Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year to all LAA Members

CONTINUING EDUCATION — 1986

Courses on marketing, lobbying, communication techniques, online searching, videotex, school library management, and reader education, a teleconference and distance package are among the continuing education activities to be offered as part of the LAA's nationally funded program in 1986.

Tenders for continuing education activities were called in August after requests from branches and divisions were received in June and July. Despite the Sydney mail strike, tenders were received from 18 organisations for a total of 26 activities. They came from a range of organisations including management and consulting organisations, library and information studies schools, continuing education units of educational institutions, large libraries and LAA branches.

Funds provided to tenderers are meant to cover the development, implementation and evaluation of activities. The fees charged are set by the CE Committee and remitted to the Association's CE account. The activities funded are those which divisions have indicated as priority areas but which cannot be mounted without additional funds or expertise.

After evaluating the tenders and matching branch and divisions' requests with tenders received, the CE Committee recommended to the Board of Education that a minimum of 17 activities be funded. Negotiations are continuing with two tenders, so this number may be higher. In some cases, too, the Committee recommended funding a 'first run' of a course and if this is successful, a repeat of the course will be funded in another location.

Offers to successful tenderers were sent early in November. There may still be some 'late bids' in some states.

The activities for which the Committee has offered funds to tenders are as follows:

SA	Marketing library and information services
	Legal responsibility of librarians
	Communication techniques
	Staff appraisal
ACT	Serials automation
NSW	School libraries in the eighties — Teleconference
	Managing people at work — At a NSW regional centre
QLD	Reference and readers advisory service workshop — Townsville, and possibly Rockhampton
TAS	Implication and uses of ABN
	Serials automation
	Introduction to online searching — Launceston
VIC	Lobbying workshop — Melbourne and possibly regional
	School library management — Melbourne and possibly regional
	Library security systems
	Videotex: opportunities for libraries and librarians
	Staff appraisal, training and career development
	External/distance package — Children's literature.

The Northern Territory did not request any funds due to the involvement of members in the Darwin conference. Two divisions in Western Australia sought funds for fairly specific courses for which no tenders have yet been received. The CE Committee was also disappointed that no tender was received for the 'Acquisition Procedures' course in Victoria as this seems to be an area of consistent need. Late bids in all these areas will be considered by the CE Committee.

On the whole the CE Committee and Board of Education were very pleased with the range, quality and 'fundability' of tenders received for 1986 activities and progress on courses in 1985. LAA members in most states should be able to make use of a wide range of expertise in 1986.

Further information about the CE activities to be funded will be published in *InCite* as it becomes available. Members interested in specific activities may wish to contact Sue Phillips at the LAA office, the CE Committee Chair, Marianne Broadbent at RMIT (03 600 2562/2900) or Branch Secretaries and CE officers.

Marianne Broadbent
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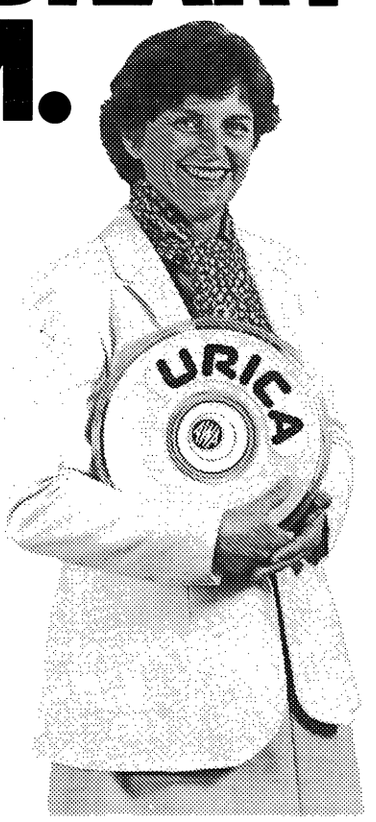

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