

IN THE NEWS

... All the way to bank

The Public Libraries Branch of the Department of Local Government of South Australia is collecting information on the demonstrated economic advantages of using library services. Concrete examples are required, some of which may be used in a kit shortly to be produced by the Branch.

In South Australia, one often quoted example is that of the Naracoorte Public Library which provided the research base for the development of a cottage industry based on the production of merino sheep models which has now boomed.

Help prove libraries add to the economic health and vigour of our nation. If you have any examples or ideas to add to this kit, could you please contact Dr Chris Henderson, Manager, Public Libraries Branch, 121 The Parade, Norwood SA 5067, (08) 332 8266.

ABN Bibliography

Merlene Ralph of SACAE Library, Central Services Division, Holbrooks Road, Underdale 5032, (08) 354 6280, is currently compiling 'An annotated bibliography of the Australian Bibliographic Network 1982-1986' from ALISA (Australian Library and Information Science Abstracts). She would be interested to hear from people who have relevant articles which are not included in ALISA or from anyone compiling a similar list. Please contact her by the end of March 1988, as publication is expected mid 1988.

The family that reads together

Current information is sought from public or school librarians on encouraging parents and children to read together, for a forthcoming IFLA conference paper. Details of any relevant practical initiatives in such services or programs, no matter how small or low-key, would be valuable to Hazel Hume, 33 The Point Road, Woolwich, NSW 2110 (02) 817 2084.

Welfare info network

WIN is an association of library and information workers in welfare and allied fields, formed at the LAA's Second Asian-Pacific Special and Law Librarians Conference in September. As a national group, WIN links a number of related groups in different states. WIN aims to foster resource sharing, co-operation and information exchange.

On 21 - 22 April WIN is holding its first seminar at the Australian Institute of Criminology in Canberra. This is being held in conjunction with the Criminal Justice Librarians' seminar on 19 - 21 April. The registration fee for both is \$20. For seminar information contact John Myrtle (062) 83 3841 and for more information on WIN contact Phil Roberts (07) 227 6164.

Adult literacy series

The TAFE Publications Unit of Victoria have published a set of six books for new adult readers. The stories have been written by people who have either become new adult readers or adult literacy tutors. The set is priced at \$15.95 plus postage. Contact: TAFE Publications Unit, 37 Langridge Street, Colingwood Vic 3066, (03) 419 6611.

BDAL 4th ed.

In response to many requests, the deadline for returning the questionnaires for the fourth edition of BDAL, has been extended.

Professional librarians, even if they are not on the LAA membership list, are eligible for inclusion and, on request, the editor would be pleased to send them blank questionnaires. Address Dr Geza Kosa, PO Box 147, Forest Hill Vic 3131.

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In 1988 many articles will have an Australian and or historical emphasis. If you haven't paid your 1988 subscription (\$16 for LAA Members; \$22 for Non-members) here's what you'll be missing out on...

The February issue features 'South Australian Children's Reading 1851-1900' by Maureen Nimon; Margaret Ingham recalls her work setting up the Children's Literature Research Collection in the State Library of Victoria; Lyn Calitz outlines the history of Tasmanian children's library services; and 'Looking back at Southall's Ash Road' has been contributed by June Connelly.

Other articles concerned with current practices include: 'Reading Clubs in South Australian Public Libraries'; 'Adults Talking About Children's Books'; 'Applying Output Measures to School Libraries'; 'Selecting a Computer System for Your School Resource Centre' and a report of the last IASL Conference in Iceland by Anne Clyde. Don't miss out. **PAY NOW — PROFIT LATER!**

Librarians and image

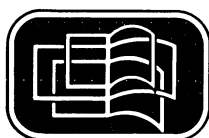
In order to gain information on how librarians perceive their image and their profession, Freelance Library and Information Services will soon be mailing a questionnaire to 100 randomly selected members of the LAA. If you receive one of these, your co-operation in filling it out and returning it would be greatly appreciated. FLIS will be conducting seminars on 'Marketing the Librarian: the profession and the individual' later this year.

LIBNET

From 1 March, the State Library of NSW will be managing the library and information agency network LIBNET (formerly Keylink/Minerva). Alan Ventress (Collection Development Librarian) has assumed responsibility for the changeover and has been appointed the interim Network Administrator. John Wright who was previously involved with the network has been appointed to establish and manage a new Technology Access Centre at the library.

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