

Colonial Start to Library Week

Library Week began in NSW on 17 October at Windsor Central Library amidst antique fire engines, stilt walkers and people of all shapes and sizes in colonial dress. The new President of the Hawkesbury Shire Council, Mr John Horrex welcomed the Minister for Environment and Planning, Mr Bob Carr who performed the official opening.

In his speech Mr Carr emphasised this year's 'Everybody needs a library' theme, commenting on the services libraries provide to the community. As a part of his speech Mr Carr spoke about the establishment of a working party to develop a state information policy — 'to examine the NSW State Government's role in providing information to the community, to business, industry, researchers and professionals. It will also consider the provision of public library services generally and investigate the resources required to widen public access to information'.

Alderman Keith Phipps from Wollongong City Council (the host city in '86) passed on a scroll from last year's celebrations which will be handed on to the host city in 1988.

A variety of activities took place in the afternoon. Participants had the choice of cruising down the Hawkesbury or visiting the Pioneer Village at Wilberforce. Blacksmithing displays, bushranging re-enactments and coach rides were a part of the fun at the village. The captive colonial audience at the village was treated to the South Australian Film Corporation's 'Come to the library' film on video. The day was appropriately capped off with a dinner at the nearby Lachlan's Restaurant.



Photos: (above) stilt walkers lead the Library Week procession; (below, left to right): Julia Brown, Chief Librarian, Windsor Central Library; Kevin Rozzoli, MP, NSW Member for Hawkesbury; The Hon. R. J. Carr, MP, Minister for Environment and Planning, Minister for Heritage; Mr John Horrex, President of the Shire of Hawkesbury.



Nursing Education Library Facilities Sub-committee

History

The Nursing Education Library Facilities Sub-committee was formed in May 1986, at the request of the Inter-Departmental Steering Committee for the Transfer of Nursing Education from Hospital to Tertiary Sector Programs, in response to a submission by the LAA Medical Libraries Section (Victorian Group).

Sub-committee members met monthly, until the completion of their work in December 1986. Membership comprised two medical librarians and three nurse educators. The purpose and function of the Sub-committee was to make recommendations regarding: appropriate library resources for CAEs where nursing courses are conducted; the level and distribution of funding for these resources; and the impact that the transfer of nurse education may have on existing hospital library facilities.

Recommendations

This Sub-committee recommends:

1. That there should be a comprehensive collection of books, journals and other media to support the college nursing program in both depth and breadth. For example, in addition to recommended texts, it is desirable that further resources be available to foster independent studies.
2. That within this collection there be adequate provision of materials to support faculty members in their teaching, research and professional development activities.
3. That funding authorities be advised of the fact that hospital libraries will need to maintain strong nursing collections.

These resources will be required to meet the increasingly sophisticated information needs of hospital nursing staff, and will accommodate the learning needs of college students on clinical placement.

4. That the *Resource lists for nursing collections* be available for use as a tool for selection of appropriate materials for nursing library collections in colleges and universities, and furthermore that college librarians be provided with a copy of the paper: Leith, Jean: *Is there a core collection? Types of coverage, priorities.* (Paper presented at the Seminar on the Transfer of Nursing Education from Hospitals to Colleges: the Implications for Libraries. Frankston Campus, Chisholm Institute of Technology, 24 October 1985.)

Committee members felt that producing a list of recommended books would be beyond the resources and scope of the committee. Also recommendations regarding distribution of funds could not be expressed as specific amounts, as this would contravene college autonomy in the distribution of grants, and would date very quickly.

Coincidentally, the sentiments of Recommendation 3 were also expressed by the Association of Melbourne Hospital Schools of Nursing, which recommended in April 1986 that: 'as the need for well equipped and high standard libraries will be essential in hospitals, that adequate on-going grants be provided to establish, maintain and staff these libraries at a suitable level.'

Please note that photocopies of the *Resource lists* may be obtained by sending a \$6 voucher plus address label to Sandra Russell, Chief Librarian, St Vincent's Hospital, Victoria Parade, Fitzroy 3065 or Enid Meldrum, Chief Librarian, Alfred Hospital, Commercial Parade, Prahran 3181.

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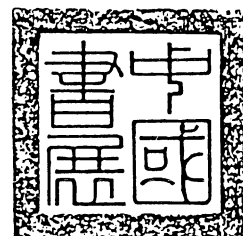
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