



# HAPPENINGS

## National

- **MAY 12 LAA UCLS. National seminar on Co-operative Borrowing.** MacCallum Room, Holme Centre, University of Sydney. Time: 9.00 am — 4.30 pm. Cost: \$50 LAA Members, \$75 Non-members, includes lunch and teas. Contact: Margaret Sheppard (02) 690 4359.
- MAY 16-20 ANZAAS Centenary Congress.** University of Sydney. Registration closing date: 1 April 1988. Fees: ANZAAS Members \$110; Non-members \$140. For information on other fee categories and general enquiries, contact: Mr B. O'Rourke, Organising Secretary, ANZAAS Centenary Congress, (02) 692 4356; fax (02) 692 4202.
- **JUNE 10 LAA Executive Committee Meeting.** LAA House. Contact: (02) 692 9233.
- **JUNE 30-July 1 LAA Board of Education Meeting.** LAA House. Contact: (02) 692 9233.
- JULY 2-5 Australian Council for Adult Literacy, 12th National Conference. 'Literacy for Living.'** Brisbane CAE, Mt Gravatt Campus, Messines Rd, Mt Gravatt. Contact: Jenny Farmer, 21 Trinder Rd, Ashgrove, QLD.
- **JULY 13 LAA Publications Board Meeting.** LAA House. Contact: (02) 692 9233.
- **AUGUST 25 LAA Executive Committee Meeting.** LAA House. Contact: (02) 692 9233.
- **AUGUST 26-27 LAA General Council Meeting.** University of NSW. Contact: (02) 692 9233.
- **AUGUST 27 LAA Annual General Meeting.** University of NSW. Time: 2.30 pm — 4.30 pm. Contact: (02) 692 9233.
- **AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 3 LAA/IFLA Conference. LAA Biennial Conference. Aug 27-30; IFLA Conference Aug 30-Sept 3.** Venue: University of NSW. For a registration brochure or further information contact: Dulcie Stretton and Assoc. (02) 357 6862 or LAA Head Office (02) 692 9233 or (008) 22 1481.
- **AUGUST 28 LAA Public Libraries Section. IFLA/LAA Conference.** AGM and dinner. Time: 6.00 pm AGM, Opera House Reception Hall; 7.00 pm Dinner, Bennelong Restaurant. Cost: \$44 per person (cheques made payable to LAA Public Libraries Section). Bookings: Rod

Blacker, Treasurer, Public Libraries Section, 104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown, Victoria 3016, (03) 393 9246.

- **AUGUST 28 LAA Library Technicians Section (NSW Group). Conference dinner,** Watersedge Restaurant, Peir 1. Time: 6.00 pm. (Cost: \$27. Contact: M. Morgan (02) 250 0257, J. Scherer ((02) 950 3285.
- SEPTEMBER 5-6 Commonwealth Library Association. Seminar 'Library Services in Rural Areas'** Hurstville NSW. Contact: Judith E Baskin, PO Box 214, Manuka ACT 2603, (062) 62 1484.
- OCTOBER 14-21 Australian Library Week.** Theme: 'Libraries — Always There for You'. National Opening will be held in the State Library of NSW on 14 October. Time: 6.00 pm. Contact: Terry Cheshire (03) 650 2684.
- **OCTOBER 20-21 LAA Board of Education Meeting.** LAA House. Contact: ((02) 692 9233.

## NSW

- **MAY 2 LAA Information Science Section (NSW Group). Meeting: What's new with DIALOG, including CD-ROM; Images and DIALOGLINK.** Library, University of Technology (formerly NSWIT), large seminar room corner Quay St and Ultimo Rd, Haymarket (entrance Quay St). Time: 5.30 pm for 6.00 pm. Contact: Karin Smith (02) 262 2099.
- **MAY 3 LAA School Libraries Section (NSW Group). Committee meeting.** LAA House. Time: 7.00 pm. Observers welcome. Contact: Sheila Hawkins (02) 439 5200.
- **MAY 4 LAA New England Regional Group. One-day workshop: 'Marketing and Promoting your Library.'** Contact: Linda Sercombe (067) 73 4264, Jean McBride (067) 73 8532.
- **MAY 9 LAA Special Libraries Section (NSW Group). Lunchtime visit: Australian Society of Genealogists Library.** Richmond Villa, 120 Kent Street, Sydney (almost opposite Esso Building). Time: 1.00 pm — 2.00 pm. Contact: Robin Jenkins or Claire Regan (02) 20 512 (bookings essential).
- **MAY 10 LAA Library Technicians Section (NSW Group). Meeting.** All welcome. Venue to be confirmed. Contact: M. Morgan (02) 250 02257.
- **MAY 11 LAA Special Libraries Section (NSW Group). Seminar: 'Industrial Relations.'** 5th Floor, AMP Building, Cnr Alfred & Phillip Streets, Circular Quay. Speakers: Louise Lansley, LAA; Cheryl Grant, Library and Information Staff Union; Angelco Koutts, GIO Workers Compensation. Time: 5.30 pm for 6.00 pm. Contact: Angela Dunstan (02) 228 1066.
- **MAY 12 LAA UCLS. National Seminar on Co-operative Borrowing.** MacCallum Room, Holme Centre, University of Sydney. Time: 9.00 am — 4.30 pm. Cost \$50 LAA Members, \$75 Non-members, includes lunch and teas. Contact: Margaret Sheppard (02) 690 4359.
- **MAY 18 LAA NSW Branch Council Meeting.** LAA House. Time: 5.30 pm. Contact: Barb McLean (02) 467 9234.
- **JUNE 1 LAA School Libraries Section (NSW Group). Committee meeting.** LAA House. Time: 7.00 pm. Observers welcome. Contact: Sheila Hawkins (02) 439 5200.
- **JUNE 7 LAA Acquisitions Section (NSW Group). Seminar Room 1, Level 2, NSW State Library New Build-**

ing. **Meeting:** 'Selection': Speakers from TAFE, School, Public and Special Libraries. Contact: Paul Wilkins if attending (02) 697 2633.

- **JUNE 16 Australian Law Librarians Group (NSW Branch). Visit to Family Court of Australia,** address by Registrar and Court Counsellor. Temple Court 75-85 Elizabeth Street, Sydney. Contact: Sandra Barrkman (02) 259 2427.
- **JUNE 17 LAA NSW Branch Council Meeting.** Seminar Rooms, new State Library of NSW. Time: 2.00 pm. Contact: Barb McLean (02) 467 9234.
- **JUNE 21 LAA New England Regional Group. Meeting.** Contact: Vicki Williamson (067) 73 4261.
- **JUNE 23 LAA Bicentennial Activity. Conservation Workshop: Film, microforms, video and sound recordings.** School of Librarianship, 422 Mathews Building, University of NSW. Time: 9.30 am — 4.30 pm. Contact: Helen Price (02) 697 3774.
- **JULY 13 LAA Far North Coast Regional Group. Dinner meeting.** Guest Speaker LAA President, Alan Bundy. Contact: Chris Taylor (066) 21 7231, Des Stewart (066) 24 0321.
- **JULY 18 LAA School Libraries Section (NSW Group). Committee meeting.** LAA House. Time: 7.00 pm. Observers welcome. Contact: Sheila Hawkins (02) 439 5200.
- **JULY 20 LAA NSW Branch Council Meeting.** LAA House. Time: 5.30 pm. Contact: Barb McLean (02) 467 9234.
- **AUGUST 8 LAA School Libraries Section (NSW Group). Committee meeting.** LAA House. Time: 7.00 pm. Observers welcome. Contact: Sheila Hawkins (02) 439 5200.
- AUGUST 14-25 Australian Academy of the Humanities. International Conference: 'Terra Australis to Australia.'** Sydney and Canberra. Contact: The Secretariat, GPO Box 2200, Canberra, ACT 2601, (062) 49 8015, fax (062) 57 3256.
- **AUGUST 17 LAA NSW Branch Council Meeting.** LAA House. Time: 5.30 pm. Contact: Barb McLean (02) 467 9234.
- **AUGUST 28 LAA Library Technicians Section (NSW Group). Conference dinner.** Watersedge Restaurant, Peir 1. Time: 6.00 pm. Cost: \$27. Contact: M. Morgan (02) 250 0257, J. Scherer (02) 950 3285.
- **SEPTEMBER 6 LAA School Libraries Section (NSW Group). Committee meeting.** LAA House. Time: 7.00 pm. Observers welcome. Contact: Sheila Hawkins (02) 439 5200.

## Victoria

- **APRIL 30 LAA Childrens Libraries Section (Vic Group). Topic: Themes and Schemes: library promotion and display in the 80 s.** Geelong City Library. Time: 1.45 pm — 4.30 pm. Contact: Gaile Stubbs (03) 647 9533.
- **MAY 3 LAA School Libraries Section (Vic Group). Meeting.** 234 Queensberry St, Carlton. Time: 5.30 pm. Contact: Maelor Himbury (03) 336 1233 or (03) 374 1902 (ah).
- **MAY 4 - JUNE 22 Joint LAA Cataloguers Section (Vic Group) and Department of Information Services, RMIT — 1988 Continuing Education Program. Automated Cataloguing — An Introductory Overview.** Wednesday Afternoons 5.00 pm — 7.00 pm (8 sessions). Information Retrieval Laboratory, Department of Information Services RMIT. Cost: LAA members \$110; non-members \$128. Contact: Sue Clarke (03) 660 2070.
- **MAY 10 LAA VIC Branch/Friends of the State Library of Victoria. Joint meeting: Yes! The State Library/Museum Building can be recycled.** RMIT Function Room, Swanston Street, Melbourne. Speakers: architects Ken Woolley and Peter McIntyre. Time: 5.30pm for 5.45pm. Contact: John Arnold (03) 669 9045 or Bev Kirby (03) 819 1265.
- **MAY 12 Joint LAA Geelong Regional Group/SLAV. 'Dinner and show' at Gordon Technical College's Davidson Restaurant, tour of Learning Resource Centre.** Cost: three course meal — \$10 (bookings essential). Time: 5.30 pm. Contact: Sue Bone (052) 26 4849, Karen Kealy (052) 26 3331.
- MAY 18 VALA Meeting. Topic: GRAVITY: downline loading of selected MARC records from ABN.** 2nd Floor Seminar Room Baillieu Library, University of Melbourne. Time: 5.30 pm for 6.00 pm. Speakers: Pam Trier and Craig Anderson. All welcome. Contact: Michael Metcalfe (03) 429 5177.
- MAY 18-19 Insearch DIALOG Seminars. Legal Applications (May 18), Introductory (May 19).** Melbourne. Contact: (02) 218 9790.
- **MAY 20 LAA UCLS (Vic Group). Full-day Seminar: Amalgamations '88: Implications for Libraries.** Copeland Theatre, University of Melbourne. Cost: \$30 LAA members; \$40 non-members Contact: Michael Gavin (03) 468 2441.
- **MAY 20 LAA Acquisitions Section (Vic Group). First Annual Dinner, 'Australian Libraries and the buying of**

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• **JUNE 7** LAA Library Technicians Section (Vic Group). Meeting. Holmesglen College of TAFE. Time: 6.00 pm. Contact: Sharon Pimm (03) 811 7716.

• **JUNE 21** LAA Geelong Regional Group. 'Wine, wisdom and wit'. Bookseller Peter Downie shares his oenological knowledge and wares, you taste fine wines and meet LAA President Alan Bundy. Contact: Sue Bone (052) 26 4849, Karen Kealy (052) 26 3331.

• **JUNE 22** VALA Meeting. Topic: The work of the Commission for the Future in the information organisation and retrieval area and its implications for libraries. Telecom Theatre, 199 William Street, Melbourne. Time: 5.30 pm for 6.00 pm. Speaker: John Burke. All welcome. Contact: Michael Metcalfe (03) 429 5177.

• **JULY 6** LAA Vic Branch. **Presentation of Metcalfe Medallion to Anne Casey and Conferment of Fellowship of LAA on Michael Ramsden** by LAA President Alan Bundy at RMIT. Contact: Bev Kirby (03) 819 1265.

• **AUGUST 9** Joint LAA Geelong Regional Group/SLAV. **Informative tour of CSIRO's Animal Health Laboratory** and **Library**. Time: 5.30 pm. Contact: Helen Wood (052) 6 5222.

• **AUGUST 10** VALA Meeting. Topic: Telecom Research Library's use of the ADLIB computer system. Telecom Research Laboratories Library, 770 Blackburn Road, North Clayton. Time: 5.30 pm for 6.00 pm. Speaker: David Richards. All welcome. Contact: Michael Metcalfe (03) 29 5177.

• **SEPTEMBER 20** VALA Meeting. Topic: The DYNIX system at Melbourne City Libraries. Administrative Headquarters, Melbourne City Libraries, 12-18 Myers Place, Melbourne. Time: 5.30 pm for 6.00 pm. Speakers: Ruth Ameron and Karen McCallum. All welcome. Contact: Michael Metcalfe (03) 429 5177.

• **OCTOBER 11** LAA Geelong Regional Group. 'Promoting your library'. Contact: Sue Bone (052) 26 4849.

• **OCTOBER 12** VALA Joint meeting with ADDA. Topic: Evaluation of MEDLINE on CD-ROM with a panel of users and four suppliers. All welcome. Contact: Liz Oley (03) 819 1400.

## Queensland

• **MAY 11** LAA Qld Branch. **Function to commemorate Mr L. Ryan's retirement**. Details to be advised. Contact: George Eichinski (07) 377 2420.

• **JUNE 2** National Safety Council of Australia (Qld). **Seminar**. Cnr Lanham Street and O'Connell Terrace, Bowen Hills 4006. Topics include: computer system interface and screen based equipment. Time: 9.00 am — 4.00 pm. Cost: \$95 (includes food and beverages). Contact: (02) 252 8977.

• **JUNE 21** LAA Qld Branch. **Evening seminar: Promotion and marketing Part 1**. Details to be advised. Contact: George Eichinski (07) 377 2420.

• **JULY 11** LAA Qld Branch. **Evening seminar: Promotion and marketing Part 2**. Details to be advised. Contact: George Eichinski (07) 377 2420.

• **JULY 15** ACLIS/AV Sub-Committee (Qld). **Seminar: New Technologies — Telecommunications Services**. State Library of Qld, Cultural Centre, South Brisbane. Speaker: Roy Lundin. Time: 8.30 am — 12.30 pm. Cost: \$20 — 1 seminar; \$35 — 2 seminars; \$10 — members, students and unemployed (per seminar). Contact: Gulcin Cribb (07) 377 3479.

• **AUGUST 12** ACLIS/AV Sub-Committee (Qld). **Seminar: New Technologies and Interactive Resources**. State Library of Qld, Cultural Centre, South Brisbane. Speaker: Roy Ward. Time: 8.30 am — 12.30 pm. Cost: \$20 — 1 seminar; \$35 — 2 seminars; \$10 — members, students and unemployed (per seminar). Contact: Gulcin Cribb (07) 377 3479.

## ACT

• **APRIL 28** LAA UCLS (ACT Group). Meeting: Using CD-ROM in the Library. Australian Defence Force Academy Library, Seminar Room. Speakers: Ian Smith (University Melbourne), Ian Hayden (ADFA). Time: 5.15 pm. Contact: Trish Andrew (062) 68 8146.

• **MAY 4** LAA ACT Branch **Council Meeting**. Seminar Room, Lower Ground Floor, R. G. Menzies Building, ANU. Time: 5.15 pm. Contact: (062) 49 4251.

• **MAY 4-6** Insearch DIALOG Seminars. Business (May 4), Beyond the Basics (May 5), Introductory (May 6). Canberra. Contact: (02) 218 9790.

• **MAY 5** LAA Special Libraries Section (ACT Group). **Lunchtime meeting**. Seminar Room, 1st floor, AIDAB, Werwent House, Hobart Place, Canberra. Time: 12.30 pm. Guest Speaker: Lorna Shuttlewood from WIN (Women's

Investment Network) will address the issue of managing your \$\$\$ to the best advantage — no matter what amount you have. Contact: Kay Winter (0622) 49 5770.

• **MAY 10** LAA Cataloguers Section (ACT Group). **Lunchtime meeting**. Conference Room, Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, Acton. Time: 12.30 pm. All welcome. Contact: Helen Johnstone (062) 433 4252.

• **MAY 26** LAA ACT Branch. **Cocktail Party**. Time: 6.00 pm — 7.30 pm. Guest: Alan Bundy. Further details to come. Contact: Michael Evans (0622) 49 4251.

• **JUNE 1** LAA ACT Branch **Council Meeting**. Seminar Room, Lower Ground Floor, R.G. Menzies Building, ANU. Time: 5.15 pm. Contact: (062) 49 44251.

• **JUNE 8** LAA Cataloguers Section (ACT Group). **Lunchtime meeting**. Conference Room, Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, Acton. Time: 12.30 pm. All welcome. Contact: Helen Johnstone (062) 433 4252.

• **JULY 13** LAA Cataloguers Section (ACT Group). **Lunchtime meeting**. Conference Room, Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, Acton. Time: 12.30 pm. All welcome. Contact: Helen Johnstone (062) 433 4252.

• **JULY 27** LAA ACT Branch **Wine Dinner**. Further details to come. Contact: Michael Evans (062) 49 4251.

• **AUGUST 10** LAA Cataloguers Section (ACT Group). **Lunchtime meeting**. Conference Room, Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, Acton. Time: 12.30 pm. All welcome. Contact: Helen Johnstone (062) 43 4252.

• **AUGUST 14-25** The Australian Academy of the Humanities. 'Terra Australis to Australia'. Sydney and Canberra. Contact: The Secretariat, GPO Box 2200, Canberra, ACT 2601, (062) 49 8015, fax (062) 57 33256.

• **SEPTEMBER 14** LAA Cataloguers Section (ACT Group). **Lunchtime meeting**. Conference Room, Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, Acton. Time: 12.30 pm. All welcome. Contact: Helen Johnstone (062) 43 4252.

• **OCTOBER 12** LAA Cataloguers Section (ACT Group). **Lunchtime meeting**. Conference Room, Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, Acton. Time: 12.30 pm. All welcome. Contact: Helen Johnstone (062) 43 4252.

## WA

• **MAY 11** LAA UCLS (WA Group). **Meeting**. Topic: The making of the academic librarian. Bibliographic Instruction Room, Reid Library, UWA. Time: 5.30 pm. Contact: Jane Klobas (09) 388 2015.

• **MAY 14-15** The Storytelling Guild (WA). 'The Patchwork Quilt: a weekend for storytelling'. Ravenswood Hotel, Yunderup. Numbers limited to 25. Cost: approx \$35. Contact: Jenni Woodroffe (09) 350 7217, (099) 367 4759.

## Tasmania

• **MAY 4-6** LAA Tasmanian Branch. **Meeting**. 'Advocacy in Libraries'. Venue and time to be confirmed. Speaker: Alan Bundy. All welcome. Contact: Christine Frey (002) 20 2351.

• **MAY 5** LAA Tasmanian Branch. **Public Meeting**. University Club Small Dining Room. Time: 7.30 pm. Speaker: Alan Bundy. 'Information for the NNet: a national campaign to promote libraries'. All welcome, refreshments provided. Contact: Christine Frey (002) 20 2351.

## SA

• **MAY 25-27** Insearch DIALOG Seminars. Introductory (May 25), Beyond the Basics (May 26), Company Intelligence (May 27). Adelaide. Contact: (02) 218 9790.

• **JUNE 15** LAA Public Libraries Section (SA Group). **Tour: Department of Environment and Planning**. New Zealand Insurance Building, 3rd Floor, 55 Grenfell Street, Adelaide. Time: 2.30 pm — 3.30 pm. Contact: Julie Morgan (08) 275 8261.

## Overseas

• **JULY 24-30** International Association for School Librarianship Conference, Kalamazoo Michigan, USA. Theme: Great Expectations: standards, innovative programs and new technology. Contact: IASL, PO Box 1486, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 49005, USA.

• **AUGUST 22-26** International Exhibition of Management and Exploitation Techniques for Archives. Palais des Congress de Paris, France. Contact: Archiv '88, 55, quai Alphonse Le Gallo — B.P. 317 92107 Boulogne Billancourt Cedex, Tel (1) 49 09 60 72, Telex 6332 580 F, Fax (1) 49 09 60 47.

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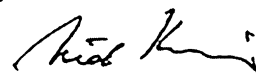
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I'll list our European and other publishers soon. Meanwhile, may I quote from Stephen Leacock many years ago...

"By American literature in the proper sense we ought to mean literature written in an American way, with American turn of language and an American cast of thought. The test is that it couldn't have been written anywhere else!"

Until next time,



Nick Krins.

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THE PATTERN UPDATED AND AVAILABLE NOW! — The Australian library scene in a nutshell ... the pattern in 1987. *The Pattern of Library Services in Australia* by Harrison Bryan. ISBN 0 86804 051 7. Part 1 covers 'Libraries in Australia' — including libraries and demography; national non-organisation; state-based services; the independent libraries; resource sharing; and how much pattern? Part 2 covers 'Types of Australian Library Services'. Price: \$14 LAA members; \$20 non-members (\$1.50 postage).

**AUGUST 28-September 1** 4th FID International Federation of Documentation Conference and Congress. Helsinki, Finland. Theme: Information, Knowledge, Evolution. Contact: Finnish Society for Information Services, PO Box 1025, SF-00101 Helsinki, Finland.

**SEPTEMBER 8-11** CHINA International Symposium on New Techniques and Applications in Libraries. English will be the working language of the Symposium. Contact: Xu-Ting-qi, Secretary-General, Library, Xi'an Jiaotong University, Xi'an, Shaanxi, Peoples Republic of China.

**SEPTEMBER 26-30** 21st Congress of the International Board on Books for Young People. Theme: 'Children's Literature and New Media'. Oslo, Norway. Contact: Ena Noel (02) 32 5075.

**OCTOBER 17-22** International Congress of Scientific and Technical Information. Venue: International Conference Centre, Havana, Cuba. The Institute of Scientific and Technical Documentation and Information (IDICT) of the Academy of Sciences of Cuba. Contact: IDICT, Apartado postal 2019/Telex 51\*1203/La Habana 2, Cuba.

**OCTOBER 24-26** 10th International Federation for Information and Documentation. Commission for Asia and Oceania (FID/CAO) General Assembly and Congress: 'The Use of New Information Technologies in Developing Countries'. Conference Centre, Institute of Scientific and Technical Information of China (ISTIC), Beijing, China. Contact: Barry Burton, President FID/CAO, Hong Kong Polytechnic, Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Phone: 852-3-640694. Tellex: 38964 Polyx Hx. Fax: 852-3-7658274.

**NOVEMBER 14-16** IFLA Office for International Lending. International Conference on Document Delivery. London, England. Enquiries: Graham P. Cornish, IFLA Office of International Lending, C/- British Library Document Supply Centre, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS23 7BQ, UK. Tel: 0937 546123.

**DECEMBER 6-8** Online Information 88. 12th International Online Information Meeting Olympia 2, London. Themes include: hypertext, machine translation, gateways and electronic libraries. (Contact: Jean E. Mulligan, Learned Information (Europe) Ltd, Woodside, Hinksey Hill, Oxford, OX1 5AU, Tel (0865) 73 0275, Telex 837704 Inform G, Fax (0865) 736354.

**FEBRUARY 13-16**, 1989 53rd New Zealand Library Association Conference. Christchurch, NZ. Theme: Making Contact. Complementary program for librarians as individuals: Alternative Process. Contact: Conference '89 Committee, C/- Canterbury Public Library, PO Box 1466, Christchurch, New Zealand.

**More on Overseas  
 Job Exchanges**

Following my article on overseas job exchanges (*InCite*, vol 9, no. 1), Margaret Robson, who will be exchanging jobs with an American librarian in May for 12 months, has written about her experience of arranging an exchange through LIBEX, the Bureau for International Exchanges which is based at the College of Librarianship in Wales, UK.

Margaret knew that she wanted to go to the north-eastern coast of the United States as she had visited this area before, so, she scanned the LIBEX lists in *InCite* for a children's librarian in that area who wanted to come to Australia. She came across Donna Matthews who was then working for the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore. Donna had changed jobs since lodging the application but was still in the same region.

After they had corresponded and established that they wished to pursue the exchange and gained permission from their respective employers in writing, they began to work out the details. LIBEX sent a basic checklist, however a better one was found by Donna in an American journal and they worked through this, comparing notes. Margaret also contacted people who had previously undertaken exchanges for advice on matters such as insurance and standards of living.

Swapping houses was not possible so Donna and Margaret have agreed to find each other temporary accommodation until they settle in, with the proviso that they are free to move if it proves to be unsuitable. They have also come to an agreement about money, due to the low value of the Australian dollar in America.

Margaret has been successful in obtaining a LAA study grant which will assist her in an examination of pre-school children's library work whilst she is in the USA.

As Margaret says 'The only problems remaining, with 10 weeks to go, are: in which country are we going to meet at the start of the exchange and will I survive the "Garfield Salutes Australia" summer holiday program Fairfax has planned?'

Important points which Margaret has noted with regard to LIBEX exchanges are:

- make the first move by contacting a prospective exchange partner yourself rather than simply registering with LIBEX and waiting for someone to contact you;
- be specific about where you want to go, don't leave your destination to chance;
- be clear in your own mind about why you want the exchange (benefits to self and employer) and be ready to sell the idea;
- get permission, at least verbal, before you write to LIBEX;
- communicate clearly and well with your prospective exchange partner and don't avoid tricky subjects such as money;
- keep copies of your letters, to avoid repeating yourself.

LIBEX was launched in 1983 under the auspices of the Library Association and its International and Comparative Librarianship Group and its objective is to assist exchanges world-wide by putting librarians in touch with potential exchange partners. Enquiries should be addressed to: A. Hillier, Co-ordinator, Bureau for International Staff Exchange (LIBEX), College of Librarianship Wales, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Dyfed SY23 3AS, Wales, Great Britain.

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