

THE LAA GIVES YOU MORE TIME

The closing date for applications for LAA Study Grant Awards has been extended to 31 December 1986.

The awards are for practising librarians wishing to undertake a study project on a selected library or information issue or problem of present and future relevance to the development and improvement of library and information services in Australia.

In the three years the awards have been available, grants totalling almost \$16,000 have been made. They have been used for a variety of projects including studies of library and information services to the disabled, library resources for basic nursing programs, participation in user education programs, a study of trends in theological librarianship, compiling a guide to buying nonbook materials in other languages and a study of personnel librarianship and staff development.

The awards are:

- Available to a practising librarian in a supervising or middle management position, with a minimum of three years' experience in library and information work.
- For the purpose of undertaking a study program on a selected library/information issue or problem of present and future relevance to the development and improvement of library and information services in Australia.
- The study may include opportunity for preliminary work, local or overseas visits/consultations, attachment to another organisation, preparation of a publication, further educational qualification.
- The study is to culminate in a written report in two parts, made to the Association. The first is a chronological summary of the project components together with a statement of the value derived, provided within one month of the project's culmination. The second component is a comprehensive report provided within four months of the project's culmination.
- It is expected that the study project will provide an opportunity for self development as well as benefit to the successful applicant's institution and present position.
- The award is not intended to be used to fund research projects.
- Applicants should complete an application form which gives:
 - A brief description of the study project, including aims; benefits to the individual and to the institution; possible outcomes of a project.
 - Identification and reasons for choice of particular institutions, persons or activities.
 - Itinerary, timetable, travel/accommodation costs involved.
 - Details of any other funds or facilities being provided for the study project.
 - A curriculum vitae.
 - 2 referees' reports
- Applicants must be financial members of the LAA.

Application forms are available from LAA House and applications for an award in 1987 should reach the Assistant Executive Director, LAA House, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo NSW 2007 by 31 December 1986.

NSW SPECIAL LIBRARY PROMOTION TASKFORCE UPDATE

Being informed

No, the NSW taskforce was not axed by the recent budget; nor was it seen as a fringe benefit. Some other special librarians haven't been so lucky. In the last fortnight I have heard of at least six special libraries which are either closing down, starting all over, being scrutinised by that black fine tooth comb and even amalgamating with other departments.

Many Specials will be wondering whether the Taskforce is still drunk, hungover or merry from its official launching in April this year. Some launch!! Seventy five people couldn't be wrong. So, where are we now? Since April several things have happened. The committee has sent out fifty letters to patrons of various associations which we felt were an appropriate cross-section of our target audience. We invited participation in joint seminars/workshops/meetings organised jointly by ourselves and the Association. Predictably, response was low, however those who responded to the letter have been really enthusiastic. From this we are planning a joint meeting/seminar with members of the NSW Building Science Forum and members of the ACCESS group within the Special Library Section of the LAA. ACCESS, by the way, stands for Architects, Construction & Consulting Engineers Specialist Services. Any interested professionals outside this subject area are more than welcome to attend. It may just provide the stimulus needed for organising similar meetings within your own subject groups. The exact format or venue for meeting has not yet been finalised. We are aiming to hold it sometime at the beginning of 1987.

At the time of writing the Taskforce is organising an exhibition at the two-day information seminar presented by the State Library of NSW and the LAA NSW Branch held 22-23 October 1986. The seminar is entitled Technology at the Leading Edge. It is aimed at information professionals and users of information technology in business, industry and government.

Other activities are eagerly being planned by our industrious committee. Further details will be released as they become available. We welcome any ideas for meetings or seminars and the committee are more than happy to assist with planning. Two of our committee members have recently resigned so we are looking for new committee members to take their place. A big thanks to Ralph Reid for his tremendous assistance; we are very sorry to lose him. Anyone interested in joining the committee can contact Mary Baker on (02) 764 8558 during office hours. You may be interested in coming along to future committee meetings. These are held on the second Wednesday of every month, at 5 pm in the Treasury Library, Sydney.

I hope to see some of you at the Technology at the Leading Edge Seminar or perhaps the Strategic Planning Workshop on Monday 27 October 1986, given by the Special Libraries Section of the LAA.

Meantime any staff changes, movements, closing downs or opening ups and other systems development; tell us about it or write to *incite* to have it included in 'Who's Where?'

Before you know it, Christmas will be here. This year the Specials are planning some-

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thing a little different for the Christmas party. The date for your diaries for the party is Wednesday 10 December with the venue to be decided. There's no excuse for not attending. Please mark it in your diary now. I hope to meet some new faces.

Mary Baker
NSW Convenor,
Special Library Promotion Taskforce

IBBY ONE DAY SEMINAR AND CELEBRATORY DINNER 1 November 1986

Come along and hear, Patricia Wrightson and Robert Ingpen, winners of the 1986 Hans Christian Andersen Award!. The morning session will include critical surveys of the winners' works. Cost \$45; \$35 students/unemployed; afternoon only \$30; dinner \$25. For further information and registration contact: Miranda Harrowell (02) 808-0586 (W)