

Library to build barriers

AS THEIR contribution towards International Year of Disabled Persons 1981, Whitford Public Library, WA, is featuring a different theme relating to disabled people for each month of the year.

In January, the theme was 'Recreation and disabled people'. A number of books and pamphlets on various kinds of recreation were featured, along with cassettes, books in braille, and a display of toys lent by Noah's Ark Toy Library for Handicapped Children.

The theme for February was 'Employment and disabled people' and three displays were erected to promote this theme. Besides books on the topic and giveaway pamphlets, Activ Industries provided the Library with articles made in their factories: soft toys, garden furniture, bean bags, toy boxes, clothes, etc. Para-Quad Industries mounted a spectacular display, consisting of photographs featuring the disabled in various fields of employment. Mental Health Services of WA, Industrial Rehabilitation Division's display featured photographs of their factories and spheres of employment and samples of many products which they produce.

In March, the theme of 'Access for disabled people' is being expressed in the form of an obstacle course, which visitors to the library will be invited to complete on crutches or in a wheelchair. It is hoped that this very practical approach will illustrate to people the innumerable difficulties which disabled people have to contend with in their everyday life.
Glen Cameron Whitford Public Library, WA

AV COLLECTION AT NEDLANDS



A project to provide audiovisual materials for handicapped children was opened at the City of Nedlands Library, WA, in December 1980. The photograph shows Jo Bryson, Nedlands Librarian, with the Minister for Health, Mr Ray Young, at the official opening.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Draft policy statements

OVER A NUMBER of years the Library Association of Australia has prepared and published a series of policy statements relating to various aspects of education for librarianship.

In the past year the Association's Board of Education has been revising these statements, in the light of developments in the theory, practice and terminology of education for librarianship.

As a result of this review, the Board has prepared the following draft statements:

- 1 STATEMENT ON THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION;

- 2 STATEMENT ON THE ROLES OF LIBRARIANS AND LIBRARY TECHNICIANS;
- 3 STATEMENT ON THE RECOGNITION OF COURSES IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE AT FIRST AWARD PROFESSIONAL LEVEL;
- 4 STATEMENT ON THE RECOGNITION OF COURSES IN TEACHER LIBRARIANSHIP;
- 5 STATEMENT ON HIGHER DEGREES;
- 6 STATEMENT ON THE RECOGNITION OF LIBRARY TECHNICIAN COURSES;
- 7 STATEMENT ON THE RECOGNITION OF COURSES IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE TAUGHT BY EXTERNAL STUDIES;
- 8 STATEMENT ON CONTINUING EDUCATION.

In formulating these statements, the Board has been conscious of the need to allow schools of librarianship to adopt an individual and innovative approach to education for librarianship, but has also been conscious of the need to ensure that appropriate standards are maintained on a national basis.

Copies of the draft statements have now been distributed to library educators, divisions of the Association and other professional bodies for comment.

The Board also wishes to receive the views of individuals. Copies of the draft statements are available from Branch secretaries or from the Association's office, (02) 29 7724. Comments and suggested amendments will be considered by the Board. They will then submit the revised statements to General Council for ratification and publication as Association policy. Comments should be forwarded to the Board of Education, LAA, 35 Clarence Street, Sydney 2000, by 30 April 1981.

Ted Flowers

Chairman, Board of Education



LAA — Important Dates

Executive Committee meeting	13 April
Board of Education meeting	23, 24 April
Executive Committee meeting	22 May
Executive Committee meeting	19 June
Board of Education meeting	25, 26 June
First call for nominations for office-bearers for 1982	3 July
Executive Committee meeting	30 July
General Council meeting (venue to be announced)	31 July, 1 Aug
Second call for nominations for office-bearers for 1982	7 Aug
Closing date for Section Group applications to Branches for special grant and project funds for 1982	31 Aug
Close of nominations for office-bearers for 1982	1 Sept
Executive Committee meeting (Canberra)	29 Sept
Closing date for Branch applications to General Treasurer for special grant and project funds for 1982	30 Sept
Executive Committee meeting	9 Oct
Board of Education meeting	29, 30 Oct
Close of poll for office-bearers for 1982	16 Nov
Executive Committee meeting	26 Nov
General Council meeting (venue to be announced)	27 Nov
Note: Date and venue for Annual General Meeting to be announced.	

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A meeting of Commonwealth and State Ministers concerned with Culture and the Arts has approved the establishment of an Australian Libraries and Information Council. There will be more about this Council in the next issue.

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