

New interlibrary lending charges

After lengthy and detailed investigation into interlibrary lending (ILL) patterns and costs in Australia, the ACLIS National Council has decided on a new scale of charges, to apply from 1 July 1990.

At its meeting on 30 October, the National Council resolved that the recommended scale of charges would be \$6 for a photocopy of up to 30 pages; \$9 for a photocopy in excess of 30 pages; and \$9 for an original. This is the first movement in interlibrary loan charges since 1987.

In announcing the decision, ACLIS Executive Officer, Gordon Bower, pointed out that the National Council had considered a wide range of factors, including the desirability of relating any charge to the actual costs revealed by investigations; the benefits that flow from an agreed scale of charges; the acknowledged difficulty in defining what the 'real cost' of an interlibrary

loan is; and the fact that there had been no movement in the charge since 1987.

To help it make its decision, ACLIS spent more than \$15,000 in research into the interlending situation in Australia. This included a detailed study into lending patterns to determine what effect, if any, the introduction of the \$6 charge in 1987 had on interlibrary lending. Of equal importance was a study conducted in a range of libraries into the actual cost incurred in providing an ILL. The average cost of providing a photocopy turned out to be \$6.10, while the average cost of supplying an original was \$8.67.

In setting an introduction date of 1 July 1990, ACLIS is providing an opportunity for libraries to adjust their budgets.

Any enquiries about the new scale of charges may be directed to Gordon Bower, Executive Officer, ACLIS; telephone (062) 62 1200; fax (062) 57 1703.

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The 2nd Curriculum Resources Collection Conference is designed to help you with the task. It will be held at the Canberra College of Advanced Education on 7 and 8 December. The emphasis of the Conference will be on practical applications and member participation. The Conference dinner speaker is Dr Belle Alderman, who will talk about children's literature.

Registration

Interested people are warmly invited to attend the Conference and contribute. Enrolment forms are available from the Executive Officer, MAPS Centre, Canberra College of Advanced Education, PO Box 1, Belconnen, ACT 2616; telephone (062) 52 2941.



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