

- beware of censorship;
- beware of the decline in library specialisation, especially children's specialists;
- combat this move by recording, counting, calculating, estimating and computing all statistics that can give a quantitative evaluation of your service as a Children's Librarian.

Jan Millard
Children's Librarian

EDUCATION FOR LIBRARIANSHIP SECTION

1987 has witnessed a number of changes in the EdLib Executive. The current executive is geographically located in Wagga Wagga, NSW.

President James Henri
Secretary Gary Gorman
Treasurer Marsha Reilly
Committee Edward Reid-Smith
Members Clare Cooper

Communication

How is it possible for this group to stay in touch with Section members throughout Australia? Without help this is difficult. Strategies aimed to assist this process of communication include:

- Education for Librarianship, Australia.
- Corresponding members.
- Joint activities between EdLib and other LAA sections and groups.

The role of the corresponding member is primarily one of communication. It is hoped that these members will communicate regularly with the Executive and in particular will feed in ideas and reactions from the grass-roots.

Currently the following members of the Section are serving as corresponding members: Mr Peter Maskell, WAIT; Mrs Christine Frey, University of Tasmania; Mr Joe Hallein, Gippsland IAE; Dr Maxine Rochester, Canberra CAE; Miss Jeanette Knox, Macquarie University; Dr Joanna Richardson, Brisbane CAE; Mr Graham Dudley, Library Council of Victoria; Mrs Fay Nicholson, Melbourne CAE; Ms Anne Hazell, Education Centre, Adelaide.

Local Seminars

Last year the Executive investigated the possibility of forging links between EdLib and other LAA bodies. One result was the decision to co-sponsor a series of local seminars. One has already been held in Victoria in conjunction with the Gippsland Regional Group on budgeting. Other joint seminars are being organised in Tasmania and South Australia.

If you have an idea for a joint meeting please communicate this to the Executive, directly or through a corresponding member.

Essay Competition

By now you will have seen the publicity for the essay competition. Please encourage people to enter . . . do so yourself! The prize of \$500 should be worth winning.

IFLA 1988

Plans are underway to represent the Section at IFLA 1988 in Sydney. At present we are investigating the possibility of holding a dinner for educators and also providing a room which will be set aside as a meeting place for those delegates who want to find and talk with other educators. The editors of *EFLA* are currently working on a proposed bumper issue of the journal 1988/2 which will feature the state of the art of education in librarianship in Australia and which will be distributed to IFLA delegates free of charge.

Conservation Survey

A great deal of interest has been generated in the last 12 months about conservation/preservation of library materials. To capitalise on this, and to provide objective baseline data for future deliberations, the Section will be conducting a national survey of library schools and libraries. We will be asking what the schools provide in the way of training and what the libraries need in view of their current conservation work. Results of the survey will be made available to the profession in the form of a published report.

Other activities

We are forging close links with other LAA groups and sections.

- part sponsor of DE-SIG newsletter
- co-sponsor of Acquisitions (Vic)/Edlib workshop in 1987.

The executive would love to hear from you. Please give us your suggestion so that we are able to develop a national profile worthy of the membership.

James Henri
Riverina-Murray IHE

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Have you renewed your membership?

The due date for membership renewals is 31 March, so if you haven't renewed by now you are about to become an unfinancial member. This will be the last *InCite* you receive. It will also be the last *Australian Library Journal* you receive unless you have subscribed for 1987. So renew your membership now and take out a subscription to *ALJ* if you haven't already done so!

I'll be around for a while yet!

In *InCite* Nos 1 and 2 you will have seen an advertisement for my position. As you will see in a note from the President, in this issue on page 2, I have withdrawn my resignation and will be continuing in this position. I'm delighted to be staying on and will be working just as hard as ever to keep the Association on the move.

LAA vouchers

Although the voucher system is currently undergoing changes and it is likely that a \$6 charge will be introduced from 1 July 1987, the Association has not yet made plans to issue a \$6 voucher.

Any changes to the current voucher system will be given wide publicity, particularly in *InCite*. \$3 and \$1 vouchers are readily available and could be used if a \$6 charge was introduced.

As has been the case for some time, pre-payment is required for purchasing vouchers. If you experience difficulty raising an invoice the Association is only too happy to issue you with a pro-forma invoice. This can be done by either mail or, if you are short of time, by telephone. Contact the receptionist at LAA House.

Our current receptionist, Sheree Brown, has resigned as her husband has been posted to Brisbane. We thank Sheree for her hard work and wish her well in the future. Sheree's replacement will be announced once an appointment has been made.

Jenny Adams
Director

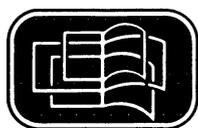
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