

## IFLA/LAA 1988

Barbara Jacoby from Monash University reports that business at the IFLA/LAA stand at the ALA's Conference in San Francisco was brisk. Over 16,000 people attended the conference and many made their way to the stand to find out about the 1988 Conference and down under in general.



The LAA/IFLA stand before and during the rush. Barbara Jacoby (Deputy, Biomedical Library, Monash University) is flanked by two intrepid US travel agents.



The LAA/IFLA stand at the ALA Conference in San Francisco.

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## INDUSTRIAL NEWS

### Local Government labour markets

The National Review of Local Government Labour Markets has released its first discussion paper on 'Improving Flexibility in Local Government Employment'.

The review was commissioned by Commonwealth, State and Northern Territory Ministers responsible for Local Government at their 1986 Annual Conference and will look at measures to reduce rigidities in Local Government labour markets. Of particular concern are:

- the characteristics of Local Government employment and the sources and conditions of labour supply;
- the adequacy of education and training services;
- changing patterns of labour demand and their implication for employment and training.

The review will provide information and practical advice to Ministers so that co-ordinated action can be undertaken to ensure Local Government has available to it an adequate supply of appropriately skilled personnel.

Discussion paper No 1 examines ways of improving flexibility in Local Government employment. It addresses issues such as flexible employment patterns, qualification requirements, upgrading of skills, movement between career strands and recruitment

processes. State and Territory Departments of Local Government will conduct workshops at which the issues raised in the paper will be discussed.

Copies of Discussion Paper No 1 are available from Louise Lansley at LAA Head Office, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo 2007, (02) 692 9233 or (008) 221 481.

### Books and beyond

The second meeting of the steering committee of the 'Books and Beyond: The Information Needs of Schools' project was held in Canberra on 16 June, 1987.

A project team from the Department of Information Studies at Kuring-gai CAE was selected as consultant for the project.

Joyce Kirk has had to resign as the LAA's representative on the steering committee as she will be part of the consultancy team and she has been replaced by Beth McLaren, the Librarian at Castle Hill High School and a Past President of the School Libraries Section.

The Commonwealth Schools Commission has approved an increase to the project budget of \$13,700, bringing the total amount allocated to \$65,700; the increased figure allows for an additional \$5,370 for consultants' fees, an additional \$2,000 for consultants' travel, an additional \$5,000 for publication costs and an additional \$1,330 for steering committee costs.

The time allocated for the project has been extended until mid-October 1988. The steering committee and the consultancy team will hold a meeting to discuss the project on 5 August, 1987.

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