

# Project MIND . . . a column on Meeting the Information Needs of the Disabled

## Directory of large print books

Bowker Publishing have released their fourth edition of *Large Type Books in Print*. It lists publisher and ordering information on over 4000 books and periodicals from some 75 sources, including full title, author, type size, publication date, ISBN, and cost. Sections for children's books and foreign languages are provided. *Large Type Books in Print* is itself published in 18pt type. Ordering information: November 1980, 4th ed, 801 pages, ISBN 0 8352 1296 3. £11.75.

## Brailled titles from USA

APH (American Printing House for the Blind) has advised that they have added to their range of high-interest, low vocabulary text-books in braille. The new titles are on a wide range of subjects. Textbooks in the field of health include books on smoking, facts on birth, growth and reproduction and physical education.

The greatest number of new titles is in the Language Arts area: about 40 additional books have been added. Texts in maths, sciences, social studies and other general areas are also added. Contact APH, Box 6085, Louisville, Ky, 40206 for information.

## Music in braille

*A Dictionary of Braille Music Signs* is available from Music Section, National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Washington, 20542, USA.

## A new kind of dog?

Assistance Dogs International trains dogs to act as 'ears' for hearing impaired people, to alert their owners to alarms, ringing telephones, door knocks, cooking range buzzers and so on. ADI is located in New York at 527 Madison Avenue, New York, 10022.

Several Lions clubs, mainly in South Australia, have funded the training of a kennel-

keeper who is about to return from Hearing Dogs of Denver, Colorado. She will be responsible for training hearing dogs for the hearing impaired upon her return. This project may take on a national perspective following the Lions convention to be held this April in Canberra.

For detailed information contact Roger Brockhoff, Lions Clubs of SA, Lenswood, 5240, SA (08) 389 8418 or John Fraser, Superintendent, Royal SA Deaf Society, Adelaide.

## Films for awareness in IYDP

Have you thought of screening films in order to raise public consciousness about disabilities? Contact your State Film Library, the National Film Library, or agencies. Some titles available and worth using are:

*Joey* (BBC Prod., 50 min.)

A fascinating and moving true story of a man handicapped at birth. Joey spent 40 years in an

institution unable to communicate with anyone. Finally he came into contact with someone who could understand what he was trying to say. What was Joey's first message?

*Like other people* (Britain, 1972, 38 min.)

This film centres upon Willie and Margaret and shows their attempts to lead as normal a life as possible through their daily routine, personal relationships and leisure activities. This excellent film highlights the need for consideration of the way in which society really treats the handicapped.

*I'll find a way* (Canada, 1977, 26 min.)

When Nadia is allowed to attend a regular school she knows the kids will tease her but she'll 'find a way to deal with it'. Nadia has spinabifida; she can do many things normal children can, only she has a different way of doing them.

*A day in the death of Joe Egg* (Britain, 1971, 106 min.)

A teacher and his wife are frustrated by their own inability to cope with the problem of their spastic daughter. A well filmed version of a humane play by Peter Nichols.

*I can jump puddles* (Czech., 1970, English dubbed, 50 min.)

Based on Alan Marshall's famous book about his childhood. The story of a courageous and strong-willed boy who, despite being stricken by polio, is determined to fulfil his dream. Highly recommended.

*Pins and needles* (Aust., 1979, 38 min.)

One of Gennie Batterham's earliest symptoms of multiple sclerosis was the constant feeling of pins and needles. This film shows how she is coping with a disease that has changed her life forever. It also raises a number of issues which have important implications for all handicapped people, and the attitudes of society.

## A meeting of MIND

It is planned to have people interested in Project MIND meet during the Second National Seminar on Library Services for the Handicapped (Canberra, 18-20 May 1981, see Happenings). Project MIND is a growing network of people across Australia who have the common interest of meeting the information needs of the disabled. Project MIND is sponsored by the University and College Libraries Section (UCLS) of the LAA. The meeting will consider widening the scope of its activities and membership. All interested are invited. Please forward any specific agenda items to Don Schauder, National Convener, MIND Project, 49 Ayr Street, Doncaster, Vic.

## Proceedings: Librarianship for handicapped users

The *Proceedings* of the First National Workshop on Librarianship for Handicapped Users are available. Included in the 320 pages are chapters on a wide range of topics dealing with the relationship between libraries and the disabled, illustrated by over 60 photographs and diagrams. Cost is \$13 plus \$2.20 postage (\$7.50 postage overseas). Obtainable from Librarianship (Publications), Melbourne State College, 757 Swanston Street, Carlton, 3053. NB: Make cheques payable to 'MIND Workshop'.

Contributions to this column should be sent to Lloyd Junor, Lecturer in Media Studies, Department of Librarianship, Melbourne State College, 757 Swanston St, Carlton, 3053. Phone: (03) 341 8111. (MIND column no 9).

## Women writers of last century

AN EXHIBITION designed to show the considerable contribution women writers made to the literary scene in 19th century Britain is now on display at the University of Melbourne Library.

'The Feminine point-of-view: women in print in 19th century Britain - an exhibition of books from the Library's collection' is arranged chronologically in order to provide examples of the changing tastes in literature which occurred as the century progressed. The exhibition is on the first floor, Baillieu Library and will continue until May.

Illustration taken from the exhibition.  
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