

THE LATEST FROM DARWIN

Libraries and Lifestyles

The programme for the LAA Biennial Conference is now well in hand. There are now over 100 speakers presenting keynote, panel and concurrent sessions, workshops and lunchtime lectures. The range of topics is very broad and there will be something of interest for everyone.

Keynote speakers include Dr Ching-Chin Chen, John Ah Kit, Richard Washburn and Doug Zweizig. Their presentations will cover topics ranging from videodisc technology, motivation in the workforce, and measurement of library services.

Specials for Fannie Bay Gaol and Cocktails at the Peewee Camp

Social and hospitality activities planning is under way. The social events start with the opening ceremony in the Botanic Gardens on Sunday 29 June and conclude with the Mardi Gras of the closing ceremony on Friday 4 July. Activities in between include reference librarians' dinner at the Sailing Club, the IBBY poolside lunch at the Phoenix, acquisitions librarians' gathering at the Beagle Restaurant, tropical breakfast for all delegates, cocktail party at the Peewee Camp, East Point ANF, the specials' spit roast, folk music and dancing in Fannie Bay Gaol. Other groups are getting together at restaurants and selected locations such as The Esplanade Gallery and the Tree of Knowledge. The conference committee look forward to seeing you in Darwin in 1986.

Concurrent Sessions

Concurrent sessions have been arranged in an attempt to provide the widest choice for the extensive range of LAA membership. The theme 'Law and Society' will include such topics as the Challenge to the Neutrality of Librarianship, Library Services in the NT, Information Services to Local Authorities and Information Backup for Real Property Law.

In the area of 'Media and Marketing' concurrent sessions will be held covering such topics as: The implementation of public computer systems, Access to computers via gateway packages, Automated inter-library loans and Are we informed when we have information.

Speakers including Euan Miller, Marlene Leigh Evans, Ida Vincent, Rhonda Bignell, Wila Herr, Angela Bridgland, Ian McCallum, Margaret Cameron, Alexis Taylor and Innes Wittich will be presenting papers on the theme 'Patterns of Work and Leisure'. Some of the areas covered will include library nonse, experiences of an exchange library technician in the US, people, information and public libraries, public libraries and unemployed people, library services to the aged,



Bobby Ngainmira of the Gunwinggu Tribe, Western Arnhem Land with his son. Bobby painted the bark painting that is on the poster. (Photo courtesy of Valentine Greeting Cards.)

stress management and details of 'Project Read'.

On the theme, 'Business' speakers include Gordon Bower, Jane Hodges, Dagmar Schmidmaier, Warwick Cathro and Elaine Hall. Their topics will include: costs of providing an information service to business, networks within networks, bibliographic network standards and the interconnection of local automated systems.

Panel Sessions

A wide variety of panel sessions will also be presented: women in libraries, marketing library services, marketing strategies for libraries, library co-operation, personnel issues, information sources for community groups, school library automation, educational trends for librarianship, library services to the isolated, reader education for library use, the book trade and running an information consultancy.

A research forum is also scheduled with a variety of papers being presented.

Thomas Keneally will present the James Bennett Lecture. Local flavour will be added via a presentation by the Darwin Theatre Group and Associates, along with 'Tall Tales' told by local identities.

Pre- and post-conference sessions should ensure that delegates venturing to Darwin for the conference will have a wide variety of topics and activities to choose from, in an attempt to further their knowledge of librarianship.

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