



## HAPPENINGS

### A Regular Diary of Meetings & Events

#### National

**JULY 19-20** LAA Board of Education Meeting LAA House. Contact: Sue Phillips (02) 692 9233.

**AUGUST 26** UCLS Pre-Conference Seminar 'Human Resources Management in Academic Libraries' 1-5pm (Sunday) Griffith University, Nathan, Brisbane. Contact: Bruce Edwards (07) 275 7179.

**AUGUST 27-31** LAA/NZLA Joint Conference 'Libraries: after 1984'. Contact: Suzanne Best, Intermedia (07) 371 7900.

**AUGUST 28** Announcement and presentation of Library Design Award 1984 5.30pm LAA/NZLA Conference, Brisbane. Contact: Australian Library Promotion Council, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne Vic 3000. (03) 63 5994.

**AUGUST 29** Library Association of Australia Annual General Meeting Brisbane. Contact: Jenny Adams (02) 692 9233.

**SEPTEMBER 1** Reference Librarians Post LAA Conference Session 'Reference services — the state of the art' 10am to 5pm Bardon Professional Development Centre. Cost: \$20 (incl. lunch and transport to venue). Contact: Ray Choate, Borchardt Library, La Trobe University, Bundoora Vic 3083.

**SEPTEMBER 14-21** Australian Library Week 1984. Contact: Australian Library Promotion Council, 328 Swanston Street, Melbourne (03) 63 5994.

**NOVEMBER 26-28** LAA Education for Librarianship Sect National Conference 'The Information Professional' Glasshouse Theatre, RMIT. Contact: Janette Wright, Dept of Librarianship, RMIT (03) 660 2963.

**NOVEMBER 26-27** SACAE and ABN National Workshop 'ABN and nonbook and teaching resource collection materials: problems and solutions'. Contact: Margareta Nicholas, SA College of Advanced Education Library, Holbrooks Road, Undefdale SA 5032 (08) 352 0011 Telex 88420.

**NOVEMBER 30** SACAE/LAA SA Branch National Seminar 'Learning resources for the health professions and health education in Australia' SA College of Advanced Education Library, Sturt Site, Sturt Road, Bedford Park 5042. Contact: Claire Clark (08) 275 5290. Telex 88420.

**FEBRUARY 15-19 1985** Second National Conference on Multiculturalism in Libraries 'Directions for Diversity'. Keynote Speaker: Sylvia Simsora, Principal Lecturer, North London Polytechnic, School of Librarianship. Watch this column for further details. Contact: Vera Boston (03) 370 5244.

**SEPTEMBER 1-7 1985** Special Libraries Sect National Conference. Contact: Christine McLaren (03) 389 2428.

#### NT

**JUNE 7** LAA NT Branch Meeting to discuss the LAA, Darwin Community College, new building theatre. Speaker: Warren Horton. Contact: Julii Tyson (089) 22 0250.

**JUNE 18-21** Insearch/DIALOG. DIALOG Introductory, Chemical, Biosciences and Sci/tech Seminars. Darwin. Contact: (02) 264 6344 or (02) 218 9790.

#### Queensland

**MAY 24** School of Librarianship Lecture of the Year 7pm Kelvin Grove CAE. Speaker: Julia Macrae, children's publisher from Franklin Watts. Contact: Children's Book Council.

**MAY 29** Medical Libraries Sect Qld Group Meeting 'Online searching: alternatives to MEDLINE' 5.30 for 6pm Library Lecture Theatre, Level 1, Central Library, University of Queensland. Speaker: Russell Kendrick. Contact: Jo Austin (07) 240 2571.

**JUNE BIOSIS B-I-T-S Course** One Day Townsville. No charge. Contact: Alex Byrne (077) 81 4591.

**JUNE BIOSIS Basic Course** One Day Townsville. No charge. Contact: Alex Byrne (077) 81 4591.

**JUNE 19** Qld Branch General Meeting 5.30 for 6pm R306, Level 3, Resource Centre, Kelvin Grove Campus, Brisbane CAE. Speaker: Hon Dudley Irwen (former Minister for Air and MHR for Ballarat). Contact: Alex Cutts (07) 392 1488.

**JUNE 19-22** SDC/Orbit Training Courses. Open Day, New User, Advanced, Patents. Brisbane. Contact: Katie Blake/Tina Reedman (02) 922 9308 or toll free (008) 22 6474.

#### NSW

**MAY 19** Bookmobile Special Interest Group Meeting 'Bookmobile Roundtable' 10am Albury City Library. Contact: David Clark (060) 21 1122 x 255.

**MAY 21** Children's Book Council Talk by Julia Macrae, children's publisher from Franklin Watts 8pm School Library Services, Mitchell Street, North Sydney.

**MAY 22** LAA Cataloguers' Section NSW Group Annual General Meeting 6 for 6.30pm Galleries, State Library of NSW. Speaker: Andrew Wells (President). Contact: Frances Taylor (02) 264 6555.

**MAY 25** Library Technicians Sect NSW Group Annual General Meeting which includes a panel discussion 'The LAA and the 1984 technician' 6 for 6.30pm State Library of NSW Galleries. Speakers: Jenny Adams, Dorothy Ramsay, Kaye Barrett, Janet Robinson. Wine and cheese will be served. Contact: Lexie Zantiotis (02) 221 1388, Anne Doherty (02) 217 7414.

**MAY 28** NSW Govt Special Libraries Group Seminar 9.15am to 1pm Art Gallery, Level 7, Dept of Education, cnr Bridge and Loftus Sts, Sydney. RSVP and contact: Jill Skinner, Dept of Education, Head Office Library (02) 20 584 x 8861.

**MAY 30** Riverina Regional Group Meeting 'Microcomputers in your library' 4 to 8pm Riverina CAE Library. A practical workshop which includes a meal. Contact: James Henri (069) 232 455.

**JUNE 7** Dataprocessing Libraries Group Meeting 9.30am AMP Society. Contact: Sue Gock (02) 234 7757.

**JUNE 12-14** Insearch/DIALOG. DIALOG Introductory and Legal Information Seminars. Sydney. Contact: (02) 264 6344 or (02) 218 9790.

**JUNE 12-15** SDC/Orbit Training Courses. New User, Advanced, Chemistry, Patents Sydney. Contact: Katie Blake/Tina Reedman (02) 922 9308 or toll free (008) 22 6474.

**JUNE 15** LAA Medical Libraries Sect NSW Group Social Night 6 for 6.30pm Howden Medical Books, 332 Victoria Street, Darlinghurst. Numbers required, please contact: Jenny Hill (02) 600 3509.

**JUNE 20** NSW Branch Council Monthly Meeting 5.30pm LAA House, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo. Dates for future meetings — July 14, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 28, December 19, Observers welcome. Contact: Julie Young (049) 61 7355 or David Hawkins (02) 271 5006.

**JUNE 30** LAA School Libraries Sect Seminar 'Library enquiry skills — are library lessons really necessary?' 9am to 3.30pm Glebe High School. Contact: Di Simpson wk (02) 922 7983 or hm (02) 95 6516.

#### WA

**MAY 21-25** Insearch/DIALOG. DIALOG Introductory, Medline, Embase, Refresher and Search Strategy Seminars. Perth. Contact: (02) 264 6344 or (02) 218 9790.

**MAY 22-24** ACI Computer Services. AUSINET New User and Advanced User Training Course. Contact: John Kelly (09) 321 2859.

**JUNE 9** LAA Special Libraries Sect and Branch Seminar 'What are library educators preparing their students for and what do librarians expect from graduates' 1pm Room R5, Nedlands Campus, WACAE, Stirling Highway and Hampden Road, Nedlands. All welcome. RSVP. Contact: Kerry Smith (09) 322 4033.

#### SA

**MAY 29** Cataloguers Sect SA Group/Public Libraries Sect Meeting 'Cataloguing for the public library system' 7.30pm Children's Library, State Library of South Australia. Speaker: Kaj Lindstrom. Contact: Jay Douglas (08) 223 8787.

**MAY 29** SA Branch Meeting 'Librarians as managers' 8pm Parsons Theatre, SA Institute of Technology. Speaker: Warren Horton. Contact: Anne Harris (08) 227 3209.

**JUNE 1** Talk by Julia Macrae, children's publisher from Franklin Watts 4.30pm Education Dept., Conference Centre, Flinders Street, Adelaide. Contact: Sue Robinson (08) 332 8266.

#### Victoria

**MAY 22** LAA Special Libraries Sect Vic Group Meeting 'What are they doing' meet your representatives 5.30 for 6pm Bureau of Meteorology. Library visit 5 to 5.30pm. Contact: Pam Tonkin (03) 699 4771.

**MAY 22** Status of Women in Librarianship Special Interest Group Panel Discussion 'Towards democratic decision-making: women and management' 6 for 6.30pm Institute Function Room, RMIT, Swanston Street. Cost: \$2 includes refreshments. Contact: Jinette de Gooijer (03) 339 5404.

**MAY 24** Working Group on Multicultural Library Service Meeting 6 for 6.30pm Library Council of Victoria Seminar Room (enter through the State Library). Speaker: Hilary Christie-Johnson on 'Naming traditions'. Contact: Vera Boston (03) 370 5244.

**MAY 28** LAA Children's Libraries Sect Vic Group General Meeting 8pm Malvern Library Theatre, 1257 High Street, Malvern. Speaker: Julia Macrae, children's book publisher. \$2.00 at door. Books for sale. Contact: Margaret Aitken (03) 669 9830 or Margaret Fox (03) 872 9513.

**MAY 30** VALA Meeting 'Retrospective catalogue conversion' 5.30 for 6pm Telecom Theatre, 199 William Street, Melbourne. Speaker: Fran Awcock. Contact: D. Richards (03) 541 6131.

**MAY 30** LAA Library Technicians Sect Vic Group General Meeting 6 for 6.30pm State Library Conference Room. Parking available in courtyard. Meetings in future will be held on last Wednesday of every second month. The dates are 25 July, 26 September, 28 November for 1984. All technicians are welcome at these meetings. Membership of LAA is not necessary. Please come along and show your interest in technicians' issues. Contact: Margaret Munro (03) 235 1509.

**MAY 30** LAA Vic Branch/VALA Joint Meeting 'Retrospective conversion of catalogues — 2nd meeting' 5.30 for 6pm Telecom Theatre, 199 Williams Street, Melbourne. Speaker: Fran Awcock (State Library of Victoria). Contact: David Richards (03) 541 6131.

**MAY 31** Australian Database Development Association First Annual General Meeting 6pm Telecom Theatre, 199 William Street, Melbourne. Contact: Gerard Peguero (03) 688 4423.

**JUNE 1-2** Monash University Graduate School of Librarianship Forum 'Australian Colonial Library History'. Open to people engaged in study and writing of Australian library and cultural history. Limit to 40 participants. Cost: \$15. Contact: Elizabeth Morrison (03) 541 2955.

**JUNE 21** LAA Vic Branch General Meeting 'Human rights'. Speakers, venue and time to be advised in future issues of InCite. Contact: Diane Costello (053) 30 1800 x 364.

**JUNE 25-28** Insearch/DIALOG. DIALOG Introductory, Social Sciences, Legal, EMBASE and Medline Seminars. Melbourne. Contact: (02) 264 6344 or (02) 218 9790.

**JUNE 26** LAA Joint UCLS and Public Libraries Sect Meeting 'Student use of public libraries' panel discussion 6 for 6.30pm Melbourne CAE, Carlton Campus, Room S819/820, Science Education Building. Contact: Helen Hayes (03) 341 8322.

**JUNE 27** VALA Meeting 'The Cybertech MICMARC system' 5.30 for 6pm Telecom Theatre, 199 William Street, Melbourne. Contact: D. Richards (03) 541 6131.

**JUNE 28** Working Group on Multicultural Library Service (Vic) Annual General Meeting 6 for 6.30pm Library Council of Victoria Seminar Room. Guest Speaker: Jane La Scala, Fran Awcock and Moira McKinnon. Contact: Vera Boston (03) 370 5244.

**JUNE 28** LAA Special Libraries Sect Vic Group Seminar and Trade Exhibition 'Ergonomics in Libraries' 9 to 5.45 CAE City Conference Centre. Speaker: Mark Dohrmann. Contact: Ann Forbes (03) 647 7433.

**JULY 6** RMIT One Day Seminar 'Promoting community and cultural organisations: improving your relations with the media' 9am to 5pm RMIT Institute Function Room. Guest Speakers: Margaret St George, Di White, Gina O'Donohue and working journalists. Cost: \$60 (includes lunch and course notes). Bookings and contact: Sue McGibbony, Technisearch (03) 341 2532.

**JULY 25** VALA Evening Meeting 5.30 for 6pm Telecom Theatre, 199 William Street, Melbourne. Details to be confirmed. Contact: D. Richards (03) 541 6131.

**AUGUST 6** LAA Vic Branch Meeting 'Meeting the Library Association of Australia and fellow students' 4.30 to 6.30pm Queens Hall, State Library of Victoria, Swanston Street, Melbourne. Wine and Cheese. Contact: Diane Costello (053) 30 1800 x 364 or Margaret Findlay (03) 818 1271.

**AUGUST 16** LAA Vic Branch Meeting 5.30 for 6pm Book House, 199 Cardigan Street, Carlton. Topics: 'Job opportunities for librarians in Australia — changing patterns' Diane Costello (Ballarat CAE Information Services Librarian). 'Information professionals in Victoria — trends in employment and education' Cheryl Schauder (Lecturer, Dept of Librarianship, RMIT). Contact: Diane Costello (053) 30 1800.

#### Tasmania

**MAY 31** LAA Special Libraries Sect Meeting 'ABN — its current status' 7.30pm School of Librarianship Seminar Room, University of Tasmania. Speaker: Warwick Cathro (NLA). Everyone welcome. Wine and cheese. Contact: Mark Bennett (002) 30 5294.

## National Symposium on legal protection of computer software.

ATTENDING THE National Symposium on legal protection of computer software was like being a spectator at the opening of the photocopying or audio-visual copyright discussions. Copyright owners proclaimed that the Apple decision had undermined their property rights and placed their industry in mortal danger. Education and library representatives pointed out that the issues were much more complex and there was a danger that property rights might be asserted so exclusively as to cripple education and access to information. Anyone who has seen it all before knows that over a period of negotiation under the benevolent auspices of the Attorney-General's Department will, eventually, hammer out a compromise.

However there were new elements. Lawyers pronounced their views about the legal alternatives, the choice between copyright, patent law or a special Act for computer software. There is no standard approach in overseas countries and international bodies are busy discussing the details of a possible international treaty.

Another new, and refreshing, presence was the Software Liberation group with Albert Langer calmly telling the 250-strong audience that the Seminar was like a conference of toll-gate proprietors in the late 19th century claiming special protection because the toll-gates were being broken down and if they were not supported no more roads would be built.

The danger for libraries is that issues concerning the status of copyright information held in computers and property rights associated with the input and output of information from computer store have got swept up into the discussion on software. Few of the international discussions have paid attention to anything except the property rights of copyright owners. Libraries will increasingly hold information in computer files or on videodisks and if the more extreme positions presently held by copyright owners were adopted, there might be a charge every time a library supplied information from these sources. Libraries might even be forbidden to make printed copies from such files for users at all.

It is worth considering whether the Software Liberation view that to apply copyright principles devised nearly 300 years ago to the different world of current information technology is a nonsense. Software Liberation claims that there are 200,000 microprocessor owners in Australia, buying, swapping and copying packaged software and as impossible

to dragoon into copyright observance as the domestic video-tape copiers. Software Liberation's proposal is to place software in the public domain and support software development, other than contractual development, from public revenue. While this may appear an extreme view, there is certainly a case for publicly funded public domain software for educational and other socially desirable purposes. It was certainly clear from the statements by the representatives from the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee and the Education Council that the activities of their members would be crippled by a strict property rights approach to software protection. They pointed out that they spoke both as users and major creators of software.

By the end of the day it appeared that the Attorney-General's Department had received a number of useful messages. If the emergency legislation to which the government is already committed eventuates at all it is likely to be carefully modest. The discussions among interested parties, which have proved successful in reaching compromises between owners and users in other copyright areas, are likely to be used again to explore the even more difficult legal problems raised by the on-rushing computer technology. These discussions are likely to include much less hasty coverage of problems of interest to libraries than might otherwise have been the case.


A copy of AACOBS' statement to the National Symposium will appear in the agenda papers for the next meeting of AACOBS Standing Committee and copies have been sent to all Standing Committee members.

*F.D.O. Fielding*

## LAA's 50th anniversary

The ACT Branch agreed to the 1982 Annual General Meeting of the LAA to organize a suitable function in Canberra in 1987 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the LAA in Canberra in August 1937. The Branch is to prepare a program, together with budget implications, for General Council. The ACT Branch now calls for suggestions of ways of celebrating our 50th anniversary. Suggestions to Dr Maxine Rochester, ACT Branch, LAA, Box 679 GPO, Canberra, ACT 2601, by end of August 1984. Some suggestions from the ACT Branch:

1. Striking of commemorative medal (should be able to sell at profit).
2. Ask publications committee to prepare a suitable publication, e.g. Festschrift including overseas contributions, or a special issue of *Australian Library Journal*.
3. Invite LA, NZLA, CLA, ASLA, PNGLA and ALA to send a representative to Canberra function.
4. Meetings of General Council and Board of Education be held in Canberra near time for function, so that their members may attend the function. Perhaps the annual general meeting could be held at this time also.
5. Prepare touring exhibition of photographs, memorabilia, videotaped message from 1987 President of LAA, etc., to be sent around Branches in 1987.
6. Begin to prepare an oral history archive of the LAA.
7. Get sticker designed for 50th anniversary: to appear on LAA paper and envelopes, and posters distributed around libraries.
8. Money be set aside for invited guests at function. Guests to include retired serving members of Association and community leaders.
9. A special Australia Post commemorative envelope has been requested.



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\$31,390 - \$36,585  
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Applications are invited from graduate librarians with management experience and experience of, or demonstrated interest in, library automation. Additional qualifications in a relevant area and/or a higher degree will be an advantage.

The appointee will assume administrative responsibility for systems development and co-ordination and will assist in the general management of the library with particular involvement in budgeting and staff matters. The appointee will be responsible to the Principal Librarian.

The WAIT Library has collections of 250,000 monograph volumes, 5,600 current serials and important non-book resources. It services 10,000 students and over 700 academic staff in a wide range of disciplines at undergraduate and post-graduate levels. The library has automated acquisitions, cataloguing and circulation systems, all developed in-house, and is active in information retrieval. Library staff number 100 and the annual budget exceeds \$2.5 million. (Ref 664)

Tenure: This position is available with tenure. However the Institute is interested in receiving applications from persons preferring a Limited Term appointment.  
Conditions include fares for appointee and family plus assistance with removal expenses. Superannuation is available for staff with Tenure. Return fares are provided for staff appointed for a Limited Term.  
Applications: Details including the names and addresses of three referees should be submitted not later than 31 May to the Appointments Officer, Western Australian Institute of Technology, Kent Street, Bentley, WA 6102, from whom further information may be obtained.  
When applying please quote Ref. No. and Code INI.

## ACT

**MAY 23** LAA Cataloguers' Sect ACT Group Seminar on Cataloguing and new technology **Burgmann College, ANU**. Speakers: Margaret Irvine, Ian McCallum, Gordon Undy, Doreen Parker and more. Cost: \$20 LAA members; \$30 non members; \$20 students, unemployed. Contact: Peter Hadad (062) 62 1428.

**JUNE 4-6** Insearch/DIALOG. DIALOG Introductory, Refresher and strategy Seminars. **Canberra**. Contact: (02) 264 6344 or (02) 218 9790.

**JUNE 7** ACT Branch of LAA executive **Monthly Meeting** held first Thursday of each month in **Seminar Room, Menzies Library, ANU**.

## Overseas

**AUGUST 19-25** 50th IFLA General Conference in **Kenya**. Theme: The basis of library and information services for national development. Contact: Joseph Nyamulu, 4/437 Flemington Road, North Melbourne, Vic. 3051. (03) 329 1136.

**OCTOBER 9-13** 19th IBBY Biennial Congress. **Nicosia, Cyprus**. Contact: Ena Noel (02) 32 5075.



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The William Merrylees Library which is located on the College's Wagga Wagga campus has vacancies for both full-time and part-time Assistant Library Technicians to work in serials, external student service, curriculum resources or cataloguing. Appointment to the part-time positions will be on a short term contract, the details of which are negotiable.

Salary range: \$15,379pa-\$16,947pa

**LIBRARIAN**

Applications are invited from Graduate and non-Graduate Librarians for a short term contract, to work in the reference area.

Salary range: \$17,059pa-\$22,917pa

**GENERAL**

Experience in an academic library desirable. Further particulars are available from Mr. S. Parnell on (069) 23 2342.

Applications close Friday May 25 1984 and should be made on forms available from:

The Registrar,  
**Riverina College of Advanced Education,**  
P.O. Box 588, Wagga Wagga, 2650.  
Telephone (069) 23 2230