

News from the Divisions

EDUCATION FOR LIBRARIANSHIP SECTIONAL GROUP – WA.

The inaugural meeting of this Group was held on Wednesday 29 Feb 1983 in the Department of Library and Information Studies at W.A.I.T. Twelve people attended, from a variety of Library workforces which works well for the cross-sectional activities of the Group.

The aim of the meeting was to

- welcome interested persons.
- briefly discuss the objectives of the National Section,
- consider the Group's program for 1984.

Dr Patricia Layzell-Ward of WAIT spoke of the general role of the Course Advisory Committee for the WAIT Librarianship courses. Some discussion followed on how the WA Group could perhaps make input to its Committee.

Reference was made at the meeting to the agenda for the Group to consider, *inter alia*, the following:

- continuing education for professional and para-professional staff in libraries
- higher level qualifications
- 'second level' specialisation
- employment of para professionals in professional positions (and vice-versa)

The meeting agreed to consider making input to the national Inquiry into Labour Market Programs and a copy of its terms of reference would be sought. The next meeting will be at 12.30 on Wednesday 4 April 1984 in the Conference Room at the Nedlands Campus of the WACAE.

The office bearers for Sectional Group for 1988 will be

- Roy Stall, President
- Diane Keeling, Secretary/Treasurer
- Peter Maskell, Representative on WA Branch Council.

ERGONOMICS INTEREST GROUP

An informal interest group meets in Melbourne; objectives include collection and circulation of information on all aspects of the ergonomics of library work: "fitting the task to the worker". For further information, contact: Megan Lilly, c/- Library, Caulfield Campus, Chisholm Institute of Technology, 900 Sandanong Road, Caulfield East, 3145 Tel: (3) 573 2149 or Marie Dowling, c/- Library, C.E. Ascot Vale Campus, 251 Mt. Alexander Road, Ascot Vale, 3032 Tel: (03) 376 2522.

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UCLS – NATIONAL

The national seminar on Collection Management in Academic Libraries at Surfers Paradise on 16-17 February provided a forum for the exchange of information and ideas on the development and implementation of effective collection management programmes in academic libraries. Particular attention was given to the problems of financial, space and staff restrictions.

Eric Wainwright, University Librarian, Adelaide, examined collection adequacy including the results of some recent endeavours to create a measurable collection planning device. The role of automated collection management techniques also came under discussion.

The need for a collection development policy has attracted much attention. John Horacek, Senior Selection Librarian, La Trobe University, argued formalised guidelines for collection development are both restrictive and prescriptive. Jo McLachlan, Resources Librarian, University of New South Wales, presented the case for a written collection development policy, describing work being undertaken at the University of New South Wales Library.

The problems associated with deselection and storage were addressed by Spencer Routh, Collections Development Librarian, University of Queensland, with particular reference to the use of past statistics to predict future use and to the importance of recognising the difficulties of researchers in unpopular areas. The responsibilities of major academic libraries in preserving material for historical and bibliographical research were also discussed.

Margaret Cameron, Chief Librarian, Deakin University, spoke on regional resources and regional co-operation in Victoria. Practical implications for collection management in the individual library were discussed and evaluated.

The technology of document delivery was dealt with by Peter Judge, Officer-in-Charge, CILES, CSIRO. Technology present & future to facilitate the storage and transmission of documents and their delivery was discussed.

The problems of collection development in a multicampus operation were explored by Brian Cook, Head, Resource Centre, Brisbane CAE.

Budget management for collection development has become increasingly difficult with educational cutbacks. Derek Fielding, University Librarian, Queensland, addressed some of the political and educational considerations for a large academic library.

The excellent papers presented were complemented by poolside lunches, a boat cruise sponsored by James Bennett Group and D.A. Book (Aust) Pty. Ltd. and a delightful dinner at Fisherman's Wharf. The proceedings are to be published and will be advertised in *InCite*.

Cathryn Crowe

SPECIAL LIBRARIES SECTION VIC GROUP DIRECTORY OF SPECIAL LIBRARIES IN VICTORIA.

The Victorian Committee of the Special Libraries Section has decided to cease publication of updates to the Directory of Special Libraries in Victoria.

The Directory, published in 1980 and updated yearly since then, is due for major reprinting and this was considered to be unprofitable, particularly with the revision of the 5th edition of the national *Directory* due for publication around mid-1984.

The Committee expresses its appreciation of the contribution that Keith Sandford, now Victorian co-ordinator for the national *Directory*, has given the Victorian *Directory* since its inception.

UCLS – QUEENSLAND

The UCLS Queensland Group and National Section committee for 1984 is as follows:-

Barbara Paton, *President*

Jo Austin, *Secretary*

Jean Chilton, *Treasurer (Qld. Group)*

Lauri Clarkson, *Treasurer (National Section)*

Cathy Crowe

Helen Darch

Bruce Edwards

Philip Kent

Anne Newell

Margaret Robertson

The Committee is still catching its breath after organising the successful national seminar Collection Management in Academic Libraries. Three general meetings are scheduled for this year and will be advertised in *Happenings*.

A seminar on human resources Management is planned to end-on to the joint NZLA-LAA Conference in Brisbane.

It looks like a very active year for the Group.

Margaret Robertson

NSW LAA ONLINE USERS GROUP

The NSW LAA Online Users Group and the NSW Special Libraries Section held a joint meeting on 6 March at ACI Computer Services. The speaker, Leigh Baker, Project Manager, Information Retrieval Services, ACI Computer Services, outlined recent and forthcoming developments in Australian information retrieval technology, videotext and new database systems. Leigh also revealed new hardware developments, new software features and more databases for Ausinet in 1984. A demonstration was also conducted on ACI's electronic mail service ACIMAIL.

For a copy of the newsletter *Online Australia*, with details of these new developments, contact Amanda Russell on (02) 339 3017.

The topic for the next meeting is "Developments in the Online World – Australia's Place" a Report from the 7th International Online Information Meeting, London, December 1983. The meeting will be on Tuesday May 1 at the Conference Room, Fisher Library, Sydney University, beginning at 5.30pm. For further information contact Amanda Russell on 339 3017.



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