEMINAR *Management of change* ANU. Contact: Colin Steele (062) 49 2003. **Please note change of date.**

SA

June 25 LAA School Libraries Section/Children's Libraries Section SA Groups/Children's Book Council JOINT MEETING 7.45pm PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE, PREPARATORY SCHOOL, DEQUETTEVILLE TCE. Speaker: Julia McRae. Contact: Elizabeth Smith (08) 332 6111.

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June 27 Aust Society of Archivists Adelaide Branch ONE DAY SEMINAR *Keeping archives* STATE LIBRARY OF SA. Cost: \$10. Contact: George Smith (08) 269 3977.

July 8 LAA SA Branch MEETING *Marketing for non-profit-making organisations* 7.30pm STATE LIBRARY LECTURE THEATRE. Speakers: Dr Peter Steidl and Ms Meryl Gepp. Contact: Philippa Middleton (08) 227 4299.

July 24, 25 LAA School Libraries Section SA Group/SMMART/RCTA COMBINED CONFERENCE *Sharing* STURT CAE.

August 17-18 ACI ORBIT Service Courses ADELAIDE. Contact: Mike Ogilvy (08) 268 1933. See Qld July 22-23 for more details.

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