

within the college. The Management Committee consists of all senior lecturers, the Lecturer Resource Centre, Principal, Deputy Heads of School, a teaching staff representative and a member of the college administrative staff.

The aim of the LRC is to promote effective learning through close co-operation with teaching staff in the planning, production and acquisition of appropriate learning materials. The college has set a precedent for TAFE libraries in South Australia because the Lecturer Resource Centre-in-charge is an educational technologist.

However, as so often happens in TAFE institutions where Commonwealth funds for buildings are not matched by state funds for human resources, the reality of the library provision has fallen far short of the dream. With a total of three effective full-time staff (including professional and clerical) and an annual budget of \$17,000 for collection building, the Resource Centre has been forced to restrict opening hours and to provide what can only be described as a 'holding operation'. With the state government's policy of nil growth in the public service, it is only realistic to assume that the situation will not change for the foreseeable future.

Gail Munro

Public Library growth

Ninety-nine new libraries in 8 years. This was the target suggested by the Libraries Services Planning Committee Report in 1978 and at the end of 1981/82 fifty-four of these libraries had been established. It is expected a further 12 libraries will be funded in 1982/83. The program is scheduled for completion in 1986.

In 1976, South Australia was considered by the Horton Report to have the second worst public library service in the Commonwealth. As a result, the SA Government commissioned its own report which started the state on a rapid library development program. In 1978 there were only 40 public libraries, the remainder of the state was serviced by a network of institutes – a subscription service that began in the 19th century.

To date all but 2 metropolitan councils are served by public libraries and many councils have embarked on a branch network as well. In the sparsely populated rural areas a different service has evolved. The major towns and cities are served by conventional libraries but the smaller rural settlements have opted for joint-use libraries with local high and area schools. At present there are 22 such libraries and by 1986, the end of the development plan, it is expected that South Australia will have 40 such facilities. The success of these school-community libraries can be seen in both membership and loan figures which generally are well above the state average.

Use of public libraries in South Australia, as in most other states, is enjoying a boom period. Many libraries have well over half their resident population regularly using library facilities and loans throughout the state are growing at 20 percent per annum.

Another joint-use service has been developed with TAFE Colleges with shared libraries at Murray Bridge, Naracoorte, Millicent, Loxton, Woomera and Noarlunga. Further joint services are in the planning stage. The original joint-use library, the Parks Community Centre, a multi-use community facility, was granted its autonomy in 1981 and is well worth a visit.

All public libraries in South Australia are joint investments by the state and local authority with each paying half of the costs.



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Parks Community Centre Library

The development program depends very heavily on the support of local authorities and the agreement of local institutes to dissolve. Although the program started well, local interest has skyrocketed over the last two years and the Libraries Board currently has a waiting list of 15 public libraries and 14 school-community libraries. As councils are seeing the benefits of a public library service in neighbouring municipalities they are asking for one too.

The Institutes Association of South Australia is located in the Public Libraries Division's premises in Norwood, and continues to serve over 100 institutes. It is hoped to keep these institutes operational until a public library network is provided throughout the state.

A further development in public library growth occurred this year with the passing of a new Libraries Act. This act provides the Libraries Board with greater representation from local authorities, control of institutes and wider opportunities to extend the range and depth of library services.

Euan M. Miller

Jogging Bibliophiles

Local Adelaide bibliophiles and jogging enthusiasts are in training for LAA22.

Each morning of the Conference joggers will meet at 7.15 at the southern end of the University foot bridge, Victoria Drive (just opposite the Victoria Drive University main entrance).

The jogging routes (of varying lengths) are most scenic – and you will be able to join many hundreds of local Adelaide joggers who start their day exercising along the river banks.

Full shower and locker facilities will be available at the University – and even a hot breakfast coffee at 8.30 am, before the intellectual rigours of the day at the nearby Festival Theatre.

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Chris Harrison.

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Some leisurely strolls

Visitors to LAA22 may well like to take advantage of an offer made by Kay Hannaford to 'Enjoy the leisure of Adelaide'.

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A stained glass walk should prove an enlightening (sorry!) experience on Saturday afternoon, and the really daring might like to try the late-night walks along Hindley Street – Adelaide's 'red light' district!

For further information contact Kay Hannaford (08) 212 7049.