

SCHOOL LIBRARIES SECTION (SA)

Fill the Gaps: Issues for Teacher Librarians, conference jointly sponsored by SMMART, RCTA, LAA.

Over 150 teacher-librarians attended this very worthwhile conference on August 16-17 at SAIT Adelaide and Aberfoyle Park High School.

The key speaker on Friday morning, professor Jonathon Anderson, outlined the issues for teacher-librarians within the context of computers in the classroom:

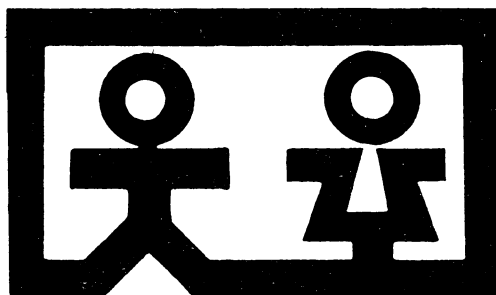
- the rapid movement away from dependence on paper storage of information makes computer literacy vital for students. He compared the vast increase in the availability of information now, with the period immediately following Gutenberg;
- accessing information from these new storehouses demands new skills, but through them students can be freed from the time-consuming task of searching out information and will thus have more time to reflect on it. This is of vital importance as an educational issue.

The following speaker, Anne A'Herran, dealing with software evaluation, urged that teacher-librarians, in conjunction with subject teachers, could bridge the gap between the computer as a mathematical device and its use in fields such as inter-active fiction and creative writing. Even if the library is not responsible for purchasing the school's software, the teacher-librarian can act as a 'filter' in the selection process by recommending what is worth the subject teacher's consideration and rejecting what is obviously not.

Very useful workshop sessions on a variety of topics (time management, early literacy R-3, adolescent fiction, periodicals' management, computer management systems, R-7 fiction, equal opportunities, learning theories R-7 time management) were held in the afternoon.

Day 2 consisted of a panel discussion on Information Skills. Four speakers covered the teaching of these skills from junior primary through to upper secondary. All stressed the importance of 'leaning how to learn'. Library skills are only a sub-set of information skills and should always be taught in the context of current class assignments, not as a separate lesson, inter-action with the subject teacher is essential at the planning stage; constant practice and evaluation are necessary at all levels.

Beverley Stone



A new library for Strathalbyn

After a combined 228 years of service, two of South Australia's oldest libraries have retired. On August 23, the 101-year-old Strathalbyn Institute Library and the 127-year-old Milang Institute Library were dissolved to make way for the new Strathalbyn Community Library.

The new library will provide services previously unavailable to the Strathalbyn Community. Like all other libraries in the state, users of the Strathalbyn Community Library will have access to any of the 1.8 million volumes in South Australian public libraries, through an inter-library computer network.

The Governor of South Australia, Sir Donald Dunstan, officially opened the new Strathalbyn Community Library, which is located in the Strathalbyn High School. The service has been provided jointly by the Strathalbyn High School and District Council, and by the Education Department and the Libraries Board of South Australia.

It will be the 34th library to operate under the school/community library scheme, whereby libraries established in the schools are freely accessible to the entire community. The Strathalbyn Community Library will be the state's 112th public library.

For your diary

The 22nd Annual Antique Fair will be held from 4-8 October at Sydney's Lower Town Hall. The fair will open from 10am-7pm each day.

The display will include antique porcelain, glass, rugs, paintings, furniture, books and jewellery, all for sale. If you feel like investing heavily, a leasing company will be there to assist.

Enquiries to Johanna Minogue 331 5176.

In brief . . .

Several titles on China's commercial laws and business regulations as well as subscriptions to *Asian Business Information* are available through China Books, 3rd Floor, 12 Little Regent Street, Sydney. Phone (02) 212 6836.

The Royal New South Wales Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, Australia's oldest children's welfare organisation, will launch its history on October 17. Enquiries to John McNicol (02) 871 1233 ext. 334.

First trip to Australia for Swebs and Zeitlinger. Their sales manager, Kevin Ward called in to the *InCite* office recently and says he's meeting as many people as possible on this trip and will be here for the Darwin conference.

Information Online 86

The latest news from the First Australian Online Information Conference and Exhibition (Information Online 86) to be held at the Hilton International, Sydney, January 20-22, 1986.

Overseas guests will include keynote speaker from the US, Dr Roger Summit, President of DIALOG Information Services Inc., and from the UK, Mr Anthony Sharp, Director, Mead Data International, who will discuss 'Electronic Publishing: Future Possibilities'.

Other speakers include Mr Leigh Baker, Manager, Information Retrieval Division of ACI Computer Services, Mr George Maltby, Managing Director of OTC, Mr Roy Lotzof, Executive Financial Management of Macquarie Bank, Mr Bernie Holdsworth, Manager, Electronic Banking, Commonwealth Bank, and Ms Sarah Dunn, Marketing Manager of Pergamon Infoline, U.K.

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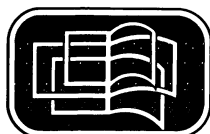
Archivists meeting

LAA members are invited to attend a special non-business meeting of the Australian Society of Archivists Inc. on Wednesday 23 October.

The speaker will be Ms Dorothy Levenson, from the Montefiore Medical Centre, and the meeting will be held in the Conference Room of the State Archives, 2 Globe Street, The Rocks, commencing at 5.30pm.

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