



AIT lectures

During third term (between September 1 and November 15) this year, the School of Library and Information Management at the South Australian Institute of Technology will run two series of Wednesday Lunch Time (12.15 p.m.) lectures, the first on Local History Collections and the second on Rare Book Librarianship in Australia. Admission is free to students, staff and LAA members; in fact anyone interested. (For further details see appendings.)

For further information contact Peter Larevich, Senior Lecturer at the School of Library & Information Management, (08) 236 220, or write to him at North Terrace, Adelaide, South Australia, 5000.

Library Applications Seminar

Research Ltd and DIALOG Information Services Inc. announce a new half-day Library Applications Seminar.

The seminar is designed to demonstrate one use of familiar library tools as well as library uses for databases less familiar to the library profession. It demonstrates traditional information-gathering techniques, but places special emphasis on the advantages of working online.

Full-text searching tips are given and use of various DIALOG databases for cataloguing and bibliographic verification, biographies, reviews and evaluations, directory, guide and handbook material is examined.

The Library Applications Seminar incorporates the features of Dialog Version 2 and is for those who have a general knowledge of the DIALOG search system and need to locate information on a wide variety of topics.

Watch the Happenings columns of *InCite* for scheduled dates of this seminar.

Who's where

Change of premises for Steve Healion of Identic Books. He's moved to 14 Undercliffe Road, Harbord 2096. The phone no. remains 939 7024.

Sue Moore, formerly Librarian of Sunshine-Melton Library Service, will commence duty as Associate Librarian of RMIT on August 11.

Sue brings a wide experience to this position, which was previously occupied by Don Schauder who left to take up the position of Institute Librarian, Chisholm Institute.

As well as being deputy librarian, Sue will have responsibility for the Management Services Division which includes library administration, systems, projects and Informit.

In brief

The Australian Catholic Historical Society has asked *InCite* to advise readers that a subscription of \$5.00 p.a. covers membership to the society and their annual journal. Back copies are available. More information from A. Hunt, Secretary, Australian Catholic Historical Society, 13 Mitchell Street, Glebe NSW 2307.

The papers given at the recent National Conference entitled 'Making Marriage and Family Work' are now available. This two-volume set costs \$42 and is available from Brigid Smith, Secretary, Making Marriage and Family Work Conference, Box 675E, GPO Melbourne 3001.

Computers in Libraries Special Interest Group

The next meeting of the CIL SIG will be held in conjunction with the Australian Computer Society Branch meeting on 19 August 1986, 5.30pm at the Commercial Travellers Association, 54 Havelock Street, West Perth.

The meeting will include a presentation of Compact Laser Disc Technology (CD ROM) from Mr Gunter Jank, State Manager for Western Australia Digital Equipment Corporation and Louise Jones, Divisional Librarian for the State Library Service.

CD ROM presents a number of exciting opportunities to both the data processing and library industry and for this reason the presentation promises to be of great interest.

Members and non-members are welcome.

Industrial News

NSW Branch Employment Service

The NSW Branch Employment Service has continued to operate successfully during the first half of 1986, having filled nearly 40% of the vacant positions notified by employers.

The number of people registered with the service has increased dramatically this year, with 82 people registered during the first 6 months of 1986. They include librarians, library technicians and library assistants and possess varying degrees of experience.

Employers wishing to register temporary or permanent vacant library positions in the Sydney metropolitan area should contact Louise Lansley at LAA Head Office on (02) 692 9233.

Survey of repetition strain injuries in libraries (RSI)

A recent survey of a number of academic and state libraries undertaken by the Industrial and Information and Research Officer, has indicated that libraries are paying careful attention to the prevention of repetition strain injuries and that in many cases preventative measures have contributed to declining numbers of staff developing RSI.

Most institutions surveyed have introduced a range of measures designed to prevent RSI such as the purchase of ergonomic furniture, the re-design of work stations, the introduction of rest breaks for VDU operators (sometimes accompanied by sessions in pause gymnastics) and staff counselling procedures.

Several institutions noted that whilst the purchase of ergonomic furniture and the introduction of rest breaks had been important, psychological factors play a particularly significant part in helping to prevent RSI. Staff counselling methods vary; however some of the measures introduced include:

- staff training in the use of keyboard equipment and in the correct adjustment of furniture
- the establishment of library ergonomic committees to advise on workplace and identify potential problems
- staff counselling by consultant ergonomists, doctors or physiotherapists

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