

HAPPENINGS

A REGULAR DIARY OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

National

November 11 National Book Council Vic Committee LITERARY LUNCHEON. Guest speaker: Jean Gittens, author of 'Diggers from China' (Hyland House), PARKVILLE. Contact: Pat Forster, NBC (03) 63 8043.

November 16-18 VALA (Vic Assoc of Library Automation) NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY AUTOMATION "Meeting the challenge of technology" UNI OF MELBOURNE. Contact: Geoff Payne, VALA, LaTrobe Uni Library, Bundoora 3083, (03) 478 3122.

November 17 Australian Society of Indexers AGM 8pm. CSIRO, 314 ALBERT ST, EAST MELBOURNE, 3RD FLOOR CONF ROOM. Contact: Jennifer Challis (03) 669 9836.

November 20 Footscray Institute of Technology SEMINAR "The networks and ABN: where to now?" To be opened by Mr. Harrison Bryan. Contact: Mr G. Peguero, FIT (03) 688 4274, Telex FITLEX 36596.

November 20-22 Centre for Migrant Studies, Monash Uni SEMINAR 'Prejudice in print: the treatment of ethnic minorities in published works' NORMANBY HOUSE, MONASH UNI. Cost: \$45. Contact: Radha Rasmussen (03) 541 2958.

November 26-27 Reader Education Planning Committee, ALCAE 4TH CONFERENCE 'The effect of reader education or reader services functions' BARDON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, BRISBANE. Contact: Elizabeth Jordon (07) 221 2411 ext 720.

December 2 National Book Council Vic Committee LITERARY LUNCHEON. Guest speaker: Colleen McCullough, author of 'Indecent Obsession' (Harper and Row).

Victoria

October 19 LAA Literacy Section GENERAL MEETING 'Get rid of gobbledegook: the problems of Public Service language' 7.30pm RMIT, CENTRAL LIBRARY LECTURE ROOM, LEVEL 5, BLDG 10. Speaker: Sue Healey. Contact: Linda Stevenson (03) 328 1838.

October 30 LAA UCLV Vic Group DINNER to honour retirement of Mr D.H. Borchardt and Mrs J. McL. Harley, 7 for 7.30pm. CLAYFIELD ROOM, BOYKETT BLDG, CIT. Cost \$18.75. Please make cheques payable to UCLV Vic Group and send before 20 Oct to Helen Sweeny, Swinburne Library, John St, Hawthorn, Vic 3122, (03) 819 8184.

November 6 LAA School Libraries Section Vic Group AGM 7pm 55 MOLESWORTH ST, KEW (home of President Mrs B. Fincher). Buffet dinner. Contact: Rose Mary Graham, (03) 848 3376.

November 6 Community Information Special Interest Group MEETING 'Funding for community information 6 for 6.30pm CARRINGBUSH LIBRARY. Contact: Wendy Critchley (03) 547 1044.

November 11 LAA Vic Branch COUNCIL MEETING. SLV CONFERENCE ROOM. Meetings for 1981 will be held on second Wednesday of each month. Dates for future meetings: Contact: Ray Price (03) 341 6656.

November 12 LAA Vic Branch GENERAL MEETING. SLV. THEATRE. Meetings for 1981 will be held on second Thursday of each month. Dates for future meetings: 10 Dec. Contact: Ray Price (03) 341 6656.

November 13-15 LAA Children's Libraries Section Vic Group SEMINAR 'When the wind changed: faces of Australian children's literature' CRAIG'S ROYAL HOTEL, BALLARAT. Fee (complete weekend): \$65 (\$60 LAA members). Part daily attendance available. Contact: Glenda Hill (03) 200 1207.

November 26-27 Insearch Ltd/DIALOG. Information Retrieval Service DIALOG INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR, MELB. Contact: Jennifer Affleck (008) 22 2077 (toll-free).

November 30-December 2 Caulfield Institute of Technology CONFERENCE 'User education issues and prospects'. Cost: \$110. Information and application forms: Patrick Condon, Chief Librarian, CIT Library, PO Box 197, Caulfield East 3145, (03) 573 2157.

December 1-2 Insearch Ltd/DIALOG. Information Retrieval Service DIALOG INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR, MELB. Contact: Jennifer Affleck (008) 22 2077 (toll-free).

December 1-2 ORBIT NEW AND ADVANCED SEMINARS. MELBOURNE. For details contact: Leigh Baker (03) 544 8433.

December 3-4 Caulfield Institute of Technology WORKSHOP 'Teaching skills for librarians and others involved in training and education'. Cost: \$60. Information and application forms: Patrick Condon, Chief Librarian, CIT Library, PO Box 197, Caulfield East 3145 (03) 573 2157.

December 4 LAA Vic Branch CHRISTMAS PARTY 8pm ALMAZETT LEBANESE RESTAURANT, 210 BALACLAVA RD, CAULFIELD NORTH. Cost: \$13. Cheques to Virginia de Crespigny, Rusden CAE, 662 Blackburn Rd, Clayton 3168 by 6 November. Further details: (03) 544 8544.

Tasmania

December 8-11 Insearch Ltd/DIALOG Information Retrieval Service DIALOG INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR, plus advanced seminars, system refresher and MEDLINE. HOBART. Contact: Jennifer Affleck (008) 22 2077 (toll-free).

NSW

October 16-17 LAA NSW Branch/Hunter Valley Regional Group WORKSHOP 'Managing people at work' Day-to-day management and staff supervision BELLBIRD HOTEL, BELLBIRD (5km CESSNOCK). Speakers include: Bruce Rose (Training Officer, Sutherland Shire Council). Fee (incl lunch): \$55 (\$40 LAA members). Accommodation: \$20 (single), \$30 (double). Enquiries/enrolment forms: A. Stevenson, Faculty of Medicine, Uni of Newcastle (049) 68 5521 or Marilyn Bryce, LAA Headquarters (02) 698 4100. Note price change.

Mid-October Division of Postgraduate Extension Studies UNSW COURSE 'Introduction to management information systems' (6 radio lectures, 9pm Wednesdays, repeated 8pm Thursdays, 1 attended evening seminar). Fee: \$14 (incl notes). Lecturer: Dr Rodney Smyth. Contact: Division of Postgraduate Extension Studies, UNSW, phone (02) 662 2691.

October 28-29 ORBIT NEW AND ADVANCED SEMINARS. SYDNEY. For details contact: Katie Blake (02) 698 6297.

October 31 LAA Children's Libraries Section NSW Group/Storytelling Guild COMBINED ONE DAY CONFERENCE 'Haven't I heard it before: a new look at old tales'. 'WOODSTOCK', BURWOOD. Speakers include: Maurice Saxby, Jean Chapman, Hazel Hume and storytellers. Costs (incl lunch): \$15, \$12 LAA and Guild members. Contact: Zoe Withers (02) 745 2666 or (02) 82 2586 (ah).

November 6 ACCESS RE-UNION MEETING 5.30-7.30pm STANTON LIBRARY, 234 MILLER ST, NORTH SYDNEY. To celebrate ACCESS libraries 10th anniversary. Contact: Anne Franklin (02) 920 5880.

November 11 LAA NSW Branch Council MONTHLY MEETING 6pm CONFERENCE ROOM, FISHER LIBRARY, UNI OF SYDNEY. Meetings for 1981 will be held on second Wednesday of each month, same time and place as above. Dates of future meetings: 9 Dec. Any LAA member is welcome as observer. Items for agenda contact: Hon Sec Philomena Lapsley (02) 692 2994.

November 18-20 Insearch Ltd/DIALOG Information Retrieval Service DIALOG INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR plus advanced seminar in business. SYDNEY. Contact: Jennifer Affleck (02) 264 6344.

December 1 LAA NSW Online Users Group MEETING 6 for 6.30pm CONFERENCE ROOM, FLOOR 2, FISHER LIBRARY. Contact: Joan Morrison (02) 692 2138.

December 8-10 Insearch Ltd/DIALOG Information Retrieval Service DIALOG INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR plus advanced seminar in legal information. SYDNEY. Contact: Jennifer Affleck (02) 264 6344.

December 9-10 ORBIT NEW AND ADVANCED SEMINARS. SYDNEY. For details contact: Katie Blake (02) 698 6297.

Queensland

October 24 LAA Special Libraries Section Qld Group SEMINAR 'The management of information' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, BARDON. Ray Walsh (07) 224 3362.

November 9 Qld Online Users Group AGM 5.30 for 6pm QIT LIBRARY. Wine and cheese. Contact: Barbara Paton (07) 377 3803.

November 11 Darling Downs Regional Group. Meet author Keith Garvey of Glen Innes 'Uncle Harry'. 8pm Pre-meeting dinner and venue to be advised later. Co-sponsored by Toowoomba Municipal Library, Darling Downs Literary Society and Australia Council. Contact Don Duncan-Kemp (076) 30 1300 ext 340.

December 3-4 ORBIT NEW AND ADVANCED SEMINARS. BRISBANE. For details contact: Paul Watmough (07) 44 5232.

Western Australia

November 4 LAA School Libraries Section WA Group WEST AUSTRALIAN YOUNG READERS' BOOK AWARD 7pm UPPER LECTURE THEATRE, MT LAWLEY CAE, CNR BRADFORD ST & ALEXANDER DRIVE. Contact: WA Young Readers' Book Award, PO Box 259, Claremont 6010.

December LAA Special Libraries Section WA Group AGM. Venue to be advised. Contact: Judy Morrissey (09) 328 7466.

Exhibitions

NLA, CANBERRA
October 'Aspects of Australian history', Rex Nan Kivell Room; 'What did you eat for breakfast?', mezzanine gallery; A variety of showcase displays including 'Australian Prime Ministers', 'Cook's Endeavour' and books of particular note, main foyer and mezzanine gallery. 'Bligh Charts', Library Theatre foyer.

GALLERIES, STATE LIBRARY OF NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney

— **February 7, 1982** 'Men and maps in Australia' — **March 21, 1982** 'A fine field for botanizing'.

ACT

October 24-25 Canberra Children's Book Council SEMINAR 'Writing and illustrating for children'. HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL. Speakers include: Cliff Green, Bruce Treloar, Mary White, Hazell Edwards, Rosalind Price. Fee: \$10 (students \$5). Contact: Belle Alderman, CCAE, PO Box 1, Belconnen 2616, (062) 52 2062.

October 27-29 Insearch Ltd/DIALOG Information Retrieval Service DIALOG INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR, plus advanced seminar in search strategy and MEDLINE. CANBERRA. Contact: Jennifer Affleck (008) 22 2077 (toll-free).

November 5 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: 3 Dec. Contact: Janet Perfrement (062) 66 3572.

November 11-12 ORBIT NEW AND ADVANCED SEMINARS. CANBERRA. For details contact: Steve Cartland (047) 47 0988.

November 12 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: 10 Dec. Contact: Philip Keane (062) 89 8834.

November 13 LAA Special Libraries Section HALF DAY SEMINAR followed by lunch. 'Specials in ABN'. CSIRO HEADQUARTERS. Contact: Ann Crewe (062) 43 6399.

November 18-19 ORBIT NEW AND ADVANCED SEMINARS. PERTH. For details contact: Bob Till (09) 321 2859.

SA

October 19 LAA Library Technicians Section SA Group AGM & DINNER 7.30pm BERTIES. Contact: Joan Manners (08) 332 4741 ext 392.

October 20 LAA Cataloguers Section SA Group MEETING 'Eighteenth century short title catalogue' 7.30pm CHILDREN'S LIBRARY, KINTORE AVE. Speaker: Dr Robin Alston. Supper. Contact: P. Howart (08) 275 2083 or S. Gray (08) 260 2055 ext 2119.

October 20 LAA Special Libraries Section SA Group visit. DEFENCE RESEARCH CENTRE, SALISBURY and DISTIS — The Defence Information Services Technical Information System 6pm. Bus from Victoria Square at 5.10pm. Light refreshments. Contact Senior Librarian (08) 259 6546 by 14 October

October 25-26 LAA SA Branch VISIT TO LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS IN THE SOUTH-EAST. Contact: Margaret Sandstrom (08) 332 8266.

November 2 LAA Special Libraries Section SA Group MEETING 'Australian Bibliographic Network' 6.15pm STAG HOTEL, 299 RUNDLE ST. Contact: Mike Strode-Smith (08) 259 5498.

November 3 LAA School Libraries Section SA Group AGM 7.45pm LIBRARY, ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL, WEST TCE. Speakers: Felicity Hughes, Anne Simpton, John Funnell. Contact: Barbara Crompton (08) 44 1519.

November 10 LAA Public Libraries Section SA Group MEETING. Guest speaker: Al Grassby. Contact: Gael Fraser (08) 268 5666.

November 18 LAA Cataloguers Section SA Group AGM.

November 25-26 ORBIT NEW AND ADVANCED SEMINARS. ADELAIDE. For details contact: Mike Ogilvy (08) 268 1933.

November 27 LAA UCLV SA Group AGM & DINNER.

NT

October 19 LAA NT Branch MEETING "Report of the 'Libraries in isolation' conference" 7.45pm DARWIN CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY. Contact: Lauris Suiter (089) 89 7446.

November 16 LAA NT Branch AGM 7.45pm CASUARINA PUBLIC LIBRARY. Contact: Lauris Suiter (089) 89 7446.

December 5 LAA NT Branch CHRISTMAS FUNCTION. Venue to be decided. Contact: Lauris Suiter (089) 89 7446.

Overseas

February 8-12 NZLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 'Libraries — who needs them?' AUCKLAND. Contact: Mr K.I. Porter, Auckland Conference Committee, University Library, Auckland Uni, Private Bag, Auckland, NZ.

March 30-April 1, 1982 THIRD NATIONAL ONLINE MEETING. NEW YORK. Contact: Martha E. Williams, Co-ordinated Science Laboratory, Uni of Illinois, 1101 West Springfield, Urbana, Ill 61801, USA.

September 6-10 1982 IBBY 18TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 'Story in the child's changing world' CHURCHILL COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND. Conference fee: A\$350 (approx). Accom available. Further details and booking form: IBBY Australia, PO Box 194, Edgecliff, NSW 2027.

BERTA MANSOURIAN has been appointed Ethnic Services Librarian of the State Library of Victoria. Miss Mansourian, who speaks five languages, holds a BA (Hons) from Monash University and a Graduate Diploma in Librarianship from RMIT.

Miss Mansourian said the State Library had increased its holdings in languages other than English considerably over the past two years. She would like to see the collection used more widely by people from different cultural/linguistic backgrounds.

If you would like to find out more about the State Library of Victoria's multilanguage collection or if you want information about multiculturalism, etc ring her on (03) 669 9047.

MARGE BROWARD is joining IDC Research Australia as a senior research consultant specialising in new electronic media such as videotex, teletext and online public database systems.

Until late last year, Marge was Manager for Development with Insearch Information Services.

MARGARET TRASK, Head of the School of Library and Information Studies at Kuring-gai College of Advanced Education, is on study leave until August 1982.

She is carrying out a needs assessment survey and examining the existing situation of staff development programs in large Australian libraries. As well as visiting the Australian libraries, she is looking at what is happening in this area in the US and UK by visiting institutions and individuals.

Mairéad Browne is Acting Head of the School of Library and Information Studies while Margaret Trask is away.

New England Group

After a period of inactivity, the New England Regional Group has been reconstituted and is planning a program of activities.

The Group is centred in Armidale, NSW, and is keen to organise professional meetings of interest to all librarians in the rural parts of northern NSW.

At a recent meeting the following office-bearers were elected on an interim basis for the remainder of 1981 and have agreed to be nominated for the 1982 Committee: President: Karl Schmude, University of New England Library; Secretary/Treasurer: Jill Harrington, Memorial Library, Armidale; Committee: Judith Wood, CSIRO Library, Chiswick, Rosemary Brewer, University of New England Library, Mary Ann Lea, Armidale CAE Library.

Additional nominations of LAA members for the 1982 Committee should be sent by 16 October 1981 to the Interim Secretary, Mrs J. Harrington, Memorial Library, Faulkner Street, Armidale, NSW 2350. A meeting will be held as soon as possible after that date, in conjunction with an address to the Regional Group by a guest speaker.

Obituary

MANY MEMBERS of the Association, especially former colleagues from the State Library of NSW and from special libraries, will have been saddened to hear of the death on 3 July 1981, of Mrs Constance McKay.

After graduating from the University of Sydney, Mrs McKay worked at the then Public Library of NSW, mainly under Miss N. Kibble in the Research Department, until her marriage. After a break she returned to librarianship in 1941 as Librarian at Commonwealth Industrial Gases Ltd and remained their librarian until her retirement in 1967. She was a skilled spokeswoman for industrial libraries and published many articles in the industrial press about their services.

Mrs McKay was active in the affairs of the Association all her professional life. She was a member of the first Special Libraries' Committee set up under the chairmanship of Miss Edith Sims in 1942/43 and was chairman of the Special Libraries Committee set up by the NSW Branch in 1944/45. She became the first President of the Special Libraries Section when it was created by the Association in 1953 and served the Section in many offices, including that of General Councillor, over many years.

She was also an active member of the NSW Branch, and was Vice-President in 1948/49 and President in 1949/50.

After her retirement from CIG, she continued her work in librarianship for some years with the Linnaean Society of NSW.

Special librarianship in Australia owes much to Mrs McKay — for her pioneering work in training other special librarians and in publicising the work of industrial special libraries, and for her long and dedicated service to the professional body.

Jean M. Murray

News from Divisions

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VIC BRANCH

Restricted publications

A delegation from the Branch and the Library Council of Victoria met with officers of the Attorney-General's Department in July to discuss the Police Offences Act as it relates to the handling of restricted publications in libraries. This is of particular concern to the LAA because certain works which could usefully be displayed in libraries (such as *More Joy of Sex*) are now being made restricted publications.

Branch Council's previous opinion that it would be impracticable to have libraries exempted from the Act completely was reinforced as a result of the meeting. The *present* Board members appear to interpret the guidelines in a fairly liberal manner but the danger is that the guidelines could result in a restriction of almost any publication dealing with material of a sexual nature. Branch Council has agreed to pursue the problems faced by libraries and to request a review of the restrictions on particular publications as appropriate. Any comments on the current guidelines or on particular titles which should be reviewed should be sent to Carmen Han-naker at Moonee Valley Regional Library.

Public Library funding

A Branch delegation met with the Victorian Minister for the Arts concerning funding for public libraries. Present prospects of an increase in funding appear slight. In fact, it looks as if libraries may have to fight to maintain their present level of State Government

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National

October 28 Australian Satellite Users Association POLICY DEVELOPMENT FORUM 'Satellite access policy' CANBERRA. See item elsewhere this issue for more information.

October 29-30 Australian Society for Historical Archaeology 'Prospects and aspects' the first ASHA Conference on historical archaeology' NATIONAL TRUST CENTRE, OBSERVATORY HILL, SYDNEY. Fee: \$75. Contact: Hon Secretary, ASHA (02)692 2763.

November LAA CE PROGRAM 'Copyright in perspective'. Recent developments in copyright, operation of Copyright Amendment Act 1980. November 16 ADELAIDE; November 18 SYDNEY; November 23 HOBART; November 24 MELBOURNE. Contact: Marilyn Bryce, CE Officer, LAA Headquarters, 473 Elizabeth St, Surry Hills, NSW 2010, (02)698 4100.

New South Wales

October 19 Radio University LECTURE COURSE 'Patents - as a protection and technical information source' including 'Review of patent literature and libraries in Australia'. (5 radio lectures, 7pm Tuesdays, repeated 6pm Thursdays and 8pm Fridays, 1 attended evening seminar). Cost: \$14 (incl. notes). Lecturers include: Graham Lesley (Aust Patent Information Service), Robert Shelston Jnr (Whelston & Waters, Patent Attorneys). Contact: Radio University (02)662 2691.

October 29 LAA Special Libraries Section NSW Group VISIT TO PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY (entrance off Hospital Road). 6pm sharp. Contact: Dr Russell Cope (02)230 2380.

November 4 LAA Information Science Section/Special Libraries Section NSW Groups JOINT MEETING 'Library package tour' FULL DAY VISIT to three special libraries to see and evaluate their computer packages in action: CSR (CSRDOC), Unilever (CAIRS), AMSW (AIRS). Transport and lunch provided. Numbers limited. For cost and registration contact: Maxine Brodie (02)218 9825.

November 20-22 Storytelling Guild, NSW Branch WEEKEND CONFERENCE, LITTE COMPANY GUEST HOUSE, LEURA. Guest: Pat Scott. A11 inclusive cost: \$85. Contact: Zoe Withers (02)755 666 or (02) 82 2586 (ah).

Queensland

November 20 LAA Qld Branch Council MEETING, SEMINAR ROOM 5, QIT LIBRARY 5.30pm LAA members are invited to raise matters with the Branch. Contact: Janice Rickards (07)221 2411 ext 492.

December 2 LAA Qld Branch WORKSHOP 'The management of library automation'. Speakers include: Pixie Crook, John Barker, John Rod, Roger Worthington, Simon McMillan, Ann Lawson. Cost: \$45 (\$35 LAA members). Contact: Janice Rickards (07)221 2411 ext 492.

December 3 LAA Qld Branch AGM 6pm UNI OF QUEENSLAND CLUB. 7pm DINNER. Guest speaker: Janine Walker. Cost (incl. pre dinner drinks and wine with meal): \$15. Contact: Janice Rickards (07) 221 2411 ext 492.

South Australia

November 19 LAA Special Libraries Section SA Group AGM 12.30pm MUSEUM LECTURE ROOM (behind main museum building) Wine and cheese. All members are urged to attend. Contact: Michael Strode-Smith (08)259 5498.

Victoria

October 21 Victorian Technical Aids Liaison Group DISPLAY OF TECHNICAL AIDS TO HELP DISABLED PEOPLE 7.30pm 454 GLENFERRIE RD, KOORYONG (opposite Kooryong Tennis Courts). Items on display include Talking World Book Encyclopedia and the Paperless Brailier. Contact: Dr Terry Davidson, Royal Vic Institute for the Blind, 557 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne (03)51 1381.

November 16 VALA 'The electronic library' UNI OF MELBOURNE LARGE BIOCHEMISTRY LECTURE THEATRE 6pm sharp. Speaker: Dr Kenneth Dowlin (Director, Pikes Peak Library District, Colorado Springs US - see his article which appears in 'Library Journal' November 1 1981). Further info from George Eichinski (03) 341 2335.

Western Australia

November 24 Australian Society of Archivists MEETING 5.30pm UNIVERSITY HOUSE, UNI OF WA. Speaker: Christine Shervington (Archivist, Uni of WA).

funding. Branch Council has identified per capita funding for municipal libraries and funds for preservation of State Library materials as priority areas for increased funding.

Branch Constitution

A Branch Constitution has been drawn up by Branch Council and will be tabled for adoption by the members at the 1982 AGM.

Branch Council membership

Bill Cations has resigned from Branch Council because of an overseas study tour. Margaret Broadhead has replaced him for the remainder of 1981.

Charges for ILL

Branch Council agreed that it is opposed to charging by libraries for inter-library loan transactions.

Sales Tax on books and serials

Both Branch Council and the recent Approval Plans Seminar organisers have written to relevant government departments, politicians and the press concerning the recent imposition of a sales tax on books and serials and its implications on freedom of access to information by the public and the administrative overheads in libraries.

D. Parker