

Union list of periodicals in energy libraries

TWO YEARS AGO the Librarians in Electricity Group (LIEG) was formed to encourage resource-sharing and collection rationalisation within the Electricity Industry in Australia. LIEG was initially formed from the libraries of the major Electricity Supply Authorities, but has been expanded to include libraries from some related industries. As a means of identifying strengths and weaknesses in the Group's collections, it was decided to produce (i) A Union List of Periodicals, and (ii) A Union List of Conference Publications. This was deemed necessary because several member libraries were not contributors to SSAL or SALSSAH.

A preliminary edition of the Union List of Periodicals has been produced in limited quantities for distribution amongst members of LIEG. It was intended to produce a subsequent edition which would be made publicly available either in hard copy or on microfiche. The preliminary edition contains some 4000 titles and includes the holdings of 9 libraries. (It is thought that it will eventually contain about 10 000 titles (and 'see references') and the holdings of the 23 members of LIEG.)

Since the production of the preliminary edition, widespread interest in the Union List has been shown by librarians who are not members of LIEG, and this has led to consideration of the best way of making the information available to a large number of libraries. It was decided to make the data accessible via a national computer network. Three possible networks were considered and Computer Sciences of Australia (CSA) was selected because (i) CSA offered the best terms in respect of mounting and storing the database, (ii) many parent organisations of special libraries are already clients of CSA, (iii) CSA is prepared to accept consortia of libraries where individual libraries find this to be appropriate, (iv) CSA permits both dial-up enquiry and updating - and (v) hardcopy or microfiche copies can be provided to any library not wishing to access the data online.

The Union List data will be supplied to CSA who will create the database using the STATUS software. The data will be accessible by any library, and any library will be able to contribute data. Early in 1983 a database guide which will explain this in detail will be available.

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Libraries & literacy

AT THE SIXTH National Conference of the Australian Council for Adult Literacy, held in Hobart in August 1982, a statement was issued which included the following recommendations.

Libraries throughout Australia were asked to make a personal and professional commitment to actively support the adult literacy movement in their community library administrators were asked to review their priorities to give greater weight to the library staffing and resources needs of adult literacy students.

It was recommended that space be provided for meetings, tutor groups, information exchange and related activities, and that trained, experienced adult literacy librarians be employed. Recommended resources included printed materials of all types, a-v materials, bibliographical resources, realia, computer programs, kits, games, etc.

Other recommendations were for libraries to have a staff member officially recognised as the adult literacy liaison officer; to establish formal links with such organisations as ACAL and SPELD and to free interested staff to attend adult literacy tutor training courses, seminars etc.

For further information contact the Australian Council for Adult Literacy, c/- Department of Continuing Education, University of New England, Armidale NSW 2351 (067) 72 2911, ext. 2123.

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The library will be open from February 14 1983 and the address is STC Library, Building D, Mary Ann Street, Ultimo 2007. The telephone number will remain the same.

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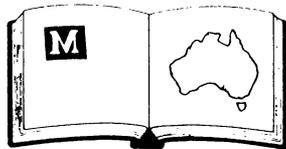
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