

Seminar proceedings published

IN SEPTEMBER 1981 A seminar entitled 'Preparing Teacher-Librarians: the Mid 80s and Beyond' was held at the University of Sydney. Organised by the NSW Group of the School Libraries Section of the Library Association of Australia and funded by the New South Wales State Development Committee, it was attended by one hundred people, including principals, teacher-librarians, educational administrators and educators of teacher-librarians.

The stated aims of the seminar were to enable the participants and speakers:

- to evaluate the current state of education for teacher-librarianship
- to exchange ideas on the role and function of the teacher-librarian, and
- to determine some possible future directions for the education of teacher-librarians.

Three factors provided the impetus for this seminar. Firstly, a re-examination of the education issue for teacher-librarians was long overdue. The last seminar was in 1972.

Secondly, the establishment of the Working Party in 1981 to consider the role of government school libraries highlighted the need for an evaluation of the current education for teacher-librarians. (The report from the Working Party is now with the Director-General of Education but has not been released.)

The third factor was concern about the large number of teacher-librarians with no librarianship training. Informal surveys of teacher-librarians indicated that in one Sydney area only 22 percent had librarianship training, that is as part of the teacher-training course, as a diploma or degree course, or qualified for associateship of the LAA.

The seminar program aimed to provide a venue for all those associated with the education of teacher-librarians and school libraries to air their views. Sessions included papers on the state of the art and a comparative overview of developments in each state and in particular New South Wales. Representatives of the library schools in NSW outlined the course aims and future directions, while teacher-librarians focused on the implementation of teacher-librarianship in the school.

On the second day of the seminar, administrators, senior education officers and principals expounded their expectations of the role of the teacher-librarian and implications of these views for the future education of teacher-librarians.

The proceedings of the seminar have now been published, edited by two teacher-librarians, Hazel Vickers and Janet Hansen. Hazel is currently teaching at Canterbury Boys High School and Janet is project officer for the National Schools Subject Headings List.

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The Borchardt library

AT THE END of 1981 the La Trobe University Library lost the services, through retirement, of its foundation Chief Librarian, D. H. Borchardt; in compensation, it acquired a name — The Borchardt Library.

Friends and users of the Library will already have seen the new name on letterhead, interlibrary loans and such like.

At a ceremony on 18 December 1981, the University's Chancellor, the Honourable Mr Justice Richard McGarvie, unveiled a plaque and formally named The Borchardt Library, 'in recognition of the outstanding service to the University of its foundation Chief Librarian'.

