



BOOK REVIEWS

THE INFORMATION NEEDS OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS/M. Doreen, E. Fraser and Hazel A. Lloyd. Halifax: Dalhousie University Library and Dalhousie University School of Library Services. 1981. 72pp. C\$7.50. ISSN 0318 7403. (Occasional paper no13 – revised.)

At the outset I have to make the negative comment that the title, in my opinion, is misleading. Of the 72 pages only 5 contain discussion of the information needs of physiotherapists with another 5 pages devoted to an outline of physiotherapists' interests based around the National Library of Medicine's Classification System Synopsis. The bulk of the publication, 51 pages, consists of a core list of approximately 500 journal and monograph titles for physiotherapy collections in small to medium hospitals.

That criticism apart I can commend the publication as a brief, realistic and practical guide to establishing a non-teaching hospital library collection. The authors argue that physiotherapists, upon taking a hospital appointment, frequently face inadequate information services and that physiotherapists themselves have to take some responsibility in assisting with the development of appropriate information services. Thus, the guide is aimed at both physiotherapists and at hospital librarians – qualified and unqualified.

The first 20 or so pages contain simple and general guidelines on some salient aspects of hospital library practice, for example, the advantages of centralised collections, the need for the Library Committee to include representatives from all groups within the hospital and so on. A qualified librarian would probably learn little from this section but might find it useful as a supporting document with which to tackle 'hospital administrators and medical practitioners [who] frequently see no reason to buy indexes, bibliographies and catalogues etc.' (p2)

Each item in the core list has full bibliographical citation as well as price and other ordering information. Section A includes items relevant to any hospital library, for example, standards, hospital library management, publishers' catalogues and useful

Of copyright and festivals . . . and some other things

THE AUSTRALIAN Book Publishers Association wishes to announce the establishment of an agency to collect fees due to copyright owners for photocopying carried out by educational institutions.

The agency will be known as Australian Authors & Publishers Agency Ltd (AAPAL). It will be financed by the publishers and will also collect fees on behalf of authors.

The amendments to the Australian Copyright Act which came into force on 1 August 1981 permit non-profit educational institutions (schools, universities, CAEs) to make multiple photocopies of copyright works (books, journals, etc), provided that full records are kept of the photocopies made.

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A RANGE of library-based activities was held in Queensland to promote Information Technology Week in mid August.

ITW was formally opened by the Minister for Justice, The Hon S. Doumany, and Mr Bob Hawke, Mr Laurie Carmichael and Mr Ashley Goldsworthy, National ITW Committee Chairman, were speakers at a seminar entitled 'Information Technology and the Worker' which was held as a forerunner to the week.

A grant from the Commonwealth Department of Science and Technology enabled the State Library of Queensland to mount displays, film and other exhibitions and conduct on-line demonstrations. The State Library also helped Queensland Institute of Technology, Brisbane City Council libraries and public libraries at Nambour and Redcliffe to mount displays. 'Computers and Society', a select bibliography of key social issues was available free of charge from the Library.

In all, some thirty activities were held throughout the state to promote ITW.

librarianship journals. Section B lists journals and Section C lists monographs and pamphlets including a sub-section dealing with patient information and education.

Not being familiar with the literature of physiotherapy I am unable to judge the quality or comprehensiveness of the items listed. However, the headings under which the items are arranged could be a useful pro forma for any core list.

Naturally, given that this is a Canadian publication, the question arises of its relevance in an Australian setting. Perhaps the definition of a small hospital as being one with 250 or fewer beds may be debatable here, likewise the suggestion that approximately 20 journal titles be acquired in such hospitals. Obviously many of the individual items listed, for example, local voluntary association newsletters, would be irrelevant.

However, the general impression gained is that there are basic similarities in the problems facing hospital librarians, including limited funds, unsympathetic administrators, scattered departmental collections and 'the tendency to "make do" with the sketchy attention of the Medical Records Librarian whose prime, full-time responsibility is for the hospital's patient records.' (p12)

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IN JULY a new scheme to improve television reception for small communities in remote areas was announced by the Minister for Communications, Mr Neil Brown.

Called the Self-help Television Reception Scheme, it has been designed to benefit people in isolated areas or those whose reception is affected by topographical barriers such as hills.

A special licence would be granted to allow the community group to do this, and they would also need the permission of the station in question.

The lowest 'package' of equipment for this scheme is expected to cost less than \$3000. Technical requirements for the self-help system will be standardised, which will help to keep costs at a minimum.

Additional costs would be the acquisition of a site for the equipment and the installation.

Mr Brown said that if the area served by a system had already been selected as a suitable site for the installation of an ABC translator within the next ten years, groups installing the Self-help Professional Television System may be able to claim reimbursement from the Commonwealth.

The Department of Communications has produced a booklet called 'Let's talk Self-help Television' on the subject and copies are obtainable from PO Box 34, Belconnen, ACT 2616. Phone (062) 1177.

THROUGHOUT OCTOBER there will be in New South Wales an ambitious and exciting Women's Festival of Arts. The Women and Arts Project is an initiative of the Premier stemming from his Cultural Grants Advisory Council and Women's Advisory Council.

The festival aims to highlight the contribution of women in all art forms. It includes a literature program with special book displays, workshops in regional areas and shopping centres, a Women Writers' Week, self-publishing workshops, readings, and special events by the Fellowship of Australian Writers and the Society of Women Writers, etc.

The organisers are asking libraries to join in the festival with special displays of books by women writers or about women and the arts (all art forms) to draw the attention of library users to this aspect of their collection.

For further information, please contact Women and Arts Project, Export House, 22 Pitt Street, Sydney 2000 (02: 27 9641). The full festival program was distributed through *The Telegraph* on 12 September, and is available from the Women and Arts Project offices.

With this issue of InCite, all readers should receive a Statement on Copyright and NSW readers a leaflet from Kuring-gai CAE as well.

SEMINAR: Australian Clearing Houses and Data Bases: Towards a National Policy

Friday 19 November 1982

This seminar will provide an Australian and international perspective of the unco-ordinated coverage of Australian publications and documentation by clearing houses and data bases. It will be of interest to data base users and producers.

For enrolment form please write to:

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**HORSES FOR COURSES:
THE DESIGN
OF JOBS FOR LIBRARY
TECHNICIANS**

A Workshop to be held at Canberra College of TAFE on **Friday 15 October 1982.**

The objective of this workshop is to prepare librarians and administrators to employ library technicians to the best advantage within the total staff structure of their libraries and information/resource centres.

Registration fees: \$25 (LAA members) \$30 (non-members) \$15 (students).

For brochure and application form:

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