

News from the Divisions

PUBLIC LIBRARIES SECTION (SA BRANCH)

The Public Libraries Section (SA Branch) had a successful presentation on July 2 'Micro-computers in public libraries', when an excellent and informative talk was given by Ms Chris Harrison of the Kensington Park College of Technical and Further Education (which was also the venue). Ms Harrison informed the audience of what librarians should consider when wondering whether to purchase a microcomputer for public use. For example, the level of sophistication of use, such as whether it is to be used for games, business applications, or for information retrieval via modem. Also important are the staff training needed, space in the library, security, and copyright of commercial software.

A variety of microcomputers were available for hands-on use by the audience and the invited representatives of various microcomputer distributors explained the virtues of Vic 20s, Commodore 64s, TRS 80s and others.

Peter J. Hill

SCHOOL LIBRARIES SECTION (W.A. GROUP)

June and July were particularly busy months for School Libraries Section members, with meetings on library implications from the Beazley report (June 21); curriculum, reading and writing (June 29/30); and 'Does it matter what children read?' (July 14).

Dr L. McGrath, Superintendent (Library Services) outlined the Beazley recommendations as they affect school libraries. The main thrust will be felt in two areas:

- curriculum changes (especially the move to school-based curriculum design)
- increased emphasis on literacy and information skills across the curriculum.

Dr McGrath told the sixty librarians present that they must be aware of the recommendations and take an active part in school discussion on their implementation. The report stresses that the library resource centre exists

as a resource for the school community — students and staff — and that all teachers should promote its use in this way.

Teacher/librarians should be alert for opportunities to contribute to curriculum design and to school-based initiatives for implementing resource-based research-oriented teaching and learning. On the whole, the report emphasised the value of the resource centre and the significant role of library staff in promoting independent learning.

The same questions were addressed at 'Frames and Cages', the combined conference of the English Teachers' Association, the Reading Association, and the LAA School Libraries Section (WA Group). Marnie O'Neill and Barbara Kamler gave keynote addresses on the use of literature in the curriculum and on focusing on meaning in children's writing. Workshop sessions covered a range of topics from school-based curriculum design, to reading at home to the pre-school child, to using a word-processor in classroom writing programmes.

School Libraries Section Calendar — keep these dates free!

Thursday August 9: After-school literature promotion workshop IN THE NEW LIBRARY at Como Senior High School. 4 pm tea or coffee, 4.30 'The Sweet Dreams Syndrome'. Free to LAA members, 50 cents to everyone else. All welcome!

Thursday September 20: POST-CONFERENCE CONSOLATION PRIZE DINNER. Those who could go to the Brisbane conference will report on addresses, workshops, etc to those who couldn't. Since no one person could go to all the sessions, we'll all learn something of the variety of topics touching on our work as Teacher/Librarians. Details of time, place and price to be announced later. *Alison Gregg*

PUBLIC LIBRARIES SECTION (NSW BRANCH)

The Public Libraries Section, NSW Branch, is establishing a group to co-ordinate lobbying of both State and Federal governments. It is envisaged that this group will send delegates and letters to members of both parliaments and engage in active media campaigns.

Anyone interested in contributing to this group is asked to contact Helen Lawson 602 8989 (convener) or Jenny Cram 043 53 1333.



Library Association of Australia ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 45th Annual General Meeting of the Library Association of Australia will be held in Brisbane on Wednesday 29 August 1984.

AGENDA

1. Notice convening meeting
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the 1983 Annual General Meeting
4. Presentation of awards
5. Presentation of 1983 Annual Report and Balance Sheet, and Income and Expenditure Account
6. Presentation of supplementary Balance Sheet and supplementary Income and Expenditure Account to 31 July 1984
7. Appointment of auditors
8. General Business (see 3 below)

Rules of meeting

1. Motions for discussion at the AGM are to be forwarded in writing, in duplicate, to the Executive Director, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo by Friday 13 July 1984. Motions should be signed by the mover either individually or on behalf of a division of the Association. All such motions received will be published in the AGM agenda in the 17 August issue of *InCite* (No. 13).
2. All motions to be put to the AGM must appear in this published agenda.
3. The only items that may be raised under General Business are those of an informal nature, or those that are within the scope of the business already laid down. Motions of a substantial nature relating to items not covered in the notice of the meeting will not be allowed.
4. If an item of urgency arises which is not within the business of the meeting the Chairman has the power to accept it without notice, or rule that due notice must be given.
5. All motions additional to those on the printed agenda and in accordance with 3. above, and amendments, shall be written in triplicate and signed by the movers (forms will be provided), one copy to be delivered to the Chair, the second to the projectionist, the third to the mover.
6. When addressing the Chair, the person desiring recognition will properly identify himself, giving his name and library. Only LAA members may speak.
7. Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker, no speaker may have the floor twice on the same question until all who wish to speak have spoken.
8. Proxies. To be valid proxies must be in the form set out in By-law 15 and in the hands of the General Secretary (Miss Averill Edwards) by 27 August 1984.
9. By general consent, if there be no objection, or by a two-thirds vote, any rule governing the debate may be suspended.
10. The Chairman's rulings on procedural matters may not be debated. The reference for rules and their interpretation by the Parliamentarian will be Joske's *The law and procedure at meetings in Australia and New Zealand*, 6th ed., 1976. A Parliamentarian will be appointed to advise the Chairman on procedure and to assist in determining the results of a poll of members present if necessary.

NSW members, during the next Branch Council meeting, discussion of General Council (24-25 August) agenda items will take place. Observers/participants welcome. Jan Cree NSW General Councillor and Eve Ahearn, General Councillor-at-large, will be in attendance. LAA House, 15 August, 7.00 pm.

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